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Twin Falls seeks replacement to lead girls basketball team.

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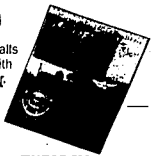
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Batch of kindergartners

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FAIR FRIEND

A guide to the Twin Falls County Fair comes with today's paper. MagicValley.com offers daily shows from the fair starting Wednesday.



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Craig pleads guilty in airport restroom incident

Idaho senator resigns as co-chair of Mitt Romney presidential campaign

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

WASHINGTON — A report Monday that U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, was arrested in June on charges of lewd conduct in a Minneapolis airport men's room left Idaho's political circle stunned and unsure of how to react.

Craig was arrested June 11 at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport by a plain-clothes police officer looking into complaints about activity in a public restroom, Roll Call, a news organization that intensely covers Capitol Hill,

reported on its Web site Monday.

The revelation, coming nearly 20 days after Craig quietly entered a guilty plea, paid a fine and was placed on a year's probation, prompted the state's senior senator to resign as the Senate co-chair of Mitt Romney's presidential campaign.

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Sen. Craig

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig: A career and a controversy

1945: Born in Council, Idaho.
1969: Graduated University of Idaho with a degree.
1974: Elected to the Idaho Senate representing Payette and Washington counties.
1980: Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Idaho's 1st Congressional District.
1982: Amid a U.S. Department of Justice investigation of sexual misconduct with teenage House pages involving three congressmen, Craig surprises the media by calling a news conference to deny involvement in the scandal even though no such allegations had been made public. Soon afterward he married a member of his staff, Suzanne Thompson, and adopts her children. But rumors about

his sexuality persist.
1984: Re-elected to the House with 68 percent of the general election vote.
1990: Elected to the U.S. Senate and named chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, a group responsible for developing GOP policy.
1996: Re-elected with 59 percent of vote.
2002: Re-elected to his current term, which expires in 2009. Serves as ranking member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and a member of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where he serves on the Subcommittee on Energy, the Subcommittee on Water and Power, and as the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests.
October 2006: Gay activist Mike Rogers,

a blogger in Washington, D.C., gains national attention after claiming he had interviewed unnamed men who had "physical relations with the senator." On the Internet and later on the Ed Schultz Show, a liberal talk radio program, he accuses Craig of hypocrisy for his opposition to same-sex marriage and other gay rights legislation. Craig denies the allegations.
June 11, 2007: Craig is arrested just after noon at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.
Aug. 8, 2007: Craig pleads guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct in the Hennepin County District Court.
Aug. 27, 2007: Roll Call, a publication that closely covers Congress, reveals the Minnesota arrest and court case.

Ketchum pulls plug on Wagon Days

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — For the first summer since 1957, the Big Hitch wagons won't roll down Main Street.

On Monday, the city of Ketchum canceled its Wagon Days celebration and a music festival scheduled for Labor Day weekend because of the Castle Rock Fire burning north and west of town.

"This was not an easy decision for the Ketchum City Council, and several factors contributed to the decision," Mayor Randy Hall said. "First, another weather front is headed for the (Wood River) Valley next weekend. If we are hit with high winds again, the Labor Day events will interfere with our ability to meet the safety needs of the community. I will not compromise the firefighting effort nor compromise the safety of our community."

"Secondly, there are significant numbers of fire and law enforcement resources dedicated to the fire," he said. "It would not be prudent to take resources away from fighting the fire."

The city also wants to keep Idaho Highway 75 as free from traffic as possible for movement of firefighters and equipment, the mayor said.

Also canceled was the three-day Coors Light BaseCamp Musical Experience, which was to culminate Sunday with a concert by Kenny Rogers and Chris Isaak. Organizers hope to move the event to Boise.

"We understand the impact this will have on local businesses," Hall said. Wagon Days typically attract between 15,000 and 20,000 visitors to Ketchum.

Wagon Days evolved from a two-wagon parade organized by Bud Hegstrom and former Ketchum Mayor George Venable showcasing 1800s ore wagons. It was started to give the Ketchum economy a shot in the arm following the closure of the nearby Triumph Mine.

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

Fire grows on Baldy



A helicopter releases over 1,000 gallons of fire retardant on the north side of Mt. Baldy Monday afternoon.

Blaze at popular ski resort spreads to 42,000 acres

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Michael Huneka, a firefighting division supervisor on the Castle Rock Fire, stared down the slope of Mt. Baldy's Lift 14 Monday into the glare of an angry fire growing in Bassett Gulch.

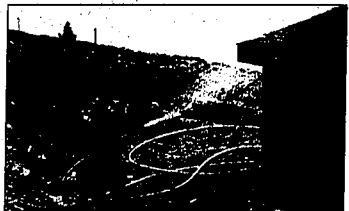
On Sunday, Huneka helped save Seattle Ridge Lodge along the western ridge atop one of the world's premier ski resorts.

But today the Castle Rock Fire's newest progeny threatens more than the resort. The fire could climb another wall

Find out more about fires around the West.
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Inside
What's in a name? Not much, when it comes to wildfires.
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on the northeast side of its gulch and strike the Warm Springs Road communities. From there, the blaze could carve its way into west



Firefighter Sherry Blanchard, of Boise, sprays a structure on top of Mt. Baldy Monday afternoon as a preventative measure in the fight against the Castle Rock Fire.

Ketchum. That's why every 10 minutes heavy helicopters passed over Huneka's head — skipping over Mt. Baldy — and dropped

loads of fire retardant along the ridge that separates the fire from the community.

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Loosing Gonzales may actually help Bush

By Maara Reynolds
and James Gortsczang
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Alberto R. Gonzales' departure might turn out to be a blessing for President Bush, some analysts predict.

That was not obvious, however, from Bush's demeanor on a sun-baked Texas tarmac

Monday morning as he announced that he "reluctantly" had accepted Gonzales' resignation as attorney general. His expression was fierce and his words were sharp: "It's sad that we live in a time when a talented and honorable person like Alberto Gonzales is impeded from doing important work because his good name was dragged

through the mud for political reasons," the president said. There's little question that Bush was sad to see him go. The president brought Gonzales into public life when Bush was first elected governor of Texas and Gonzales had served him in various posts for more than 12 years. Bush was deeply invested in Gonzales' career, and

the two were friends. Moreover, Gonzales' departure means that virtually all of the Texas inner circle that followed Bush to Washington is gone. "The Texas mafia is leaving," said Ron Kaufman, a long time political adviser to the Bush family.

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Wendell mayor to face recall

More residents sign petition than needed

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Mayor Rex Strickland will face recall from office in November in light of a successful petition campaign for his removal.

Petitioners had gathered 244 total signatures, with 234 verified by Gooding County Clerk Denise Gill, before an Aug. 24 deadline. They needed only 199 good signatures.

Strickland has five days to decide if he will resign or take the issue back to the voters.

"If the Mayor doesn't resign the issue will be presented during the November 6 election. We have two council positions up for election this year but the recall will be a separate ballot issue," said City Treasurer Mickey Walker.

If a recall measure receives more votes in the election than the number of votes he received in the election, Strickland would be removed from office.

"He got 235 votes during the election so there has to be at least that many or more, who vote for the recall in order for him to lose his position," Walker said.

Strickland declined to comment about the petition or his plans, though in the past he has said he will campaign to keep his job.

Strickland addressed one major complaint — about his temper — in Sunday's Times-News reader comment, saying that "Even though I stand by my points of view or decisions, there have been times when I have lost my temper and made statements I wish I could retract."

Cindy Harbaugh, who organized the recall petition, said she hopes the community comes together in resolving the matter. "If nothing else, I hope the mayor takes a good look at himself and learns something from this that this is an eye-opener and he conducts himself better," she said.

Correspondent Blair Koch may be reached at blairkoch@gmail.com or 316-2007.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Wednesday
		
Mostly sunny with a light breeze from the west	Mostly clear and calm	Mostly sunny and a touch warmer
High 87	Low 57	92 / 59

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Dry and warm under mostly sunny skies. Highs in the mid to mid 80s.
 Tonight: Mostly clear and cooling off nicely. Lows in the mid 50s.
 Tomorrow: Another very warm, and dry day. Highs in the mid to upper 80s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Redfish Lake Lodge Fourth annual Plain Art Painters of Idaho Paint-out, observe the artists in their creative interpretation of the Sawtooth Mountains and surrounding area, at the Lodge, paintings available for purchase each day, 726-3656, or www.plainartistsofidaho.org.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Mystery Book Club, discussion of Sue Grafton's book "A Is for Alibi," 5:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., open to the public, 733-2964, ext. 309.
 Hagerman Valley Historical Society annual picnic, 6:30 p.m., on the grounds of Billingsley Creek Lodge and Resort, 17940 U. S. Highway 30 (a mile north of Hagerman), open to interested persons and guests, bring side dish or dessert, 837-6060.
 Girl Scout informational meeting and registration, for a new Tuesday-after-school Girl Scout troop in Lincoln County, 7 p.m., Shoshone Public Library, 886-2185 or 733-9623.

EXHIBITS

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

GOVERNMENT

Burley City Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 a.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 768-5500.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
 Burley Public Library board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.
 Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.
 Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 366-7418.
 Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St., 334-4224.
 Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
 Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., Carter Luther Vocational Ag Building, high school, 124 E. Tiger Drive, 324-8137.
 Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E., 736-7237 or 736-9282.
 "Overcoming Addiction and Anger," Theopathic Therapy, basic training video, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, donations, 734-8903.
 Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, 436-0987.
 Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., Burley, 870-2578.
 Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557 or 324-7237.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., the Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208) 670-4868 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Sky Quest" at 2 p.m. (with live sky tour to follow); "Mysteries from the Depths of Space" at 7 p.m.; and "Outrageous Rocks!" at 8:15 p.m., Harrett Center, CSI, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

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

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WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Local ranch and horses sold, Buddy Gil to stay

HAGERMAN — As she watched horses being led from their stalls to walk up and down in front of potential auction bidders, Chris Dent echoed the words in many mouths: "It's the ending of an era," she said. "And you'll hear a lot of folks say that."
 Dent was assisting at the Aug. 14 dispersal sale of all the horses at Hagerman's Billingsley Creek Ranch — the ranch where Idaho's most famous rodeos, Buddy Gil, was raised by ranch owners Donnie and Judy McLadden. As the only horse from Idaho ever to have run the Kentucky Derby, Buddy Gil placed sixth in 2003.
 Buddy Gil is retired now, and the McLaddens are following suit.

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Castle Rock blaze still marching across Baldy

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Mercury debate returns with state DEQ

TWIN FALLS — Some might say David Barney is a paradox. He made his living in coal plants, working 35 years in the industry.
 Then he moved to Idaho and led a grass-roots movement to keep a coal-fired power plant out of Magic Valley.
 "Idaho is really weak on monitoring and regulating," he said. "And I've seen what can happen."
 That's why Barney said he's concerned about an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality board meeting Thursday in Twin Falls.

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OBITUARIES

Vera Pauline Chandler, 82
 William "Bill" Henry Von Bergen, 90

IDAHO/WEST

Robot to probe inside of Utah mine collapse

MIAMI — It's an engineering challenge officials have spent weeks on: how to squeeze a robot into a Utah mine where six coal miners have been trapped. The requirements: fit down a dinner-plate-size hole more than 1,500 long, capture images and not be stopped by water and muck in the hole.
 Officials planned to deploy their best bet on Monday — an 8-inch-wide, approximately 70-pound robot from Florida — an attempt that was later delayed by bad weather. The device has two cameras and the ability to maneuver 1,000 feet into the mine.
 It's one of a number of robots that have been proposed in the last three weeks since the Aug. 6 collapse.

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Six plead innocent to crack cocaine charges

LAPWAI — Federal prosecutors say six individuals arrested in a drug raid on the Nox Reservoir have pleaded not guilty to charges of selling crack cocaine.
 Prosecutors say at least two more people have agreed to turn themselves in to federal authorities this week as part of a lengthy investigation involving tribal, state and local police.
 The arrests stem from a series of federal indictments earlier this month, accusing the defendants of selling crack cocaine, and in some cases, within 1,000 feet of an elementary school.

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Robot: Nation keeps getting more obese



Report: Nation keeps getting more obese

WASHINGTON — Loosen the belt buckle another notch: Obesity rates continued to climb in 31 states last year, and no state showed a decline.
 Mississippi became the first state to crack the 30 percent barrier for adults considered to be obese. West Virginia and Alabama were just behind, according to the Trust for America's Health, a research group that focuses on disease prevention.

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SPORTS

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TWIN FALLS — Joe D. Shepard has told the Times-News that he resigned as head coach of the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball coach last week. He cited personal reasons as to why he stepped down after five years with the Bruins. When asked whether a DUI arrest during the summer had anything to do with the decision, he added, "that's a part of the personal reasons that factored it."
 Twin Falls athletic director Mike Federico confirmed the resignation.
 An announcement naming a new coach is slated for 3:25 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at Bain Gymnasium.

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ISU names Russel Hill as starting QB

POCATELLO — Idaho State head coach John Zamberlin named redshirt freshman Russel Hill as the Bengals starting quarterback for the Oregon Sept. 8 vs. Southern Oregon. The announcement came at Zamberlin's weekly press conference in the sports information office Monday afternoon.
 Hill was competing with Century High School product Luke Butler for the job. Hill — prepped-at—Boise Timberline High School.

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Callen's five goals send Jerome past Buhl

IEROME — A team scoring five goals in a soccer game is a solid outing. One player scoring five goals in a game is simply impressive. Jerome sophomore Abner Callen was just that on Monday as she found the back of the net five times to lift the Tigers to a 7-4 comeback win over Buhl in nonconference girls soccer action.
 Buhl's Autumn Yurbe scored three goals of her own as the Indians took a 3-2 halftime edge. But Callen scored three consecutive second-half goals to push her team to the lead.

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Craig

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"He didn't want to be a distraction, and we accept his decision," the Romney campaign told CNN.

In a statement released late Monday, Craig said he did nothing improper.

"At the time of this incident, I complained to the police that they were misconstructing my actions. I was not involved in any inappropriate conduct," Craig said. "I should have had the advice of counsel in resolving this matter. In hindsight, I should not have pled guilty. I was trying to handle this matter myself quickly and expeditiously."

Several Idaho political figures would comment when asked what the future might hold for Craig.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who was in Ketchikan with Craig attending to the Castle Rock fire on Sunday, was notified of the arrest by phone call at about 3 p.m. but declined comment, said spokesman Tom Hanlan.

"He got a phone call and pulled me aside," he said of Otter, who on Monday was in Salem for his Capital for a Day program. "He is not commenting until he's had an opportunity to talk to Larry Craig directly."

Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson also declined comment through their media representatives, who said neither knew of the arrest until it was reported. A spokesman for Sen. Sall also declined comment.

"It's certainly not good," said Idaho House Assistant Majority Leader Paul Beutke, R-Boise, who paused, then added, "for anybody."

A spokesman for the Idaho Democratic Party said Craig should have told Idahoans about the arrest sooner.

"The people of Idaho would have been better served if they'd heard this from the senator when it happened, rather than so long after the fact," Democratic spokesman Chuck Oxley said.

Craig has not said if he will seek re-election in 2008. It is unclear how long he will stay in a campaign if he does run. Former Congressman Larry Craig was the Democratic nominee for the job, but could not be reached for comment Monday.

The news surprised some of Craig's staff members. Greg Smith, who was Craig's regional director for three years in Boise, said he was taken aback by the news.

"I never saw anything like that," he said of Craig's alleged behavior. "There was certainly nothing with stereotypes, but was blatant or a slim wrist, nothing of that nature at all."

In pleading guilty to the charge, Craig paid \$1,575 in fine and fees and was placed on unsupervised probation for a week. Craig was given a court document obtained by the Times-News. A sentence of 10 days in a county workhouse was stayed. A charge of interference with privacy was dismissed.

