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FIRE ON BALD MOUNTAIN



The Castle Rock fire rages Tuesday afternoon on Guyer Ridge just behind ski runs on Bald Mountain as men work on a new home. A mandatory evacuation was called for people living in the area of Warm Springs Road.

More resources devoted to save Lower Board Ranch

By Cass Friedman and Matt Christensen
 Times-News writers

KETCHUM — Officials battling the Castle Rock fire Tuesday evening expected the fire to reach the top of Bald Mountain.

"They hoped the blaze, which by evening had crawled over a ridge and down the slope above Lower Board Ranch, would not reach the community below or spread sideways across the mountain into the ski resort above Warm Springs Day Lodge.

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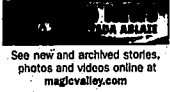
Fire managers directed more resources to the area Tuesday, where back burning began at 5:45 p.m. parallel with a line of fire retardant dropped by helicopters.

The fire's intensity will likely lessen when it reaches the ridge of Bald Mountain, officials said. But 25 mph gusts from the southwest carried embers down the slope descending into the Lower Board Ranch. Spot fires formed within a half-mile of the neighborhood with some flames reaching 120-feet high.

At least two firefighting divisions need to remove flammable debris near homes and patrolled for embers landing in



A helicopter drops fire retardant on ski slopes on the Warm Springs side of Bald Mountain Tuesday as the Castle Rock fire threatened the ski hill and homes on Warm Springs Road.



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crowds prepare for embers to strike the Lower Board Ranch.

"If a home's not pretreated, do you really want to put all your efforts into it or protect five (homes) that are pre-treated? If you focus on one non-pretreated home, you could lose the other five," Filbert said.

The home that sits at the end of a cul-de-sac and farthest west in the newly evacuated area belongs to Bill and Susan Hoehn, whose home is situated almost directly below the line of fire retardant aimed at keeping

the fire off the ski runs.

The Hoehn family, who use the 360 Lloyd Court house as a second home, live in California where Bill Hoehn owns several car dealerships.

The couple had their property management firm remove some expensive art from their walls, some antiques and bicycles. The couple is not very scared, said their property manager Jolene Stone as she removed items from

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'I did nothing wrong'



U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, left, speaks to reporters, with his wife Suzanne, Tuesday afternoon in Boise. Under fire from leaders of his own party, Larry Craig, accused of lewd conduct in a men's room, declared Tuesday, 'I am not gay' and said the only thing he did wrong was plead guilty to a criminal charge.

Craig blasts media 'witch hunt'

By Patti Murphy
 Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