According to the report obtained by Roll Call, the incident unfolded as follows:

The arresting officer, Sgt. Dave Karsina, entered the airport men's room at noon on June 11.

Airport police previously had made numerous arrests in connection with sexual activity in the men's restroom of the Northstar Crossing in the Ligtbergh Terminal. Roll Call reported.

Karsina said that about 13 minutes after he took a seat in a stall he could see "an older white male with grey hair standing outside my stall with his fingers, and then look through the crack into my stall again. Craig would repeat this cycle for about two minutes," Karsina reported.

Craig, who wore dress pants with black dress shoes, entered the stall next to Karsina's and placed his legs against the stall door.

"My experience has shown that individuals engaging in lewd conduct use their legs to block the view from the front of their stall," Karsina wrote

"From my seated position, I could observe the shoes and ankles of Craig seated to the left of me."

"At 12:16 hours, Craig tapped his right foot. I recognized this as a signal used by persons wishing to engage in lewd conduct. Craig tapped his toes several times and moved his feet closer to my feet. I moved my feet up and down slowly. While this was occurring, the male in the stall to my right was still present. I could hear several unknown persons in the restroom that appeared to use the restroom for its intended use. The presence of others did not seem to deter Craig as he moved his right foot so that it touched the side of my left foot which was within my stall area."

Craig moved his hand under the stall divider, and Karsina wrote that "I could see Craig had a gold ring on his ring finger as his hand was on my side of the stall divider."

Karsina said he then held his police identification near the floor where Craig could see it. "With my left hand near the floor, I pointed towards the exit, Craig responded, 'No! I again pointed towards the exit. Craig exited the stall with his roller bags without flushing the toilet. ... Craig said he would not go. I told Craig that he was being arrested. He had to go, and that I didn't want to make a scene. Craig then left the restroom."

In a recorded interview after his arrest, Craig said he did not agree with me or 'didn't recall' the events as they happened," the officer wrote.

Craig stated "that he has a white suitcase in the bathroom and that his foot may have touched mine," the report states. Craig said he was reaching down for a piece of paper on the floor.

"It should be noted that there was not a piece of paper on the bathroom floor, nor did Craig pick up a piece of paper," the officer said in the report.

While being questioned in an airport office, Craig produced a business card that identified him as a U.S. senator. Craig said "what do you think about that?" according to a police report.

Craig was fingerprinted, photographed and booked at a summons after being held for about 45 minutes. June 11 was a Monday. Senate records show that Craig was present in the chamber when he cast his vote in favor of CLEAN Energy Act of 2007 at 6:16 p.m.

Smith, the former staffer, said it is possible though unlikely that Craig thought the incident would be unnoticed.

"I can't believe in my wildest dreams that he would've thought this was all going to hide or all go away," he said. "I have to believe he thought, 'this is so minor, it'd be like a speeding ticket or something,' and that's it."

Rumors about Craig's sexual orientation have dogged him for decades, though Smith said the rumors were often a case of misinterpretation.

"Maybe he just looked so neat and so nice and it was somewhat out of character for a farming kid from Midvale that enhanced the quote perception of him being gay," Smith said.

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Incident Commander Jeanne Pincina-Tully broke the bad news Monday evening to Warm Springs residents at a town hall meeting.

"You may have the opportunity to be completely surrounded in black," said Pincina-Tully. Last week, controlled and natural burns turned the hills north of Warm Springs black and dusty, making the first community forced to evacuate. Now the fire is flanking them from the west.

On Sunday, evacuated areas east of Idaho Highway 75 and areas south of Greenhorn Gulch on the west side of the highway were re-opened to residents on a voluntary evacuation basis. Crews kept the fire at bay Sunday night as it rolled within 10 feet of two homes. So Monday evening brought good news for them.

The bad news was aimed at residents of Warm Springs, whom Pincina-Tully will allow to return to their homes for two hours with an escort this morning to pick up their personal belongings from their homes. The other bad news is the fire's less contained than it was this weekend — dropping from 38 to 31 percent contained.

Crews fighting the roughly 42,000-acre Castle Rock fire numbered almost 1,700 firefighters on Monday. An additional two heavy helicopters, bringing the total to seven, reinforced their efforts from the sky. The crews' latest saves earned Pincina-Tully and Joe Hayes, a planning operations director for the fire incident team, standing ovations from roughly 1,000 community members in attendance at the Hemingway Elementary School gym. One resident even suggested a new ski run be added down the backside of Seattle Ridge and be called Pincina-Tully Run, earning fierce applause from the crowd.

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There's a shift in the philosophies of the appointees you have (around the president). They are much more creatures of Washington, D.C., and not Austin, Texas."

But therein might lie an opportunity for Bush. In two weeks, the president has accepted the resignations of the two members of his staff who have drawn the most ire from the Democrats who now control Congress: Gonzales and political adviser Karl Rove. And that might give

Bush a chance to salvage his relationship with Capitol Hill and the legacy of his second term.

"Politically, this is great for Bush," said George C. Edwards III, a presidential scholar at Texas A&M University. "Gonzales was a source of controversy, undermining respect for the presidency and the administration."

Bush has not had an easy time with Congress since the Democrats gained the majority. Gonzales has been a target since early in the year, repeat-

edly facing questions from lawmakers — including some Republicans — about his role in the firings of several U.S. attorneys and the administration's domestic wiretapping program. More hearings have been planned when Congress returns next week from its summer recess.

Democrats said they expect the investigations will continue. "Gonzales is getting out of town ahead of the sheriff" asked presidential historian Robert Dallek. "I don't know, but I don't think the

most incident commanders stick to geographic boundaries."

"It's almost always geographic," said Sky Buffaf, a spokeswoman for the BLM. "There's some land area or better or something."

Southern Idaho fires get boring names like Jackson Grade, West Basin and Bruneau South.

But in Nevada, where officials have more discretion, names can be more ... festive. The Party Fire was started seven miles west of Carlin, Nev., earlier this summer by teens who drove out to the middle of nowhere to drink and light fireworks.

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What's in a name? Not much, when it comes to wildfires

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Chosing a baby name is hard. So is naming a dog, a sports team, a town or just about anything else.

Except wildfires. Naming wildfires is easy — and not much fun, at least in the Gem State.

In southern Idaho, Bureau of Land Management fires are named at the South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center, a command post for the BLM and U.S. Forest Service. It's a BLM rule that fires are named for the nearest geographic landmark to the fire's ignition point.

Forest Service fires are dubbed by the first incident commander on scene — but even with this freedom,

Heyes called the Bassett Gulch area the new "problem child," with resurging strong winds expected in this week's forecast.

"My job is to protect the ski area," Huneke said atop the mountain with gusts making out at 15 mph. "Tomorrow morning if (the fire) behaves we might get a dozer up here."

But he said protecting Warm Springs where people live is a greater priority.

"If (the ridge) burns then it's got a high risk and it could run into Ketchikan," Pincina-Tully said. Pincina-Tully said she is reluctant to backburn the side of the ridge facing Warm Springs residents.

But if the fire climbs the ridge from the gulch, it could toss wind-blown embers into the Warm Springs gulch.

Monday was forecasted to have good weather for fighting fire. Audience members at the town hall meeting sighed in unison when Pincina-Tully said unequivocally that the winds are going to whip back up.

Crews are continuing to protect homes in Greenhorn Gulch and along state Highway 75 when the fire has come within 1 1/2 miles west of the road.

In the Fox Creek drainage north of Ketchikan, fire crossed the creek and the facilities about 2.5 miles west of where Fox Creek runs into the Big Wood

for the BLM for 12 years, the last eight at the dispatch center. She couldn't think of any interesting fire names.

"I don't know," she said. "Nothing at all really comes to mind."

So what's this say about fire officials in southern Idaho? Have we no sense of humor compared with our neighbors to the south?

Buffaf laughed. "Maybe." Perhaps we'll get lucky and the next fire will strike near Roman Nose in the Selkirk Mountains. Or Hooper Comb, Haste, or Cronks Canyon, or even better, Pie Canyon.

The Pie Canyon Fire. Just think of the possibilities.

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Riley Creek Restaurant reopens in T.F.

Business sought larger market, consolidated operations

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There was a little restaurant confusion over the weekend when more than a few people were surprised to learn that the Jade eatery on Blue Lakes Boulevard North no longer served Mongolian food. That's because Tony Tse, owner of the former Jade restaurant, closed the

business in early August and sold the property to Dennis and Tammy Nipper, who reopened the building Saturday as the well-known Riley Creek Restaurant.

"We put a banner sign out front to let people know that it was now the Riley Creek Restaurant, but the moment sign (which carries the former restaurant's name) is still there, so I think we had some people confused

when they came in for Chinese food, but decided instead to stay and have a steak," Dennis Nipper said.

The Nippers owned and operated two Riley Creek Restaurants — one in Hagerman and one in Filer — since 2004, but they decided to close both eateries this summer and consolidate their business into one large restaurant in Twin Falls.

ation for all-natural beef and homemade desserts, but Nipper said he wanted to bring that reputation to a larger market.

"Hagerman was great because we had the locals and we also had the tourist market because people from Boise, Burley and Pocatello would pass through," said Nipper. "But the markets were slower in Hagerman and Filer, and we felt that it was time to come to a bigger market like Twin Falls."

He said the move to Twin Falls also

combined two restaurant crews into one large crew — about 15 full-time employees. The size and location of the 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. building, which includes a large conference room, made the building an attractive place to relocate, Nipper said.

Riley Creek Restaurant will continue to serve its trademark cuisine of American food and homestyle cooking, and Nipper said the restaurant plans to offer delivery.

Dinner entrees range from \$12 to \$35.

MONEY BRIEFS

KB Speed Shop closing its doors

TWIN FALLS — KB Speed Shop, a local supplier of auto parts for hot rods and race cars, is closing its shop in downtown Twin Falls.

The store, which is owned and operated by Keith and Connie Bell, opened three years ago, hoping to serve local automotive enthusiasts.

However, Keith Bell said the business, which already struggles under slim profit margins, cannot compete against large suppliers and online autoparts stores.

Bell plans to continue running the business out of a shop at his home after he closes his store on Main Avenue North in downtown Twin Falls.

MVAf to hold first advertising trade show

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

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

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

In conjunction with the trade show there will be two workshops.

The workshops will discuss the future of the Magic Valley economically and an interactive seminar to help small business owners focus on their strengths.

Pre-registration for the workshops is \$15 for one and \$25 for both. Registration the day of the seminar is \$30.

Call Debbie Carrier at (208) 735-0823 for more information.

— compiled from staff reports

Franklin's in line for a facelift

Bill to receive sophisticated security strip

By Martin Crotzinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — After six decades in which the venerable greenback never changed its look, the U.S. currency has undergone a slew of makeovers. The most amazing is yet to come.

A new security thread has been approved for the \$100 bill, The Associated Press has learned, and the change will cause double-takes.

The new look is part of an effort to thwart counterfeiters who are armed with ever-more sophisticated computers, scanners and color copiers.

The C-note, with features the likeness of Benjamin Franklin, is the most frequent target of counterfeiters operating outside the United States.

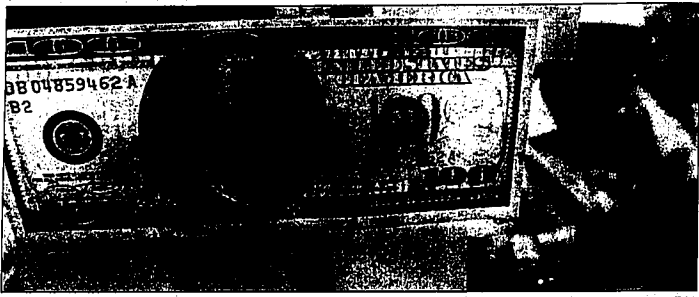
The operation of the new security thread looks like something straight out of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. This magic, however, relies on innovations produced from decades of development.

It combines micro-printing with tiny lenses — \$50,000 for a single \$100 bill. The lenses magnify the micro-printing in a truly remarkable way.

Move the bill side to side and the image appears to move up and down. Move the bill up and down and the image appears to move from side to side.

"It is a really complex optical structure on a microscopic scale. It makes for a very compelling high security device," said Douglas Crane, a vice president at Crane & Co. The Dalton, Mass.-based company has a \$46 million contract to produce the new security threads.

Larry Felix, director of the



With a \$100 bill on display, a money trader counts currency notes at a money exchange counter in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. After six decades in which the venerable greenback never changed its look, the U.S. currency has undergone a slew of make-overs. The most amazing is yet to come.

Life span of a bill

Paper currency goes through rigorous testing to see how the notes will hold up over time. Each denomination has been found to age at a varying rate.

Denomination	Life Span (Months)
\$1	21 months
\$5	16 months
\$10	18 months
\$20	24 months
\$50	65 months
\$100	89 months

SOURCE: Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Bureau of Engraving and Printing, confirmed details about the security thread in an AP interview.

The redesign of the \$100 is about one-third of the way complete. The bill is expected to go into circulation late next year.

Starting in 2003, splashes of color have spruced up the \$20 bill and other currencies. Those changes followed the addition of a first round of security features in the mid-1990s.

Benjamin Franklin's latest makeover was delayed while the government searched for a

No remake planned for \$1 bill

By Martin Crotzinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — To stay ahead of the counterfeiters, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing plans to redesign U.S. currency every seven years to 18 years. That is a far cry from the practice for most of the 20th century — from 1929 to the 1990s — when the currency stayed the same without any major changes.

However, by order of Congress, the \$1 bill, which accounts for 45 percent of the notes printed each year, will not be redesigned.

Lawmakers have concurred about the cost to business of low-end vending machines.

High-tech security device that would provide extra protection on the bill.

The \$100 bill represents more than 70 percent of the \$776 billion in currency in circulation, two-thirds of which is held overseas.

Holograms, used extensively on credit cards, were considered for the \$100. They were rejected because they did not

only take coins and \$1 bills had to be upgraded.

In addition to redesigning the money, the bureau is putting in new printing presses with more capabilities to handle the increasingly sophisticated security features.

The new presses can vary the size of the bills being printed. That is something the American Council for the Blind is urging the government to consider as a way of helping the visually impaired distinguish between different denominations of currency.

The government is appealing a federal court ruling that could force such a redesign.

"We were looking for features that had very distinctive types of actions so that we could tell the American public, you will know that it is authentic if you do this and the note does that," Felix said.

The new security thread is used on the Swedish 1,000 krona note and has been selected

by the government of Mexico for some higher denomination notes.

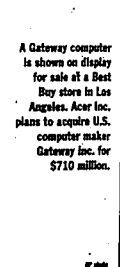
Felix said many other devices expected to be included in the \$100 redesign will be similar to features added over the past four years to the \$20, \$50 and \$10 bills. That means subtle pastel colors on the currency and patches of micro-printing that are difficult to duplicate, along with a touchup on Ben Franklin's portrait.

Originally there were no plans to redesign the \$5 bill. That decision was reversed once counterfeiters started bleaching \$5 bills and printing fake \$100 bills on the bleached paper; certain security features were in the same location on both bills.

The new \$5 design will be made public on Sept. 20 and will go into circulation early next year. The bleached bills represent the latest skirmish in a battle with counterfeiters.

"Counterfeiting is becoming highly organized and highly efficient," Felix said. He said some clandestine printing plants in Latin America and Eastern Europe have been caught counterfeiting not only the U.S. currency but other countries' notes.

Taiwan's Acer plans to acquire Gateway for \$710 million



A Gateway computer is shown on display for sale at a Best Buy store in Los Angeles. Acer Inc. plans to acquire U.S. computer maker Gateway Inc. for \$710 million.

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Acer Inc. plans to acquire U.S. computer maker Gateway Inc. for \$710 million in a deal that will push the Taiwanese company past China's Lenovo Group, as the world's third largest vendor of personal computers.

Acer said Monday it is offering to buy Gateway for \$1.90 per share in a deal expected to close by December, pending regulatory approvals in Taiwan and the U.S.

The offer price amounts to a premium of 57 percent to Gateway's closing price of \$1.21. Gateway traded at

By Annie Huang
Associated Press writer

\$81.50 in 1999. Gateway shares jumped nearly 49 percent, or 59 cents, to \$1.80 Monday.

The acquisition has been unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both Gateway and Acer and is subject to standard closing conditions, it said.

The deal will create a multi-branded computer company with over \$15 billion in revenues and shipments in excess of 20 million units per year, Acer said in the statement.

Acer President Gianfranco Lanci said the acquisition will allow Acer to implement an "effective multi-brand strategy

and cover all the major market segments." The takeover will result in reductions in per unit procurement and component costs, and also create an opportunity for the cross-selling of product portfolios, he added.

In the second quarter, Acer was the world's fourth-largest PC maker behind U.S.-based Hewlett-Packard, No. 2 Dell, and third-ranked Lenovo Group Ltd. of China, according to research company Gartner Inc. Irvine, California-based Gateway is the third-largest PC vendor in the U.S. by market share after Hewlett-Packard Co. and Dell Inc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Lithia Motors	17.85	▼ .14	Micron	11.23	▲ .21	Supervalu	42.15	▼ .54

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EDITORIAL

Mandatory evacuation: When does 'go' mean go?

A wildfire is bearing down on your home, so a sheriff's deputy bangs on your front door and orders you to leave.

It's a "mandatory evacuation," he explains. "Ordered by the governor."
Except you don't really have to go. Nobody is going to arrest you if you don't.

That's a fact of life during Idaho's combustible summer of 2007. Mandatory EVACUATIONS have been ordered during several blazes, including the Murphy Complex Fire in Twin Falls and Owyhee counties, at the fires surrounding Valley Fire in Valley County, and now at the Castle Rock Fire in Blaine County.

A significant number of folks in harm's way have simply refused to get out, fearing that their houses will be looted or they reckoning that their homes have a better chance of surviving if the owners are there to fight the flames.

Foolish? Certain. Enforceable? Certainly not.

Law enforcement agencies and firefighters facing a major blaze have enough to do without hauling people kicking and screaming out of their homes. And even if they did, many residents would probably return.

So why does Idaho even bother with "mandatory evacuations"? Because the term is useful to underscore the seriousness of the situation, and to emphasize that the danger is real.

But if homeowners ignore an evacuation order it doesn't necessarily exempt public agencies from responsibility if those who stay behind are injured. Maybe it should.

Anyone who has been duly warned of danger and who decides to ignore an evacuation order should know that no help will be forthcoming if the worst happens.

That's not the case now. Firefighters and law enforcement officers will make an effort to rescue people in evacuation zones. In the process, of course, they put their lives in jeopardy trying to save folks who have known better.

Firefighters say many Idaho residents don't take fire seriously — at least not those who haven't personally witnessed 30-foot-high flames in 25 mph winds.

Nature doesn't indemnify stupidity. Neither should the government.

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Our view:
The government should not be in the business of protecting people who don't want to be protected. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

JOEL STEIN

One of the smartest ways to get away with leaving is to not leave at all. So when CARE, the giant poverty-relief organization, stops taking \$45 million a year in indirect food aid from the U.S. government, it's a strong indicator of some impressive sleazebagging going down in D.C.

But the U.S. government uses our irrational, Middle-eastern love of farmers to kick back taxpayer money to the giant agribusinesses, such as Archer Daniels Midland Co., that fund political campaigns. So the \$45 million CARE got sent to poor people in the form of something useful, like cash. Instead, it's used to fund a complicated scheme that only a huge bureaucracy or a really dumb money launderer would concoct.

The \$45 million is used to buy food from American agribusinesses, which is then sent to CARE and sent to impoverished nations by way of U.S. shipping companies.

This food is not delivered to poor people. Instead, it's sold on the open local market for the highest price possible.

The resulting revenue — which is about 75 percent of the original aid money — is used to fund programs for the poor and hungry.

But that waste isn't the main reason CARE made its difficult decision, which could allow more human suffering in the next term. Neither is the fact that shipping Nebraska corn and resending it in Micronesia, which typically takes five months, isn't the fastest way to help people whose village has been swept away by a tsunami.

The real problem is that we're going commie all over the Third World, and it's having Soviet-style results. Every U.S. subsidized bag of soybeans we sell to a vegetable oil company in Kenya means less demand for oil-producing crops from a local sunflower farmer. And

even if that soy money builds a local medical clinic, it's going to be a little less cool to the unemployed sunflower farmer.

This scenario is a microcosm of how U.S. corn, soy, cotton, rice and sugar subsidies drive Third World workers out of one of the few businesses available to them. Farm-subsidy rules are to capitalism what Abu-Ghraib is to democracy — only in addition to inflicting pain on citizens, subsidy rules also hurt them.

So CARE is betting that its decision will push Congress to rethink its "buy American" aid policies. "I think people are becoming more sophisticated and understand that if we don't make economies more self-sufficient, we're just perpetuating these cycles of poverty," said Ilette Gayle, CARE president and chief executive. "They're starting to understand that this doesn't help in the long run."

While Europe, Canada and the U.S. have gotten out of monetizing food aid, the U.S. has amped its program: In 1990, less than 4 percent of food aid shipments were put through the monetizing scheme — now almost 20 percent is, which has reduced the actual dollar amount of aid poor people get by 43 percent over the last five years.

So until the Democratic Congress gets some guts and, at the very least, approves President Bush's plan to require that 25 percent or more of food aid be bought locally, I'm giving money to CARE, starting with my pre-tax earnings from this column. If the government isn't willing to save Africa, I'm betting journalism money will.

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Why CARE refuses U.S. food aid

Some 5 million Americans don't visit the Grand Canyon this year, heading to the advice of Theodore Roosevelt to enjoy one of "the great sights, which every American, if he can travel at all, should see." But while the canyon may be timeless, its surroundings are not. There's a race afoot — within miles of the canyon's majestic rim — to snatch up mining rights on public lands for extracting uranium, gold and other hard-rock metals. What's worse, a 135-year-old federal law not only makes the practice legal but underwrites mining at taxpayer expense.

A recent analysis of government records conducted by the Pew Environment Group's Working Group found a dramatic surge in claims to mine metals on public lands in the West, threatening national parks and other special places. The group found that the number of active claims in 12 Western states has increased 80 percent over the past five years. More than 50,000 claims have been grabbed up in the past nine months. The proliferation of claims in

Mining is on the rise near national treasures

Colorado and Utah has been especially high, with a 200 percent increase since 2003.

Mining is a messy business. Anyone who visits or values our national parks has cause to worry about the mushrooming number of new claimholders, who hold the rights to explore, extract and ultimately even purchase public land regardless of its proximity to treasured landscapes.

Why the rush? Metal prices today are sky-high, and global demand is great. But the real culprit is the antiquated federal statute governing mining, virtually unchanged since it was signed by Ulysses S. Grant in 1872 to encourage settlement of the West. The law has been on the books since before the light bulb — often gives metal mining special priority over recreation, ranching and conservation.

The law allows mining companies — even those that are foreign-owned — to take precious resources from public

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lands virtually for free: this is in contrast to the oil, gas and coal industries, which have been paying royalties since the 1920s. And in what is arguably one of the great boondoggles of all time, both individual and corporate claimholders can purchase public land for \$5 an acre or less. They don't even have to mine the property but can use it — and have — to build hotels, condominiums and casinos.

Congress may finally be ready to say enough is enough, Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.V., who chairs the House Committee on Natural Resources, has initiated bipartisan legislation that would modernize the antiquated law. The bill would not end or ban mining in the West but would ensure that it's done within modern legal parameters.

The measure would set up long-overdue environmental standards for operations and cleanup, require metal mining companies to pay an 8 percent royalty (oil, gas and coal companies often pay more) and establish a fund to deal with the hundreds of thousands of abandoned mines

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that scar our landscape. Most important, it would end the priority status that mining has long been afforded on some of our most valued public lands, protecting parks, national forests, roadless areas, and wild and scenic river corridors from degradation.

Not surprisingly, the proposal faces stiff opposition from the mining industry's allies in the administration and Congress, who have invoked the specters of compromised national security and damage to the economy. But some of our greatest national treasures and open spaces are on the line.

The threat of hundreds of mining claims for uranium, gold and other metals within a stone's throw of the Grand Canyon should serve as a wake-up call. It's time to modernize the antiquated law and protect some of America's most important places.

Joel Danowitz directs the Pew Environment Group's Campaign for Responsible Mining. Richard Wiles is executive director of the Environmental Working Group.

Letters to the Editor

Cemetery's recycled flowers served the right purpose.

Many times, I have thought of writing about a topic. This time, I am prompted to act.

I can't believe the attitude about the Wendell Cemetery recycling flowers. Have you seen the trucks loaded with beautiful flowers and plants headed for the local landfill? We recycle cans, bottles, paper and cardboard to cut down on the amount of trash, but you think it's wrong to recycle artificial flowers?

People are given a week after Memorial Day to pick up their flowers. Most don't want to take the time — they don't care that much at that arrangement. I would be willing to bet that very few arrangements would be recognized or remembered the next year.

The flowers that the cemetery board set out aren't sold. They are "available" to anyone who wants them. Most people make a donation to them, but they don't have to. Many have expressed appreciation for the service.

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Obesity rates climb in most states

Health officials say statistics point to health crisis in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Loosen the belt buckle another year as the obesity rates continued to climb in 31 states last year, and no state showed a decline. Mississippi became the first state to crack the 30 percent barrier for adults considered to be obese. West Virginia and Alabama were just behind, according to the Trust for America's Health, a research group that focuses on disease prevention.

Idaho weighed in at No. 31, the report said, with a 22.4 percent obesity rate.

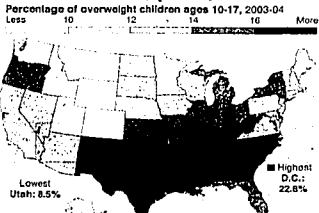
Florida continued its reign as the leanest state in the nation with an obesity rate projected at 17.6 percent.

This year's report, for the first time, looked at rates of overweight children ages 10 to 17. The District of Columbia had the highest percentage — 22.8 percent. Utah had the lowest — 8.5 percent.

Health officials say the latest state rankings provide evi-

Overweight rates high in South

West Virginia, Kentucky and the District of Columbia had the highest percentage of overweight children ages 10-17.



SOURCE: Trust for America's Health

dence that the nation has a public health crisis on its hands.

Unfortunately, we're treating it like a mere inconvenience instead of the emergency that it is," said Dr. James Marks, senior vice president at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a philanthropy devoted to improving health care.

Officials at the Trust for

America's Health want the government to play a larger role in preventing obesity. People who are overweight are at an increased risk for diabetes, heart problems and other chronic diseases that contribute to greater health care costs.

"It's one of those issues where everyone believes this is an epidemic, but it's not get-

ting the level of political and policymaker attention that it ought to," said Jeffrey Levi, the organization's executive director. "As every candidate for president talks about health care reform and controlling health care costs, if we don't home in on this issue, none of their proposals are going to be affordable."

At the same time, many believe weight is a personal choice and responsibility. Levi doesn't dispute that notion, but he said society can help people make good choices.

"If we want kids to eat healthier food, we have to invest the money for school nutrition programs so that school lunches are healthier," he said. "If we want people to be more physically active, then there have to be safe places to be active. That's not just a class issue. We've designed suburban communities where there are no sidewalks for anybody to go out and take a walk."

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Robot to probe Utah mine collapse

MIAMI (AP) — It's an engineering challenge officials have spent weeks on how to squeeze a robot into a Utah mine where six coal miners have been trapped. The requirements: fit down a dinner-plate-size hole more than 1,500 long, capture images and not be stopped by water and muck in the hole.

Officials planned to deploy their best bet on Monday — an 8-inch wide, approximately 70-pound robot from Florida — an attempt that was later delayed by bad weather. The device has two cameras and the ability to maneuver 1,000 feet into the mine. It's one of a number of robots that have been proposed in the last three weeks since the Aug. 6 collapse.

Robots on wheels and others that run on tracks and some developed by the Navy or Defense Department were considered. So were others used to crawl through oil and sewer pipelines, a modified version of which is being used.

"We got offers, anything from recorders to other types of robots that they wanted to build for us," said Jeff Kravitz, the chief of scientific development for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, which is heading the rescue operation. Kravitz said he spoke with people in half a dozen states during the effort, including California, Florida, Maine, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. Others in Australia, South Africa and the United Kingdom were also called.

Until Monday, rescue workers had used a camera lowered into the mine that could only see 30 to 50 feet. Assuming the robot from Florida is successful in getting past rock and debris in the hole, it will be able to travel much farther. Officials called the Florida effort a long shot with a less than 50 percent chance of success, but there have been fewer and fewer options to try to find the men.

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



by Weston Harris
BC-HIS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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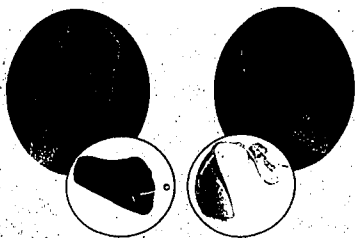
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Twin Falls girls basketball coach Shepard resigns

Shepard remains with T.F. district; new girls hoops coach to be named Wednesday

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Joe D. Shepard has told the *Times-News* that he resigned as head coach of the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball coach last week. He cited personal reasons as to why he stepped down after five years with the Bruins. When asked whether a DUI arrest during the summer had anything to do with the decision, he

added, "that's a part of the personal reasons that factored in."

Twin Falls athletic director Mike Federico confirmed the resignation. An announcement naming a new coach is slated for 3:25 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at Baum Gymnasium.

"I'd been thinking of coaching for another year or two," he said, "but decided that after 20 years... there are good people in line to take over the

program."

Shepard reached a milestone of 300 career wins last season, finishing with 313 wins as the Bruins swept the Class 5A 11th Country Conference and finished fourth at the state tournament in February with a 21-5 record.

The Twin Falls girls program achieved its highest finish, third place at the 2004 state tournament and a record 22 season wins, under his watch.

Shepard previously coached the Buhl Indians girls hoops team for 15 seasons where he led the team to the 1997 state championship. He was also an assistant with the Buhl football team. He resigned that position after the 2006 season.

He acknowledged that while he is no longer with the basketball program, his status as a school psychologist with the Twin Falls School District has not altered. The 2007-08 school



Shepard

year is his first in the district, as he previously worked for the Buhl School District. Shepard did not rule out the possibility of coaching in the future.

Langtime Bruins assistant coach Steve Irons resigned after last season, and said he doesn't plan to coach anywhere, ruling him out as a replacement candidate.

Aubree's big day

Callen's five goals catapult Tigers past Indians

Times-News

JEROME — A team scoring five goals in a soccer game is a solid outing. One player scoring five goals in a game is simply impressive. Jerome sophomore Aubree Callen was just that on Monday as she found the back of the net five times to lift the Tigers to a 7-1 comeback win over Buhl in nonconference girls soccer action.

Buhl's Autumn Yurbe scored three goals of her own as the Indians took a 3-2 halftime edge. But Callen scored three consecutive second-half goals to push her team to the lead. Sara Nutech scored Jerome's first and sixth goals before Callen capped her day with a score off an assist from Melissa Mendoza.

Allison Bruckner also recorded an assist for the Tigers.

Jerome coach Carlos Hernandez said his team got off to a slow start, but played with a different attitude after halftime. "We were more aggressive in the second half," said Hernandez.

That more aggressive approach was certainly evident as Jerome improved to 2-2-1 on the young season. The Indians, who also got a goal from sophomore Mercedes Pearson, fell to 1-1-1 with the defeat.

Jerome is back on the pitch Wednesday for a road game at Burley.



Jerome senior Molly Reid (23) works the ball upfield against Buhl freshman Jordyn Ruter (14) during their match held in Jerome Monday afternoon.

Hill named Bengals starting quarterback

By Mark Uptak
Times-News correspondent

POCAHELLO — In a move that is somewhat unexpected, Idaho State head coach John Zamberlin named redshirt freshman Russell Hill as the Bengals starting quarterback for the opener Sept. 8 vs. Southern Oregon.

The announcement came at Zamberlin's weekly press conference in the sports information office Monday afternoon.

Hill was competing with Century High School product Luke Butler for the job. Hill prepured at Boise's Timberline High School.

It's the first time a freshman will be under center for the Bengals since Seth Burford started against Utah State on Sept. 6, 1997.

Zamberlin noted that both Hill and Butler have had great fall camps but "only one person can be in that position and it's not a situation where there was a big separation. I think they both competed well but at some point you have to make a decision."

In the two fall scrimmages, Hill's quarterback rating was an astonishing 231.3. Butler's is terrific as well checking in at 133.4. The difference may have

come Saturday when Hill scored two touchdowns with his unit in the red zone. Butler didn't dent the scoreboard once during the second scrimmage.

Zamberlin also wanted to make the call soon enough to give the starter time to get mentally ready.

"There's still two weeks, but at some point you have to get a guy out there to feel like this is his team."

But don't think Butler's new forgotten man either. It's rare when in today's game

one quarterback takes every snap in a season. "You are only a play away from having to come in and lead your team to victory," said Zamberlin. "I've said this a lot but I think down the road we are going to be better off because both of them have gotten a lot of quality reps."

Bengal Bites: Former Twin Falls player Luc Martin may have a long run as the starting tight end for the Bengals. The injury to the incumbent at that spot, Jon Winn turned out to be more serious than just a dislocated heel bone. Now Winn is expected to miss half the season. Martin is expected to get his first collegiate start when the season opens Sept. 8.



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Remorseful Vick pleads guilty

Calls dogfighting a 'terrible thing'

By Larry O'Dell
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — First, Michael Vick apologized to all the people he lied to. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank, Coach Bobby Petrino. His teammates.

"I was not honest and forthright in our discussions," the star quarterback said Monday, somber and deliberate and not speaking from notes.

Then he apologized to "all the young kids out there for my immature acts."

"I need to grow up," he added.

And so began a public act of contrition from Vick, who pleaded guilty to a federal dogfighting charge and then stood behind a podium to say his job was "betting Michael Vick the person, not the football player."

There he was, a QB so deft and nimble he pulled off any number of amazing scrambles on the field. Now he was pleading to save himself and his football future because of his role in a gruesome dogfighting ring.

Saying he was speaking "from the heart," Vick said he took full responsibility for his actions.

"Dogfighting is a terrible thing, and I did reject it," he said.



Atlanta Falcons player Michael Vick makes a statement after pleading guilty to a federal dogfighting charge in Richmond, Va., Monday.

the NFL after his written plea agreement was filed in court Friday.

"So I got a lot of down time, a lot of time to think about my actions and what I've done and how to make Michael Vick a better person," said Vick, who grew up in Newport News. "I will redeem myself. I have to," he vowed.

In Atlanta, the Falcons said they would not cut Vick immediately because of salary-cap issues. The team intends to pursue the \$22 million in bonus money that he already received in a \$130 million contract signed in 2004.

"We cannot tell you today that Michael is cut from the team," Blank said. "Cutting him today may feel better emotionally for us and many of our fans. But it's not in the long-term best interests of our franchise."

Vick, who took no questions after his first public statement about the dogfighting ring, said little in court. With family members, including his brother and mother, watching from the front row of the packed courtroom, Vick stood flanked by two of his five lawyers and softly answered "Yes, sir" and "No, sir" to Hudson's questions.

The plea was accepted by Hudson, who asked: "Are you entering the plea of guilty to a conspiracy charge because you are in fact guilty?"

Vick answered yes, and Hudson

Vick was suspended indefinitely by

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Vick's replacement leads Falcons to narrow victory

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — There were plenty of Falcons fans wearing No. 7 jerseys at the Georgia Dome. They got a chance to cheer for Michael Vick's replacement.

Joey Harrington made a good first impression on Atlanta fans by throwing two touchdown passes Monday night in a 24-19 preseason win over the Cincinnati Bengals. It was a much-needed signal for a franchise trying to get past the stunning downfall of its most dynamic player.

The day began with Vick pleading guilty to federal dogfighting charges in Virginia, followed a short time later by Falcons owner Arthur Blank saying he won't cut the quarterback immediately, mainly because of salary-cap issues rather than any desire to bring him back two or three years from now.

Against that wrenching backdrop, Harrington and the Falcons (2-1) played their first home game of the preseason. Small groups of dissenting protesters faced off outside the Georgia Dome, while hundreds of fans showed their support for Vick by wearing his jersey — the best seller in team history.

Harrington received a smattering of applause when he trotted on the field for Atlanta's first offensive series. He was sacked on his very



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Joey Harrington drops back to pass against the Cincinnati Bengals in Atlanta, Monday.

first snap, a jarring reminder the Falcons no longer have the quarterback who rushed for 1,000 yards last season.

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SPORTS

Minico girls, boys defeat Bruins

Times-News

RUPERT — The Minico Spartans girls soccer team got its first victory of the season Monday, which is exciting enough on its face. The fact that it came against perennial Class 5A foe Twin Falls makes it even sweeter.

"When Twin comes in and you can beat them here?" Minico coach Dennis Haynes said of his team's 1-0 victory. "It's that cause to celebrate."

"As far as I remember, they've been good," Haynes continued. "They've always had a great program, and they still do. And to have them come in and we end up taking them out 1-0, that's a good accomplishment."

The Bruins, coming off a 0-0 stalemate against Burley on Saturday, were looking to get the ball into the net against Minico with some serious pressure up front.

"They started both halves really pressuring," Haynes said. "They got a lot of shots. They just kept shooting, kept shooting. Luckily we hung in there and played tough."

Tripping up to the pressure was Spartan freshman goal keeper Melinda Martinez, who had 16 saves for Minico against the nearly constant barrage of Twin Falls attacks. The Bruins (0-2-1) ousted the Spartans 3G-3.

"We pretty much dominated the game," Bruins coach Katie Kauffman said. "We just couldn't put the ball in the net." But the Spartans' Arif Belnap did just that in the first half, taking a feed from Bianca Santana, getting ahead of the Bruin defenders and sending the ball



Twin Falls junior Amanda Keebler (20) and Minico senior Shaleen Brown battle for possession during the Spartans' 1-0 victory over the Bruins on Monday in Rupert.

on a soft arc into the back of the net. While the Spartans (1-4-1) don't play again until Saturday when they travel for their second match of the season against conference rival Jerome, they won't spend too much time this week looking back on Monday's victory.

"We'll celebrate for an hour and then get ready for Jerome," Haynes said. "Twin Falls (0-2-1) opens High

Country Conference play on Wednesday by hosting Highland.

Boys soccer

Minico 2, Twin Falls 1

TWIN FALLS — Trailing Minico 2-1 late in the second half, Twin Falls boys soccer team thought it caught the break it needed. A violation by the Spartans' goalie led to an indi-

rect free kick for the Bruins. But coach Trent Felton said his team "got too fancy" with the opportunity as Brett Bartlett back heeled the ball to Martin Arizmendi, whose team attempt sailed high over the net.

All the offense in the first half with Minico's Hauli Navarete scoring in the 12th minute. Bartlett tied the score in the 16th minute off an assist from Arizmendi, but Saul Martinez put the Spartans ahead for good in the 31st minute.

Neither team mustered many scoring chances, with Twin Falls getting off 12 shots and Minico managing 10. But Felton praised Minico for its steady play and stifling defense after intermission.

Twin Falls (0-3) plays at Jerome on Thursday and Felton will look for more progress from his young team. "We're getting better each game than the game before and we had some moments (Monday) that we'll look to build on," said Felton.

Drag racing

GOODING — High Desert Speedway held another exciting weekend of drag racing. Below are results.

Aug. 25 results
Super Pro Class: 1. John Thompson, 2. Dave Arnold
Pro Class: 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Jon Thompson, 3. Aaron Cook
Shorty Class: 1. Shorty Ann, 2. Duay Thompson
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Junior women: 1. Kay Starr, 2. Beth Scott
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1. Fred Hunt, 2. Mike Lewis, 3. Calhoun

— South Idaho Press writer Chuck Nunn contributed to this report.

Tigers shut out Yankees in rout

DETROIT — Justin Verlander shut down the New York Yankees while the Detroit Tigers roughed up Mike Mussina and a couple of relievers in their highest-scoring game this season.

Verlander gave up just three hits and Pineda Pelanco was one of three Tigers with at least three hits, including his homer after Mussina was chased, to lead Detroit to a 16-0 win over New York on Monday night.

The Tigers, who ouhbit the Yankees 20-3, took three of the four games and won a series for the first time since sweeping Minnesota from July 17-19. Detroit didn't make up any ground in the AL Central because the Cleveland Indians also won to maintain a 2½-game lead.

New York, meanwhile, has lost five of seven games and fallen eight games behind AL East-leading Boston. Verlander (14-5) struck out six and walked two over seven innings in his best start since throwing a no-hitter on June 12 against Milwaukee. He has won three of his last four starts. Mussina (13-5) might've pitched himself out of the rotation, lasting just three innings and giving up six runs, nine hits and a walk.

Indians 8, Twins 3

CLEVELAND — Paul Byrd beat Minnesota once again, Victor Martinez homered and Cleveland turned a triple play in slowing Minnesota's climb in the AL Central.

Byrd (13-5) allowed three runs in six innings to move to 4-0 this season and 10-3 in his career against the Twins.

White Sox 5, Devil Rays 4

CHICAGO — Jose Contreras got his first win as a starter in two months and rookie Josh Fields put the White Sox ahead with Chicago's fourth home run of the season inning.

Contreras (7-16), who leads the major league in losses, had dropped nine straight starts since beating Florida on June 18. He allowed four runs and eight hits in seven innings, improving to 5-0 in his career against Tampa Bay.

National League

Mets 9, Phillies 2

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley had three hits, including a solo homer, in his first game since having hand surgery one month ago, and Philadelphia beat the New York Mets 9-2 in the opener of a pivotal four-game series.

J.D. Durbin had a career-high six strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings. Pat Burrell and pinch-hitter Tadahito Iguchi hit two-run homers and Jayson Werth was 4-for-4, helping the Phillies move within five games of the NL East-leading Mets.

Braves 13, Marlins 2

MIAMI — Brian McCann hit his second grand slam in a week and Atlanta rebounded from a tough weekend in St. Louis to rout slumping Florida.

The Braves won for the second time in seven games, after losing two of three over the weekend to the Cardinals. The Marlins lost for the 12th time in their last 13.

Matt Diaz hit a solo homer, doubled twice, singled and scored three runs.

— The Associated Press

Vick

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emphasized his broad latitude in sentencing.

"You're taking your chances here. You'll have to live with our decision I make," he said.

U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg said a first-time offender ordinarily might receive no jail time for the dogfighting conspiracy.

"We thought, however, that the conduct in this conspiracy was heinous, cruel and inhumane," he said.

Blank and general manager Rich McKay refused to say whether Vick would ever play for the Falcons again, though the reluctance to cut ties with the quarterback is related more to

complicated legal issues than any willingness to take him back. They've already sent a "demand letter" to Vick saying they will attempt to recoup the bonus money he was paid.

"We realize that this situation has tarnished our franchise," Blank said. "We've heard from fans who are embarrassed to wear the No. 7 jersey now. We cannot undo what's been done. But we can and we will recover from this."

The Falcons will receive a \$6 million cap credit for Vick's salary this year since he's been suspended without pay. They are still on the hook for about \$22 million in prorated bonus obligations spread out over this season and the next two. Any bonus

money that is returned by Vick will be credited to Atlanta's cap number.

"We feel very comfortable that we have plenty of room going forward in which to field a competitive team," McKay said.

Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron and former Atlanta Mayor and U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, both members of the Falcons' board, attended the news conference at Blank's corporate headquarters in Atlanta.

"I've never seen someone who had so much ability and has fallen so far," Aaron said. "It's not what is going to happen as far as his football career is concerned. It's just him as a man, as a human being, being able to get his life back."

"ASKED" if he expected Vick to return to the Falcons some day, Aaron replied, "I hope so."

Outside the courthouse, a contingent of Vick supporters sang "This Little Light of Mine" and other hymns, while holding signs that said "We Love You" and urged Vick to seek support in religion. Steven Terry, pastor of Deliverance Tabernacle Church in the Tidewater area, organized the group of at least two dozen supporters.

"The scripture is clear — he that's without sin, cast the first stone," he said.

A few dozen animal-rights protesters also stood outside the courthouse, some holding signs saying "Prosecute All Dogfighters."

Falcons

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But No. 13's luck changed after that. Harrington completed his first six passes, including a 29-yard touchdown to Adam Jennings. After Allen Rossup put the Falcons in scoring position again with a 59-yard kickoff return, Harrington hooked up with Dwayne Blakley on a 29-yard completion, then flipped a 12-yard pass to Jerious Norwood for another TD.

Harrington played the first possession of the second half, guiding the Falcons into field goal range for Billy Cundiff's 37-yarder.

A flop in Detroit and Miami, Harrington left the field with a 17-13 lead and reveling in plenty of cheers. He was 13-of-21 for 164 yards and an impressive 116.9 passer rating with two other throws being caught just out of bounds.

However, Harrington got an idea of the sort of extra "love" he'll face as Vick's replacement. After throwing three straight incompletions late in the first half, he heard some boos trotting off the field with the rest of the offense.

Also, it's worth noting that he was facing the Bengals (0-3), who had the league's worst pass defense a year ago and were burned for two touchdowns and a field goal on New Orleans' first three possessions the week before.

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THE FEAR OF VISITING RELATIVES

Baby's Firsts By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

Baby's Firsts

IT'S BABY'S FIRST OUTFIT. IT'S MADE OF 100% KILLERDIE. IT'S VERY SHIMMERING AND LUSTRIANT BY CLOSTERED WOMEN!

IT'S BABY'S FIRST OUTFIT. I SAID IT IN A CATALOG AND I HAD TO HAVE IT!

IT'S BABY'S FIRST OUTFIT. IT'S MACHINE WASHABLE AND IT WING ON SALE.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

IT MAKES ME HAPPY THAT YOU TOOK THE TIME TO READ THE NEWSPAPER TODAY.

I WAS PENNED HOW MANY NEWSPAPERS CAN BE.

I WAS PENNED HOW MUCH I CAN LEARN.

I WAS PENNED OF SOMETHING I HAD FORGOTTEN YEARS AGO.

Brevity By Guy & Rod

SUDDENLY EVANDER REALIZED WHY HIS CHAMPIONSHIP BELT HAD FELT SO TIGHT THAT MORNING.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

WE FINANCED OUR EXPANSION BY SELLING THE GOODWILL ON OUR BALANCE SHEET TO A WEALTHY INVESTOR.

I MADE A LIST OF THE CUSTOMERS THAT I WANT YOUR PRODUCTS TO INSURE.

YOUR LAWYER DID A BAD JOB ON THE CONTRACT. HIS NAME IS ON YOUR LIST.

Doonesbury By Gerry Trudeau

AS YOU MAY KNOW, WILSON IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE HARBOUR OF SOUTH-CENTRAL CONNECTICUT.

INDEXED THE WALDEN BRAND CORNER. SHE INTERFERES. IT'S LIKE CATNIP TO THE LADIES.

I MYSELF HAVE A GOOD FRIEND AT MIT.

MIT? YOUR WORKING?

NOT AT ALL. SHE'S BEEN OFFERED DATE BY A VERY RICH BOY SCOUTS.

HOW IS THAT? SHE'S A VERY RICH BOY SCOUTS.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Mr. Winters? I specifically told you to show out of the basement!

Well, ya know how bad mah short-term memory is? If anything, this is your fault!

My fault? How dare you?

How about a free pickled egg as a peace offering?

Dad! Don't make things worse than they already are!

My Mother used to pickle eggs.

Uh-Oh...

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

(PANGING ALREADY!) I HAD A MIGHTY BATTLESHIP OF READINESS!

I HAD A GREAT TIME COURSE. SHE INTERFERES. IT'S LIKE CATNIP TO THE LADIES.

WE MET HER DOG.

SHE WAS ON MY MIND. SHE WAS ON MY MIND. SHE WAS ON MY MIND.

THIS KID IS GOING TO BE A GREAT FUTURE HEIR!

I'M NOT A KID!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

YOU CAN'T GET BY ON YOUR LOOKS FOREVER.

Luann By Greg Evans

READY FOR THE TEST TODAY, LUANN?

I HOPE YOU ALL READ THROUGH 9 & THROUGH 9.

FIVE??

YOU OVEN, MISS BATTLESHIP?

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

Now I'm going to teach you how to find the lowest common denominator...

Now I'm going to teach you at the lowest common denominator...

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

You mine, @#%&.

FIVE MINUTES LATER...

I GOTTA GO... Dang.

Pickles By Brian Crane

YOU WASH YOUR HAIR WITH A BAG OF SCAPPI? NO WONDER YOUR HAIR LOOKS SO DRY!

YOU NEED TO USE A SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER, DAD.

WHY? BECAUSE THEN YOUR HAIR WOULD LOOK NICER.

WELL, BECAUSE THEN, UHM...

WHY?

WHY ABOUT I CARE ABOUT THAT?

STUMPED YOU DIDN'T I?

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

SO MANY STORIES. WHY IMAGINE THAT THE VIEW IS EVEN NICER OUTSIDE?

I WILL STAND BENEATH THE HEAVENS?

JOIN ME, ROSE! DON'T LET ME EXPERIENCE YOU ALONE.

IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF MY LIFE, YOU MUST BE A PART OF MY LIFE.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

THE NEW WASH AND DRYER ARE COMING TODAY!

THIS IS THE MOST EXCITING THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME IN A LONG TIME!

PURE, YOU GOTTA START TRYING HARDER.

Non Sequiter By Wiley

A SIMPLE YES OR NO WILL DO, SCOTTY...

Strange Brew By John Daering

TAXIDERM X-ING

Time to take a little break, Capricorn

IF AUG. 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: When Saturn drops into your area of the zodiac in October and February you will need to keep your feet firmly planted on the ground. Don't shirk duties or inflate anything of importance during those months. Your most significant dreams and plans should be launched in the end of December or beginning of January when others will be glad to give you a helping hand with no strings attached or some other fortunate chain of events can come your way. Romance and popularity gets an A-plus in February.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be daunted by daring demands. Some people will push just to see how far you will go. Your competitive nature might outweigh common sense so you may bite off more than you can chew.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A sense of adventure might prove costly. You may be thinking about giving your business to a firm that you learned about through a relative or neighbor. It could be you were given bad advice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You don't need to outdo anyone. What you perceive as a

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Jeralaine Saunders

challenge might just be a kindness. For instance, someone may offer you an opportunity but your pride gets in the way of acceptance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When there is a full moon you seem to beam with happiness. This month money, possessions or investments could be the center of attention. Remember not to spend more than you earn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Matters come to a peak. If push comes to shove you might decide to end an old financial association. Sound business sense, not emotions, should be your guide when making key decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is a full moon and the eclipse forming in the skies. Your attention may be riveted on a special someone with unusual ideas or you may be concerned with polishing your public persona.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): High hopes shouldn't get out of hand. An anticipated financial windfall might not live up to

expectations. Someone close might promise you more than can reasonably be delivered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Questions get answers. It is easy to solve differences when you are aware of the other person's viewpoint. If you make assumptions you might end up disappointed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Friendliness is fulfilling. You could be at your best when dealing with groups or organizations where your casual confidence and easygoing nature makes you a popular addition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a short break from responsibilities. Efficiency will improve in direct proportion to how much rest you get. If you have done your job well you deserve to reap the benefits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider hidden connections. It could be that your intentions are better than usual or that you are able to make mental leaps that leave others in the dust. Put two and two together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't be spooked by a full moon and an elegant eclipse. You may be more self-conscious than usual or be made aware of how others view your actions.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



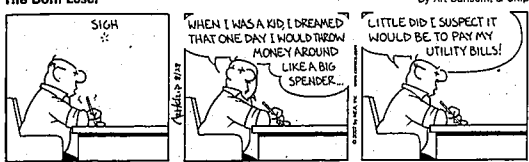
Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



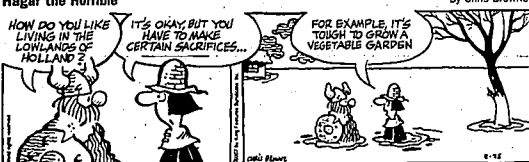
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By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



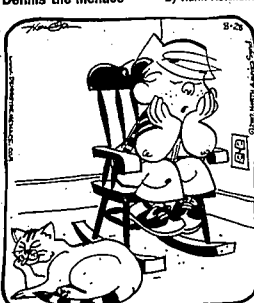
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By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



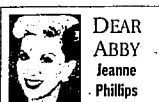
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Couple, in no rush to wed, now look back on 70 years

DEAR-ABBY: I enjoyed your advice to Judy in Birmingham, Ala. (June 11), who wondered if 16 is too young to know you're truly in love. Her letter brought back memories for me. We met in her home class. She wore my high school ring on a chain around her neck. We went to different colleges and became engaged six years after we met. At age 25, we finally married.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

forever kind of commitment. —GINAS MAN IN VIRGINIA

Three children and four grandchildren later, we are still in love at 95. (No, really, perhaps, but still passionately!) There was never anyone else for either of us.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15, and six months ago my first boyfriend broke up with me for another girl. While we went out we told each other that we were in love. He even said he wanted us to get married. That changed in a matter of days. Please tell "Judy" that what a guy says now might not be what he'll do later. Just make sure you don't do anything you'll regret if the guy leaves. —KNOWS FROM TENNESSEE

DEAR ABBY: I met my husband when he was 17 and I was 15. When he asked me to "go steady," I actually took a stereo pad and listed all the pros and cons. We dated through high school, then went to college.

Yes, Judy, love is wonderful. But you need to mature. Keep your hormones under control until you both are mature. PS. Last month, I gave my wife a ring for our 60th wedding anniversary. It has been 70 years since we first met in high school.

DEAR ABBY: Please tell Judy that 16 is not too young to fall in love. When Glen moved into the house across the street from me, we fell in love almost immediately. I was 14, she was 13. Although we waited to be married until we were 18, I knew we would be together forever. We have just celebrated our 27th wedding anniversary.

After my first year of college, Pete gave me a diamond and, we began planning our wedding. Our wedding was June 7, 1963. We recently celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary, and we are still very happy together. We raised seven biological children and a foster son, and are now expecting our 13th grandchild.

Yes, Judy, you can fall in love at 16, but keep in mind that as people grow, they may change, along with their goals and interests. Give yourself time. Keep your options open. You have plenty of time to make a

At 16, there's no need to be in a hurry. Continue to grow and develop both as individuals and as a couple. Save sex for marriage. My husband and I are the proof that it can work. —ANOTHER JUDY GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2007. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's highlight: On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

posedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally murdered three days later.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic national convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for the presidency. In 1973, more than 600 people died as an earthquake shook central Mexico.

In 1987, Academy Award-winning movie director John Huston died in Middletown, R.I., at age 81.

In 1987, a fire damaged the Arcadia, Fla., home of Ricky Robert and Randy Rife, two hemophilic brothers infected with the AIDS virus whose court-ordered school attendance sparked a local uproar. (The Rife family moved to Sarasota, Fla.)

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein, West Germany.

Ten years ago: After nearly a year of legal challenges, California's affirmative action ban, Proposition 209, became law. U.S. troops became more deeply embroiled in a violent

power struggle among Bosnian Serbs, firing tear gas and warning shots to fend off rock-throwing Serb mobs.

Five years ago: Prosecutors indicted WorldCom's former chief financial officer, Scott Sullivan, and Bernard Yanes Jr., WorldCom's former director of general accounting, (Sullivan, accused of overseeing a long-running conspiracy to hide operating expenses in order to boost WorldCom's earnings, later admitted guilt and was sentenced to five years in prison; Yanes later pleaded guilty to securities fraud and conspiracy and agreed to help prosecutors.)

One year ago: Prosecutors in Colorado abruptly dropped their case against John Mark Karr in the slaying of JonBenet Ramsey, saying DNA tests failed to put him at the crime scene despite his repeated insistence he'd killed the 6-year-old beauty queen. President Bush marked the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina by visiting the Gulf Coast. Columbus, Ga., beat Kawaguchi City, Japan, 2-1 to win the Little League World Series championship game.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Country singer Billy Grammer is 82. Actor Ben Gazzara is 77. Actor Sonny Shroyer is 72. Actor Ken Jenkins is 67. Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 67. Actor David Soul is 64. Baseball manager Lou Plintella is 64. Actress Alice Playten is 60. Singer Wynne Omond (The Omonds) is 56. Actor Daniel Stern is 50. Olympic gold medal figure skater Scott Hamilton is 49. Actress Emma Samms is 47. Country singer Shania Twain is 42. Actor Billy Boyd is 39. Actor Jack Black is 38. Actor Jason Priestley is 38. Olympic gold medal swimmer Janet Evans is 36. Actor J. August Richards is 34. Rock singer-musician Max Casella (The G) is 29. Actress Carly Pope is 27. Country singer LeAnn Rimes is 25. Actor Michael Galeota is 23.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Dry and warm under mostly sunny skies. Highs in the mid to upper 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear with light and variable breezes. Lows in the middle 50s.
Tomorrow: Turning hot again with plenty of sun and a high line danger. Highs reaching the lower 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Dry and warm under mostly sunny skies. Highs in the mid to mid 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and cooling off nicely. Lows in the mid 50s.
Tomorrow: Another very warm and dry day. Highs in the mid to upper 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 High pressure will build over the Great Basin and boost temperatures to the mid to high 80s. A dry and mostly sunny thunderstorm is possible Thursday, but that will only gustify the very high fire danger.

BOISE
 Hot and dry conditions will prevail through the end of the week. There is nothing indicated to provide an opportunity for precipitation. The fire danger will stay elevated.

NORTHERN UTAH
 There will be a daily chance for thunderstorms, especially over the mountains through Friday. Temperatures will stay very warm to hot.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 87 at Lower Lake; 26 at Deer Lake. Weather by: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lower Lake. Light snow on the nearby slopes. The entire state shows a sunny, clear, and mostly sunny.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "The most successful people are those who are good at what they do."
 — Regg Middlekauff

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly sunny with a light breeze from the west High: 87 Low: 57	Mostly clear and calm Low: 57	Mostly sunny and a touch warmer 62 / 59	Very warm, small risk of a thunderstorm 91 / 61	Sun with a mix of sun and clouds 92 / 61	Warm, dry and sunny 90 / 62

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 87 Yesterday's Low: 57 Record High: 93 in 2001 Record Low: 26 in 1982	6.98 inch to date Monthly: 2.14 inch Year to Date: 8.21 inch Percent of Normal: 87%	Yesterday's Maximum: 42% Yesterday's Minimum: 12% Monthly: 17% Year to Date: 17% Percent of Normal: 120%	Yesterday's Maximum: 30.2 Yesterday's Minimum: 29.8 Monthly: 30.0 Year to Date: 30.0 Percent of Normal: 100%	Yesterday's Sunrise: 6:59 AM Yesterday's Sunset: 8:17 PM Summer: 7:01 AM Summer: 8:14 PM TP Mid Level: 8:04 (High)	Very Low Low Moderate High Very High Extremely High

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	80-90	85-95	85-95
Idaho Falls	80-90	85-95	85-95
Rupert	80-90	85-95	85-95
Shoshone	80-90	85-95	85-95
Blackfoot	80-90	85-95	85-95
Arco	80-90	85-95	85-95
Hammond	80-90	85-95	85-95
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Blaine	80-90	85-95	85-95
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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. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page C-8.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 07-33542 Title Order No. W731030 Parcel No. RP T1721000028
The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave, East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID, 83301 on 12/24/2007 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 10/31/2006 as Instrument Number 2006-027678, and executed by Robert D. McMillan, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, to RoonTrust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: The South one-half of Lot 2, Eriksen Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, recorded in Book 8 of plats, page 46, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 2182 & 2183 Elizabeth Blvd, Twin Falls, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and subsequent installments due thereon and the entire Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 05/01/2007 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter with which she has not complied; currently accruing at 8.875% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust as hereinabove recited; and any unpaid taxes and principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$115,931.96, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the Deed of Trust and all other sums advanced by any unpaid beneficiary accruing real property taxes, and other assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said Trustee's authority to enforce the obligations secured by the above referenced Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, in satisfaction of obligation. Notice is hereby given that the above information is being disseminated by the above information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be disputed. The above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: 08/09/2007 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RoonTrust Company, N.A. 1757 Top Canyon Road, SW#49 Simi Valley, CA 90089-1824 Phone: (805) 281-8219 RoonTrust Company, N.A. Successor Trustee Cathy Craig, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 887877

PUBLISH: August 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. ID-07-91081-RC Loan No.: 20-0051-025641A On 12/27/2007 at 10:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: at 10:00-00 AM at the Main Entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave, East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Citicorp Mortgage, Inc. by Citicorp Mortgage Company, Inc., Successor in Interest by Merger to Citicorp Mortgage, Inc. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: The South one-half of Lots 12, 13 and 14 in Block 10 of Kimberly Townsite, Twin Falls, Idaho, as shown on the plat thereof recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said county. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 340 Monroe St, Kimberly, ID 83341, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and subsequent installments due thereon and the entire Deed of Trust executed by Daniel E. Phillips, an unmarried man as grantor/trustor, in which Citicorp Mortgage, Inc. is named as Beneficiary and Twin Falls Title & Escrow Co. as Trustee and recorded 5/12/2001 as Instrument No. 2001-007632 in book 2 page 6 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 4/27/2001, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$41,153.46, together with interest thereon at the current rate of 11.000% per year, as of 8/23/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorneys' fees, and all amounts advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: 8/20/07 By: First American Title Insurance Company, Assistant Secretary Cathy Craig, 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 By: Dana-Lynn*** For Sale Information Call: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidcny.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may be released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter will be used to execute the note holders rights against the real property only. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 884080

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101 Lost and Found

LOST Border Collie, 2 years old, black with white on chest, red & white collar, female. Near 'Wal Mart in Jerome. \$240-7792

LOST Cal phone, Kyocera Xcario, silver & black, flip open cell phone. Possibly near Skateland. Call 208-420-9582

LOST dog, Border Collie, red, male, by Mr. Donald's in Burley. \$300.00. Call 208-338-2070 or 870-3489

LOST dog, Jack Russell Terrier at 155 S. and Park Ave. in Burley. Female. Red & white. No questions asked for her return. Reward: Call 208-670-2780 or 877-2828

LOST dog, Small black female, with white on chest, collar with "Sheba", lost around 5th and Dieneres Call 208-728-3333

LOST Dog, Whistler Cairn Terrier, little tan, female, no collar, still shaggy, near White Pine Elementary in Burley. Reward: Call 208-338-8558

LOST Fundraiser cards, approx. 25. Blue lettering on face, credit card size. 2 green rubber bands. Lost in Twin Falls area. Call 731-9845 or 733-3398

LOST Golden Retriever, female, small, incl. on neck, crooked tail, approx. 1 year old. Oregon Trail Elem. Call 208-630-3075

LOST Maltese, white, male, in the Gooding area. Call 208-338-1849.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case Number CV-07-3956
P. Patton to change the name of Mickey Mallesia Flanagan, nee Flanagan, of Twin Falls, Idaho, residing at 225 14th Ave N, Buhl, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court. The petitioner requests that her name be changed to Mickey Mallesia Joseph Green because to match her name. In Buhl, ID, a hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock on September 14, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who may show the court a good reason against the name change.
Dated: August 13, 2007.
By Deputy Clerk.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST AND FOUND
FOUND puppy, male, brown with spots on chest and feet on 2nd and Parke View in Burley. 208-431-4788 or 731-1858

FOUND Reading Glasses, size 4 found your reading glasses. Call us at Saturday. Call 733-0184.

FOUND Rottweiler Cross dogs (2), near Buhl, ID, a hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock on September 14, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who may show the court a good reason against the name change.
Dated: August 13, 2007.
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10 wheel truck drivers. Willing to relocate. Call 208-334-7148

DRIVER/DELIVERY
Part time. Twin Falls area. Energetic, clean driving record. 21+ yrs old, non-smoking - employment for night/on call shift. Team-Team. \$9.00/per hour/plus benefits. Contact Action Couriers 208-750-7600 or www.actioncouriers.com

209 Employment

PERSONALS
SINGLE Lady is wanting to meet with a single man, in 70's or 80's. Call 208-338-1849

SINGLE Man is wanting to meet with a single lady, in 40's or 50's. Call 208-338-1849

209 Employment

DRIVER
Class A to haul farm machinery & haul commodities locally. Call 208-324-7148

DRIVER
Burley, Paul and Twin Falls. Class A CDL Drivers needed full & part-time year round. Local hauling home every night. Benefits 401k and vacation. Must be 21 years old. Call 208-676-6525 or 208-428-8888 or 208-733-0000

210 Medical

PUBLIC SERVICE
Federal Employment Information is free. Information, no one can promise you a federal job. For free information about federal jobs, call 1-800-USA-JOB or America Connection, 478-757-3000

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DRIVERS
Shoshone, exp'd Tractor work. \$10/hr. Housing provided. Call 208-308-2522.

TECHNICIAN
Experienced Tech to repair milk equipment. Call 208-539-3550

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CLERICAL
General office duties. Phones, computer and processing of warranty claims. Must have CDL. Full Benefits. Pay DOE. Send Resume to: Office Manager P O Box 1656 Twin Falls, ID 83303-1656

210 Medical

DRIVERS
Gen State Drivall. CDL Driver/Stocker. \$13.51/hr weekly. Heavy lifting, stocking, drawing into houses. Excellent benefits and affordable insurance. Apply at 280 W. Main

210 Medical

RECEPTIONIST
Medical Receptionist. Full-time. Immediate opening. Experience required. Call 208-738-1000

210 Medical

DRIVERS
Sheepherder needed 10/20/07 - 10/19/08. Requires 3 months verifiable sheepherding experience. Attends & moves sheep on range. Assists in lambing, docking, shearing, tagging, feeding & medicating animals. Must be able to handle horses & dogs. \$750/mo. Employer guarantees \$13.51/hr weekly salary. Employer will provide tools & equipment. Housing provided to workers from out of area & transportation costs paid after 50% of work contract. Robert Overang, Soda Springs, ID. Contact the state workforce agency JOB #1D283511 for details!

602 Unfurnished Homes

BUHL 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath, laundry hook, new tile, wood floors, carpet, \$625/mo + dep. No pets. 208-731-0937

BUHL County home, includes horse corral, 1/2 acre fenced area for cattle etc. \$900 + dep. Pets neg. Call 416-9143

BURLEY 2 bdrm., 1 bath, completely renovated, \$450 + dep. 3 bdrm., 1 bath, \$575 + \$575 dep. 5 bdrm., 2 bath, \$750 + \$750 dep. No pets or smoking. Call 208-218-1118

BURLEY Nice water-front 2 bdrm. home, with apple trees, 1/2 acre recreation, \$750. Call 320-3200

FILER 3 bdrm 1 bath, carpet, living, \$295 + \$500 dep. 2498 B E 4000 N, Call 308-888-8888

FILER beautiful 5 bedroom, 3 bath home, pasture optional, \$115,000. + dep. Call 208-426-8887

FILER Newer 3-4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2500 sq. ft. brick ranch with 2 acres and canyon views, surrounded by 2000+ acres, hardwood floors, attached dog garage, Corral space, mature fruit trees, escarple neg. No indoor pets. Internet, heat, a/c, pool and \$500 deposit. \$110,000. 208-326-3200 or 208-308-3300

GOODING 7 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 story vintage garage, 3875 sq. ft. petting zoo. 208 6th Ave. East. 208-889-2638

JEROME 4 bdrm + 1/2 bath, clean, tile, \$485 mo. + \$485 dep. Avail Oct. 1. 208-324-9413

JEROME 2 bedroom, W/D hookups, no appliances, \$450 mo. + \$500 dep. 210 7th Ave. East. 208-733-8016

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath in Jerome County, 2150 sq. ft. new area, all appls., large yard w/garden, \$500/mo. + \$500 dep. Exc. area. 2553 Painbush Dr. Av. 208-326-3200. No smoking! pet neg. \$950 + dep. Vr lease. 602-991-8388

JEROME brand new home 5 bdrm to W/mt. Main & schools 2 car garage. No smoking. \$1,000/mo + \$1,000 dep. 208-788-3198 or 720-5973 to 208-9185

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WENDIG 2 country, 2 bath, manufactured home, range \$700. Pgm. Mgmt. 208-324-7374 www.lcpm.com

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, NO PETS \$800 + \$350 dep. 859 Main Ave. W. 731-8455

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TWIN FALLS 2006 3 car garage, ref., leucod car, pet neg. Indecorated 1200 & 1375 sq. ft. \$910 + security dep. Oregon Trail, Clatsky School District. 1322 & 1484 Valencia. Call 208-732-9559 or Chris 714-906-7575

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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, single detached garage, 5800 sq. ft. \$400 dep. 291 Jefferson St. 404-44-8888. No pets, \$575/mo. before \$6m.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, some appls., \$575/mo. No pets. Call 208-735-0473.

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TWIN FALLS 7 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, \$2195 month + \$400 dep. 2148 Condeley Ave. Call 435-991-9055

TWIN FALLS 734 Afrika Ave 3 bdrm \$550 mo. + dep. 1704 3rd Ave East. 3 bdrm, \$650 + dep. Call 209-307875

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604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

CASTLEFORD 1 bdrm, available now, Rent based on income. Call 208-731-0937

KIMBERLY 324 Hwy 30, Studio apt \$280. No pets. Call 208-539-1403.

KIMBERLY Interviewing for 2 bdrm., range, gas, W/D and sanitation. pet neg. \$500 + dep. Call 208-734-1120

KIMBERLY Large 1 bdrm \$350 month + dep. No smoking/pets. Call 208-734-9450

RUPERT Senior Citizen Handicapped & Disabled Housing. No taking applications for 10r 2 bedroom apartments. Rent determined by Income HUD subsidized. Call neighborhood.

TWIN FALLS Office Housing Call 208-731-0937 or Sunset Manor VI 510 15th St. Call 208-889-2638 or 208-321-2899

SHOSHONE 2 bdrm, all appls., W/D, pet neg. \$450. No pets allowed. \$400. No pets allowed. \$400. No pets allowed. \$400.

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HAGERMAN — As she watched horses being led from their stalls to walk up and down in front of potential auction bidders, Chris Dent echoed the words in many mouths: "It's the ending of an era," she said. "And you'll hear a lot of folks say that."

Dent was assisting at the Aug. 18 dispersal sale of all the horses at Hagerman's Billingsley Creek Ranch — the ranch where Idaho's most famous racehorse, Buddy Gil, was raised by ranch owners Donnie and Judy McFadden. As the only horse from Idaho to run the Kentucky Derby, Buddy Gil placed sixth in 2003.

Buddy Gil is retired now, and the McFaddens are following suit.

"I'm going to be 70 next year, and we've never had much of an opportunity to travel," Donnie McFadden said last week from his new home in Ennis, Mont. The McFaddens sold the Hagerman ranch, but the new owners will lease out a portion of it year-to-year as an equestrian training center. "We wanted to try to experience at least one more new chapter in our lives before the lights go out."

The last chapter has been a long one — the McFaddens, with their four young children, moved to Billingsley Creek Ranch in 1970. The children's projects for 4-H soon led to faster rodeo horses. As the children graduated and moved away, rodeo horses led to motorcycles.

"I don't know if it's good luck or bad luck, but we were successful," McFadden said. Anyone who gets into horse racing wants to win a race, he noted. Achieving that goal quickly, soon McFadden set higher and higher goals for the ranch's growing stables. His horses won stake races, won graded stake

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To hear Donnie McFadden talk about his decades raising racehorses in Hagerman, and to see photos of the auction at Billingsley Creek Ranch, visit magicvalley.com

aces. Then came Buddy Gil.

Raised in Idaho from 45 days old, the colt grew into a promising 2-year-old that looked set to bring the roses home to a state that had never seen a Kentucky Derby runner. Though a late break out of the gate put him 13 lengths behind the pack, the horse finished sixth out of a crowded field of 16. And this with bone chips in his leg.

At the time, McFadden saw Buddy Gil's failure to show at the Derby as a blessing in disguise, because it took the pressure off the horse to compete in the Preakness and Belmont graded stake races that comprise the Triple Crown. Instead of running those races and potentially injuring himself further, Buddy Gil had surgery to remove the bone chips. McFadden told the



Donnie McFadden, owner of Billingsley Creek Ranch, talks about his foundling mare horse's look. Adder as she is led around the showing area in front of a barn full of people at a dispersal auction Aug. 18 outside of Hagerman. The mare was not for sale.



Buddy Gil, the only horse from Idaho to run the Kentucky Derby, is paraded in front of auction-goers at Billingsley Creek Ranch in Hagerman. Buddy Gil was not up for sale.

Times-News in 2003 that he hoped to run the horse in prestigious races on the East Coast and in the United Arab Emirates after the surgery.

"As I look back at that, I maybe made the wrong decision; he was right at the top of his game then," McFadden said last week. "Thinking these bone chips out really didn't have the desired effect we'd hoped for to prolong his career."

Though Buddy Gil ran about five races as a 3-year-old and another three races as a 6-year-old, he needed additional surgery. McFadden and Buddy Gil's other four owners realized they were risk-

ing the horse's health by continuing to run him. Buddy Gil now spends his days chewing the scenery in Hagerman.

"He still wants to be a racehorse, but his legs won't let him," said Charlie Johnson, one of the horse's owners, who came to the auction to support McFadden. Unlike some famous races, however, Buddy Gil won't be siring any competitors, Johnson said with a chuckle. "He's a gelding, so he's fairly focused on eating grass."

The moment that put Idaho in the spotlight with Buddy Gil is still remembered fondly by area residents. At the Snake River Grill in

downtown Hagerman, for example, photos of the horse grace a back wall, and McFadden has a scrapbook full of photos of the town's decorated storefronts on the day of the race in 2003.

"It was great, saying, 'Good luck,' 'Come back a winner,'" McFadden said. "He did have a very good following."

On Aug. 16, fans of horse racing in southern Idaho had a chance to see Buddy Gil strut his stuff at a final public appearance at Billingsley Creek Ranch.

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Genuine Risk, growing old gracefully

By Arisano Aryanor
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In 1980, Genuine Risk won the Kentucky Derby and went on to place second in the Preakness and Belmont Stakes, falling short of the Triple Crown but gaining legions of admirers.

Soon after, a knee injury forced the 3-year-old chestnut filly to retire. Today, she leads a relatively quiet existence at Newstead Farm, a 400-acre expanse of rolling fields in pastoral Upperville, Va., owned by Bert and Diana Firestone.

In June, thousands of spectators descended on the farm to catch a glimpse of the horse, who turned 30 this year and is

the oldest living Derby winner. She is the highlight of the Hunt Country Stable Tour, a self-guided drive through Loudoun County horse country that benefits Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville.

The tour's celebrity enjoys munching on peppermint candies and Tic Tacs from her handler, John "Buck" Moore.

Genuine Risk was purchased as a yearling in 1978 by the Firestones, who operated Catoctin Stud Farm in nearby Waterford before buying Newstead in 1991. The horse raced in 1979, 1980 and 1981 before getting loose one day at the Belmont Park track in New York and crashing her knee into a fire hydrant.

"She was being treated but never got back to her superior condition," said Richard Pappalardo, chief financial officer for Newstead Farm.

The mare was bred in 1982 to Secretariat, the 1973 Triple Crown winner considered by some the greatest racehorse of all time.

"That was the first time in history a Derby winner was bred to a Derby winner," Pappalardo said. But the foal was stillborn. Other attempts to breed Genuine Risk with Secretariat failed.

The mare produced two foals with other horses — Genuine Reward in 1993 and Count Our Blessing in 1996 — but neither ever raced.

"It would have been nice to have a filly out of her, to build on what she did," said Moore, the mare's handler for 27 years.

Despite limited mobility in her front left knee because of the injury, Genuine Risk looks, and acts, like she did when she was younger, Moore said.

"Sometimes she and I will get in an argument. She wants to do one thing, I want to do another. I swear it's like talking to a person," Moore said. "She's got that woman thing. She'll keep nudging at you until you do it."

Genuine Risk was one of three fillies to win the Derby and was inducted in 1986 into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.



At age 30, Genuine Risk is the oldest living Kentucky Derby winner and the center of attention at Newstead Farm in Upperville, Va. She won the Derby in 1980 and is one of just three fillies to win the prestigious race. She still acts like a younger mare, says her handler, John "Buck" Moore.

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Ranch hand KayLynn Franke led him in a circle in front of the crowd gathered to bid on the farm's other horses, while McFadden described how the horse had made his dreams come true.

"As most of you know, Buddy Gil is the biggest thrill that ever happened to us and to lots of people in southern Idaho," McFadden said into his announcer's mike. "As we leave this industry, we feel like we've been a success thanks to 'Buddy'."

The other horses from Billingsley Creek Ranch are no slackers, though, with the quarter horses raised earning \$4.8 million and the thoroughbreds earning \$12.3 million. A more who was spared sale at one of the farm's early auctions, Here's Lookin' At Ernie, proved size was worth her oats by providing the foundation for a line of horses that has raced well and is well-regarded. Like Buddy Gil, Here's Lookin' At Ernie was not sold at the August auction.

Though in its heyday the ranch boasted 200 horses, only 73 remained to be auctioned on Aug. 18. They were sold for an average of \$7,000 each, to buyers from the western U.S. and Canada.

"I had hoped in my own mind that our horses would average \$5,000, but I had prepared myself that they may only average \$3,000," McFadden said after the auction. He attributes the high auction earnings to a reputation for quality horses that he built up over 37 years. "That's all you have to go on, is your reputation."

Though many horses lighter, Billingsley Creek Ranch won't be entirely empty of hoofbeats and whinnying.

The ranch's new owners agreed to a year-to-year lease of 100 acres of the ranch — which totals more than 700 acres — to Franke and her husband, Mike, who will operate an equestrian training center of bills. They will offer boarding, breaking, training, feeding and sales and repair services to a clientele they expect to be mainly from southern Idaho, focused on both racing and riding.

"It was exciting for me to get out on my own feet, so to speak," Franke said. She worked on the ranch for five years under the McFaddens and anticipates at least that many years of cooperation with the ranch's new owners. "With the relationship we have with the new managers, it looks like it could be for a long time to come."

Buddy Gil will continue to live on that portion of the ranch until the lease agreement expires or he dies. If the lease is up first, he may go to California to live near his old owners.

Though McFadden declined to disclose the name of the ranch's new owners or the purchase price, he said he was pleased with their plans for the property, which sold in March after six months on the market.

"Neither my wife nor I wanted to sell to a real estate developer," he said. McFadden said the new owners — two brothers and their families from Jacksonville, Fla. — told him they plan to restore the mile of Billingsley Creek that runs through the property and to



A future racehorse takes a nap on her dam in a barn prepared for auction on the afternoon of Aug. 18 at Billingsley Creek Ranch in Hagerman.



Donnie McFadden, left, owner of Billingsley Creek Ranch, talks with friends Charlie Johnson, center, and Tom Orlett, both of California, on the day of the ranch auction. The friends said they came up to support McFadden, who moved to Ennis, Mont., following the sale of the Hagerman ranch.

use it as a retreat for their families and friends. "It's going to be a beautiful piece of property. I would think the people of Hagerman would be very appreciative these new owners are the type of people they are."

For the McFaddens, leaving the people and landscape of southern Idaho has been difficult.

"We loved our 37 years in Hagerman. I thought it was the perfect-sized community to raise children in," McFadden said.

The dispersal auction was so

emotional that McFadden's wife didn't attend, and he said she cried from Hagerman to Burley as they drove to their new home. A granddaughter lives in Halley, however, so the McFaddens know they'll be back to visit.

"It's a bittersweet moment for us."

Buddy Gil's connection to 'Seabiscuit'

In the months before the 2003 Kentucky Derby, anticipation was high that the horse Abwehrmalkobout would win the Santa Anita Derby, cementing his place at the starting gate in Kentucky. His loss to Idaho's Buddy Gil disappointed Abwehrmalkobout's part owners — three Hollywood power players connected to the then-forthcoming horse racing movie "Seabiscuit" including Steven Spielberg and his wife, Kate Capshaw — and put an end to one cinematic tale. But Buddy Gil had "Seabiscuit" connections of his own. He was ridden in the race by Gary Stevens, who played Seabiscuit's jockey, George Woolf in the movie.

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All horses and ponies have a parasite burden, and therefore treatment is periodically needed throughout the horse or pony's life. Removing droppings regularly from the horse's stall, shed or field helps to reduce the number of worms, but they probably cannot be eliminated altogether.

Many modern horse owners commonly worm every 8-12 weeks depending on local conditions and veterinary recommendation. Some wormers can be fed in daily feed, but this type of wormer must be fed every day consistently in order to be effective. Drug resistance is an ongoing concern, as parasites adapt to various drugs over time. To reduce the frequency of worming, some horse owners have manure samples tested for the presence of parasite eggs and worm only when the count gets high enough. However, this method is not entirely reliable, as the parasite load varies somewhat with the seasons, and some parasites (such as bots) may not show up in a fecal egg count at all.

Wormers come in several forms, including pastes, gels, powders, and granules or pellets. Pastes and granules normally come in single-dose packaging, and the wormer is normally mixed in with the horse's feed. Pastes and gels normally come in a plastic syringe which is inserted in the side of the horse's mouth and used to squirt the wormer onto the back of the horse's tongue.

There are several different brands of wormer, using different types of active chemical — which in turn kill different types of parasites. It is sometimes necessary to use a specific wormer at a certain time of year, depending on the life cycle of the parasites involved. Many horse owners rotate wormers during the year, using different brands or formulations with different active chemicals, to combat drug-resistant parasites. Active chemicals found in different wormers Ivermectin, Fenbendazole, Moxidectin, Praziquantel Pyrantel, Moxidectazole, Oxtendazole.

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DEQ confirms cap-and-trade on agenda

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some might say David Barney is a paradox.

He made his living in coal plants, working 35 years in the industry.

Then he moved to Idaho and led a grass-roots movement to keep a coal-fired power plant out of Magic Valley.

Why? "Idaho is really weak on monitoring and regulating," he said. "And I've seen what can happen."

That's why Barney said he's concerned about an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality board meeting Thursday in Twin Falls. On the agenda for discussion: a federal mercury cap-and-trade program that could open the door for coal-fired energy production in Idaho and lead to a bitter debate this legislative session.

Barney helped lead a movement to block the Sempra plant, a proposed \$1.4 billion, 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Jerome County, which resulted in a two-year moratorium on coal-fired plants from the Legislature and an executive order from then-Gov. Jim Risch to keep Idaho out of the federal cap-and-trade program.

But the DEQ could urge the Legislature to opt in when the moratorium expires in April. Environmental groups and Democrats say Thursday's meeting may be the first move toward that recommendation.

"It's a dangerous step," said state Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum. He said it's likely any coal plant that opened in Idaho would sell its energy out of state, like Sempra proposed to do.

"If we have no mercury in the state currently, why would we want someone else's?" he asked.

The cap-and-trade program limits the amount of mercury each state can emit but allows states below the cap to trade their emissions allowances to other states.

Stennett, who predicts a bitter debate over the program this legislative session, said he's not inherently opposed to coal production. But like Barney, he's concerned Idaho isn't ready to regulate the industry.

Democrats pushed for a provision in a recently adopted state energy plan that would have established a state siting team — a group of local and government agency representatives that would approve or deny individual proposals. That provision was excluded from the draft that was adopted.

T.F. City Council approves 2007 budget

Budget includes 4.9 percent increase for city employees

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council chamber was silent Monday afternoon when city officials sought public comment on next year's budget.

"That's because there were no members of the public in attendance." "I think the public must trust us because this isn't exactly one of our largest turnouts," said Mayor Lance Clow humorously.

The Twin Falls City Council approved the city budget for fiscal year 2007, which includes a nearly 5 percent increase in the net budget compared to last year.

Tom Courtney, city manager, said the

budget increases will help the city address issues such as high employee turnover and funding for small- to medium-sized capital projects.

The budget included a 6 percent increase in funds for performance pay and employee retention, which city officials hope will curb turnover.

Over the last two years, the city has hired about 90 people to replace outgoing employees.

Many former employees left the city to work for other employers, according to Courtney.

"That has really concerned me," said Twin Falls City Councilman Don Hall, regarding the city's employee turnover. "Twin Falls has seen our edge slowly slip away in the past few

years, and now I'm hearing that smaller departments are even paying a little more than what we are."

Besides employee retention, the budget also included a 10 percent increase in water rates, generating an additional \$320,000, and a 15 percent increase in sewer rates, increasing the \$2 million Wastewater Fund by more than \$520,000.

Courtney said additional revenues would be used to upgrade the city's water system to meet compliance requirements and accommodate growth in Twin Falls.

The budget also included: • An increase of 84 cents per month in sanitation rates to fund the replacement of street sweeping equipment

over a 5-year period. • A 2 percent increase in Idaho Power franchise fees, generating an additional \$500,000 for improvements to street systems.

"In creating the budget we have focused on our objectives to maintain services and make continued progress toward (the city's) strategic plan," Courtney said.

Unrelated news: The City Council approved a one-year extension to the North Haven PID agreement to allow developers more time to submit plans for development near the site of the future hospital and high school.

The City Council also approved "The Twins" statue, which will be placed on the Canyon Rim Trail as part of the Art in Public Places Initiative.

New students take flight



Beth Olmstead, principal of Lincoln Elementary School, gathers school children into lines before they load onto their buses Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.

School opens in Twin Falls School District

By David Cooper
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's called the kindergarten hand-off — that moment when a first-time student leaves the nurturing clutches of Mom and Dad.

Five- and six-year-old children wander timidly into the bustling halls of an elementary school. Parents come along for the moment, a child's hand in one hand; a digital camera in the other. They prepare to capture the moment when their child leaves the family nest to take flight in the classroom.

For Lincoln Elementary Principal Beth Olmstead, it's a moment as golden as graduation.

Olmstead and principals around Twin Falls School District watched Monday as a

new class of kindergartners joined other students for the first day of school.

Olmstead cited educational specialists who tell parents to relish the first day of a child's public school experience just as much as the pomp and circumstance of a teenager's last.

"Instead of celebrating graduation you should have a bigger celebration with the starting of school. That is kind of what happens here," she said.

Last year's first day of school unfolded with a fair dose of excitement for All Remyaley, a Lincoln Elementary kindergarten teacher, when a new kindergartner accidentally pulled a fire alarm.

This year's drama, with 21 students in her class, was of the tamer sort.

"We always read a story

about a raccoon going to school for the first day," Remyaley said. "The strategy is, hopefully, to make the kids feel at ease in being here, and making the parents feel at ease in leaving kids with us."

Lincoln is the only school in the Twin Falls district that has full-day kindergarten. Other schools in the district go in morning or afternoon shifts.

Like many families, Adam Torriero and his wife Mary began preparations for the first day of school only in August, with shopping trips for school supplies. By the time the first day rolls around, the children are all afluster with the chance to start a new year.

"One was excited and one was nervous," Adam Torriero said of their third- and first-

grade students at Sawtooth Elementary. "We already knew the third-grade teacher since our older child had had the same teacher before."

The all-day kindergarten experiment was more bitter-sweet for Jude Markel, a single father of three children at Lincoln. Apparently the preparation paid off.

"It was pretty nice, she was really strong," said Markel of his daughter. "She said to me, 'You can let go now dad.'"

"I think the last one's always the hardest, because you know you're not going to do it again. It's the hard part of letting go. But it's worth it in the long run."

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Positive tests for West Nile increase

Four more samples show virus activity

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County found four of the 60 preventive West Nile Virus mosquito traps positive with the virus and, as summer winds down, has spent about half the \$90,000 set aside in June.

Three of the four positive samples were found on organic farms, including Commissioner Terry Krammer in early July, said Kull Van Leeuwen, the county's weed and pest control superintendent. The other trap was found in The Willows Subdivision north of Kimberly.

Krammer said the pest problem is "absolutely" in his backyard since West Nile is more common in the western part of the county than the eastern part, where black flies are more common than mosquitoes.

"I went out and bought a mosquito zapper at Costco, that's how I reacted," Krammer said. The commissioners met with Van Leeuwen for a quarterly update on the department. "I was grateful they found the mosquitoes."

According to figures from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, only one human case of West Nile has been found in Twin Falls County this year. In 2006, 39 cases were reported to the state agency.

"I was grateful they found the mosquitoes and Van Leeuwen has due to \$90,000 the commissioners set aside for treatment this year. She said she is confident there won't be many more pests as temperatures cool at night and the insects tend to subside in August."

The county set traps where mosquitoes gather, such as ponds, as well as sites requested by county residents. Van Leeuwen said the county has never turned anyone down. They set five

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CSI seeks volunteers for program that matches mentors with children of inmates

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is seeking 10 community volunteers from Twin Falls County over the age of 55 to serve as mentors for the Amachi Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program.

Amachi is a Philadelphia-based program that matches volunteer mentors with children of prisoner inmates. Amachi has implemented a build-buyer partnership that brings support from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley, the

Corporation for National and Community Service, the CSI Office on Aging Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Region V Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Twin Falls Sheriff's Office, Twin Falls Police Department, Idaho Legal Aid Services, Twin Falls School District and local churches.

The program recruits volunteers locally and expects the volunteers to spend a minimum of one hour per week with a child for a period of one year. It works with young people ages 4 through 18 who have one or both parents incarcerated.

Would-be mentors will go through

a thorough screening process that includes a criminal background check, a personal interview and interviews with three character references.

After a volunteer has gone through the process, mentors are matched with children who have also been screened and identified as having specific interests such as sports, music, farming, gardening, car repair, etc.

Mentors are trained to focus on maintaining a specific role in a child's life, meaning they provide moral support and positive activities but are not expected to provide serv-

ices such as employment counseling for the non-inmate parent.

The AMACHI Mentoring Program is finding a home in many cities nationwide because it taps into the larger social justice issue of high incarceration rates and the children who are left at home when a parent is jailed, said Ken Whiting, AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer with the Office on Aging Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at CSI.

In Twin Falls and Jerome counties alone, there are 533 prison inmates presently serving time in the state prison system and an estimated 620

children who are affected by a parent or parents' incarceration, he said.

To apply to be an RSVP mentor for a child of a prisoner, volunteers must be over the age of 55, must reside in Twin Falls County, must agree to a background check, agree to volunteer a minimum of one hour, each week for a minimum of one year and be willing to have fun and enjoy the company and friendship that will develop.

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William 'Bill' Henry Von Bergen

TWIN FALLS — William "Bill" Henry Von Bergen, 90, passed away Aug. 24, 2007, at B ridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. William was born April 15, 1917, in Casey, Iowa, to William Charles and A. J. C. n. s. (Richards) Von Bergen. His father died from cancer two months before William was born. He had two older sisters, Mildred and Alice. Bill graduated from Casey High School in 1934, where he lettered in all sports. Immediately following graduation, he joined the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC), where he spent four years. Upon finishing duties in the CCC, Bill moved to Shenandoah, Iowa, where he met and married Anita Kinney. Together they had three children, Mickey Von Bergen of Madison, Wis., Becki Von Bergen Walther of San Diego, Calif., and William Allan Von Bergen of Sacramento, Calif. He also served in the Army as a medic.



Bill enjoyed playing cards, going to horse races and gardening. He and Anita were married 67 years. They were members of the First United Methodist Church. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; and his sisters, Mabel (Von Bergen) Knodle and Mildred Rupert. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, followed by a reception. Interment will be in Casey, Iowa, on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Bill moved to Shenandoah, Iowa, where he met and married Anita Kinney. Together they had three children, Mickey Von Bergen of Madison, Wis., Becki Von Bergen Walther of San Diego, Calif., and William Allan Von Bergen of Sacramento, Calif. He also served in the Army as a medic. Bill was initially employed at a chicken hatchery and went on to do seed research and production, moving the family to Ames, Iowa. In Ames, Bill began his career in seed research, primarily involved with sweet corn. In 1956, he transferred to Ontario, Ore. Two years later, he was moved to Gilroy, Calif., where he was employed by the Seed Specialists Research Company. In 1970, Bill was transferred to Twin Falls, Idaho, to work in bean stock seed. He retired in 1980, Bill and Anita continued out their retirement in Twin Falls. Bill was most proud of his family. His first son, Mickey, is the father of triplets. His daughter, Becki, had two sons and a daughter. Their third child, William "Allen," has three boys, one girl and a stepson.

Vera Pauline Chandler

FILED — Vera Pauline Chandler, age 82, of Filer and lifelong resident of the Magic Valley, passed away Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center. She was the eighth of eight children born to Norton M. and Katherine B. Waddell. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing and making book quilts. Vera worked for 21 years at the State Liquor Store in Filer. She is survived by her son,

Lynn E. (Karen) Chandler of Filer; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Vera is preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and three sisters.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Filer Cemetery, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Family will greet friends from 6 until 8:00 p.m. Aug. 28, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

SERVICES

Rafael Garcia of Chandler, Ariz., and formerly of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Jed Calton Smith of Castleford, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Burley; viewing one hour before the service today at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley).

Richard Lloyd "Dick" Falconburg of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1342 S. Lincoln in Jerome; friends may call one hour before the service at the chapel.

James B. Wood of Twin Falls, memorial service at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Park's

Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road; viewing from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

James Randall "Jim" Borden of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

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

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

DEATH NOTICES

Roderick M. Weigt

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

A graveside memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Jerome Cemetery, 300 W. Ave. 1 in Jerome, with the Snake River Elks officiating. The family suggests memorials be made in Blackie's name to the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, 600 N. Robbins Road, Boise, ID 83702.

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83339.

Harry R. Jackson

HAILEY — Harry Robert "Boo" Jackson, 81, of Hailey, died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, at his home following a long illness.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Hailey Cemetery, with graveside rites performed by the Hailey Masonic Lodge AF and AM, and military rites by the American Legion. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

O. John Nye

ELBA — O. John Nye, 100, of Elba, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at the Elba LDS Ward Chapel, with Bishop Carl Boden officiating. Burial

will be in the Grandview Cemetery in Elba. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Lillian F. Tuma

KIMBERLY Lillian Fay Tuma, 73, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

A graveside service will be held Sept. 7 at the Dry Creek Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Dorothy Young

TWIN FALLS — Dorothy Young, 89, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at her home.

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

Ruth M. Dorman

JEROME — Ruth M. Ulrich Dorman, 60, of Jerome, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Luwana Halverson

JEROME — Luwana Halverson, 86, of Jerome, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

4-H members help prepare fairgrounds

CAREY — On July 28, more than 60 4-H members, leaders and fair board members arrived at the Carey Fairgrounds to prepare for the Blaine County Fair, which was held Aug. 6-11. The large covered show arena was completed in May by Peterson Construction of Twin Falls. The grounds were groomed for events happening at the fair, including the 4-H animal shows, the box car drive-in movie, entertainment and the buyer's luncheon.

Their theme for the fair was "Showing Our 4-H Pride," a true statement, as youths picked up rocks and tumbled dirt to make the site safe and well groomed. Once the top layer had been prepared, Lawrence Edwards brought in a loader to move dirt and Jayne Bailey followed with a small disc to level and pack the surface.

Several youths remained behind to pick up newly uncovered rocks and hand rake hard to get areas. After several hours, the sprinkler was placed in the center to let the grass recover and fair members also cleaned and planted flower beds.

Backyard Bash raises funds for Rupert Theatre

RUPERT — Robert and Diane Newman's annual Backyard Bash was an evening of local entertainment and a great fund-raiser raised \$10,000 for the Historic Wilson Building & Theatre.

"This is the fifth year Newman's have raised money for the Wilson Theatre with a fund-raiser with 180 people who enjoy the arts and entertain-



Fair Ambassadors clean and plant a flower bed in front of the 4-H building at the Carey Fairgrounds. Pictured in the foreground is Catrena Pepporn. In the back: Emily Andrews, Paige Koudelka, Glen Andrews, Janet Koudelka, Salvador Ruiz, Fidel Ruiz, Shelby Hansen, Jayce Koudelka, Alec Alberdi and Austen Alberdi.

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"An evening at the Backyard Bash is like a view into the future of the talent that can be showcased in the Wilson Theatre," Jackson said. "It shows there is a real need for a place like the theatre. There is a lot of talent in the Mini-Cassia area."

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involving tribal, state and local police.

The arrests stem from a series of federal indictments earlier this month, accusing the defendants of selling crack cocaine, and in some cases, within 1,000 feet of an elementary school.

"There is no indication they were trying to sell to school children," said Jean

McNeil, spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Boise.

"It's just that the drug house in question was located quite close to the school."

The raid targeting the reservation took place early Thursday, but authorities released few details because the judge had sealed the indictments.

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Six plead innocent to drug charges

LAPWAI (AP) — Federal prosecutors say six individuals arrested in a drug raid on the Nez Perce Reservation have pleaded not guilty to charges of selling crack cocaine.

Prosecutors say at least two more people have agreed to turn themselves in to federal authorities this week as part of a lengthy investigation

Judge prevents Hawaii Superferry from using port

HONOLULU (AP) — A state judge Monday issued a temporary restraining order preventing the Hawaii Superferry from using Maui's Kahului Harbor. Circuit Judge Joseph E. Cardozo granted environmentalists' request to ground Hawaii's first passenger-vehicle ferry service, hours after it completed its second daily run to Maui. The request does not affect ports on Oahu or Kauai.

The environmentalists argued that the ferry's plan to ply 400 miles of Hawaii waters each day endangers whales, threatens to spread invasive species and worsen traffic and pollution.

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St. Luke's, Sen. Crapo host health screening

TWIN FALLS — St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Sen. Mike Crapo, in partnership with St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, are hosting health screening and mammography activities from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Merchant Building 3 during the Twin Falls County Fair.

Daily activities include blood pressure checks from 1 to 7 p.m., information on hand hygiene and women can schedule mammograms at the 900 Women table in the booth.

Featured events include the following:

- **Sen. Mike Crapo prostate cancer screening** — prostate screenings will be offered from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday only. The screening is free and includes a blood draw and physician exam (both are required).
- **Hospital construction update** — view renderings of the new hospital and hear the most current information

from experts from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

- **Tough Enough to Wear Pink** night at the Magic Valley Stadium — Thursday; gates open at 6 p.m.; rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. Wear pink to show support to breast cancer awareness and honor breast cancer survivors. Rodeo contestants who win their event wearing pink will receive \$125 added money. Official Tough Enough to Wear Pink western wear is available at D&B Supply in Twin Falls and some in portion of the price benefits the 900 Women mammography campaign. All other proceeds from the event, including the silent auction for 15000 in portion of the price benefits the 900 Women mammography campaign.
- **5-A-Day Taster's Table** — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday through Monday; sample healthy recipes and learn tips to prevent disease through nutrition. Presented by St. Luke's Clinical Nutrition.

Suspect was linked to killing 25 years ago

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — DNA evidence has linked Wesley Allen Tuttle, a murderer serving time in Utah, to the death of a 14-year-old Idaho girl — 25 years after detectives dismissed him as a potential suspect, Ada County Sheriff Gary Raney said Monday.

On Nov. 11, 1982, one day after Lisa Chambers vanished while walking to school, investigators received a tip from woman who said she had seen Tuttle's truck parked along a road near where Chambers had been trying to help an injured puppy.

The spot, by the Western Idaho Fairgrounds, was a few miles from the cornfield

where Chambers was found that Thanksgiving, sexually assaulted and strangled with her shoelace. Though the girl's route to school passed Tuttle's neighborhood and Tuttle had recently been released from prison, detectives dismissed the tip as implausible because Tuttle had no connection to her family and because he had been seen so far from where her body was discovered, Raney said. It isn't known whether detectives interviewed him at the time.

"The location wasn't right. He had no ties to the family. They went on to look at other leads," Raney told reporters at a news conference. "We didn't have the resources that we have in 2007."

Less than a year later,

Tuttle, then working as a long-haul trucker, came upon 21-year-old Sydney Anne Merrick standing beside her overheated car along a Utah highway. He gave her a tow, then stabbed her to death and left her body in her car, according to a Salt Lake City Tribune account of the crime.

Tuttle, 55, is serving up to life in prison for Merrick's killing; he is next eligible for parole in 2009. His saliva, entered into an FBI database, matched evidence collected from Chambers' underwear, investigators said.

It will be about two months before results of a separate, more accurate DNA blood test have been analyzed, Raney said.

The tip would no longer be

valid in a court, because the woman who reported it suffers from dementia, Raney said.

That's one reason Raney called Monday's press conference. Though it's been 25 years since Chambers died — the rural area where she once lived is now a busy shopping mall — he's hoping somebody who may have spotted her or Tuttle that morning will step forward and help detectives build their case.

Tuttle provided little information when detectives recently interviewed him in prison in Draper, Utah, Raney said.

Authorities who helped investigate Chambers' slaying in 1982 said it struck a chord in the community, prompting many tips.

CSI center in Hailey to open

HAILEY — Due to the Blaine County closures and evacuations that have been made necessary by the wildfires, the Blaine County Center of the College of Southern Idaho in Hailey will delay the start of its fall semester until at least Wednesday.







CSI President Jerry Beck and Executive Vice President Clauden Buetner said the plan right now is to open the

CSI Blaine County Center on Wednesday but said they will monitor the situation in the Wood River Valley today to determine the exact date that classes will begin.

The closure of CSI's Hailey center does not affect the AD 27 start of the fall semester at the main campus in Twin Falls or at CSI's other centers in Gooding or Burley.

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Official: Action must be taken on grouse

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The federal government must take immediate action to conserve shrinking sage grouse populations — even as questions remain over the cause of the bird's decline, an Interior Department official said Monday.

In recent months, the Interior Department tight-

ened oversight of some new oil and gas activity in Wyoming and Montana in a bid to slow development in areas with high numbers of sage grouse. That came despite questions raised by industry representatives who argue evidence linking sage grouse declines to drilling are inconclusive.

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Under current law, it's up to county commissioners to approve coal siting, should the Legislature opt Idaho into the federal program.

An executive order from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter could also put Idaho in the program, but Jon Hanlan, Otter's press secretary, said that's unlikely. "We're kind of taking a wait-and-see approach," he said. "He wants some more information on how this program works or how it doesn't work."

Same with Idaho Power Co., the state's largest utility. "This is an issue for the state," said

company spokesman Dennis Lopez. "We'll just wait and see what happens."

So all eyes turn to the DEQ board, which is scheduled to hear presentations Thursday about how the program works in other states.

The public is invited to attend the meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd., which begins with a 30-minute public-comment period at 9 a.m.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers the environment. He welcomes comments at 735-3204 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.

Virus

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traps a night several times a week. If mosquitoes are still present several weeks later, they repeat the test.

The money was spent to curb black fly breeding on the four bridges in eastern Twin Falls County; to make sure the chemicals to combat black flies and mosquitoes last beyond July and for five "season" workers to combat black fly and mosquitoes.

Those workers have left and Van Leeuwen said she and one other worker will close out the season.

The largest trap, caught 1,400 mosquitoes and the smallest — at former commissioner Bill Brockman's home — resulted in just one mosquito, Van Leeuwen said.

The commissioners, in declaring an emergency to battle a pesky insect problem, authorized the formation of an abatement district without voters' consent.

The move created a temporary tax district that could increase control of insects using funds from the county budget, which would be reimbursed next year by a tax increase. County residents will vote in 2009 whether to

make the district permanent.

Twin Falls was the first county to take advantage of the recent state law approved by the 2007 Legislature, several months after Idaho recorded a nation-high 996 cases.

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AROUND THE WORLD

GREECE

Helicopters sent to save villagers from wildfires

ATHENS, Greece — Firefighters rushed helicopters and buses Monday to evacuate more than two dozen villages threatened by towering walls of flames that had killed 63 people while ravaging swaths of forest and farmland in Greece's worst wildfire disaster in memory.

Four days of devastating blazes from the northern border with Albania to the southern island of Crete unnerved and angered Greeks, drawing strong criticism of the government's response and setting of widespread suspicions and finger-pointing.

The government, which declares state of emergency, implied the destruction could be part of an orchestrated campaign of arson. But environmental experts expressed skepticism.

People used garden hoses, buckets, tin cans and branches in desperation — and sometimes futile — attempts to beat back flames and save their homes and livelihoods.

Frightened people called television stations pleading for help from the beleaguered fire service, and helicopters or vehicles were sent to several villages to evacuate threatened residents, although some insisted on staying to fight the flames.

WASHINGTON

Survey finds high asthma rates among 9/11 workers

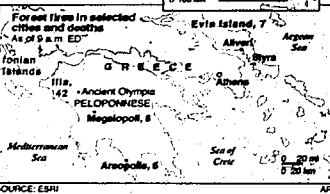
A new survey of Sept. 11-related illnesses has found an alarming increase in asthma — 12 times higher than normal — among those who toiled on the toxic debris piles of ground zero.

The study was released Monday by the New York City Department of Health, based on responses gathered by the World Trade Center Health Registry.

The data show 3.6 percent of the 25,000 rescue and recovery workers in the registry reported developing asthma after working at the site — more than 12 times the expected figure for adults over a similar time period.

Ongoing fires scorch villages and farms

At least 63 deaths were reported throughout Greece as wildfires continued Monday. Flames were driven back from Athens and Ancient Olympia but other areas were ablaze.



"The risk was significantly elevated for fire and rescue workers, medical workers, and police and military personnel compared to volunteers," according to the study published in the journal Environmental Health Perspectives.

Firefighters, police officers, construction workers and volunteers swarmed to the site immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. While most of them were from North York, hundreds or more came from across the country to help in the moment of national crisis.

NEW YORK

Study: Treating pregnant women cuts obesity risk

A new, large study suggests that treating women who develop diabetes during pregnancy greatly reduces the chances that their baby will become obese during childhood.

The research found that the higher the mother's blood sugar levels, the greater the child's risk of being obese by age 5 to 7, even if the mother wasn't diagnosed with diabetes.

Untreated high blood sugar nearly doubled the child's risk of becoming overweight or obese, said the study's lead author, Dr. Teresa Hillier of Kaiser Permanente's Center for Health Research in Portland, Ore.

"That higher risk disappeared, however, when

women with diabetes followed a special diet, exercised or were given insulin. Their children had about the same risk of becoming obese as those whose mothers had normal blood sugar, the researchers found.

"The important message is that the risk of child obesity related to gestational diabetes is potentially reversible," said Hillier, adding that high blood sugar during pregnancy is contributing to the nation's epidemic of childhood obesity.

CHINA

Officials blame problems on varying safety standards

BEIJING — Faulty American designs and conflicting global standards for safety are at the root of the mass recalls of Chinese-made toys by Mattel Inc., a top quality official said Monday.

Defending the overall quality of Chinese workmanship, Li Changliang, director of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, said recent export problems stemmed from "different standards that China and the United States apply to different products."

"That would lead to difficulty in defining whether a product is problematic," Li added at a news conference without elaborating.

His comments were the latest in China's effort to show it is striving to overcome safety

manufacturer. But continuing discoveries of high levels of chemicals and toxins in Chinese goods — from toothpaste and clothes to fish and juice — are making that an uphill task.

This month, Mattel, the world's largest toy maker, recalled almost 19 million Chinese-made dolls, cars and action figures because they were contaminated with lead paint or contained small, powerful magnets that could damage a child's organs if swallowed.

About 85 percent were directly designed by the American company and produced according to requirements of the American importer," Li said of the toys.

"I personally have seen some of the toys. There are serious problems in their design, so they are highly dangerous for children. These types of toys would be recalled in any country."

IRAQ

Sunni politicians express doubts about political deal

BAGHDAD — Sunni politi-

cians applauded goals set down in an agreement hammered out by the country's top leaders under intense American pressure. But expressed doubt Monday that the U.S.-backed prime minister would actually see them through.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and four other senior leaders declared Sunday they had reached a consensus on a number of issues, including freeing detainees held without charge, easing the ban on former Saddam Hussein supporters in government posts, regulating the oil industry and holding provincial elections.

No details were released, and most measures require parliamentary approval.

Monday. At least 18 people were injured.

"This town is a mess. This town is a disaster," said Kevin Dean, a spokesman for the town's emergency operations center. "There's virtually nothing ... that hasn't been damaged."

The roof was torn off the town's school and water was inside the classrooms. Monday was supposed to be the first day of classes for the school year, but classes were canceled for the week.

Residents of the town's health center, which includes a small hospital and a 77-bed nursing home, were roused into corridors before the storm struck and none was injured.

— wire reports

NORTH DAKOTA

Tornado kills 1 man, wrecks havoc on small town

NORTHWOOD, N.D. — A tornado destroyed two mobile home parks, killing one person, and blew out windows in homes and buildings across the town, officials said

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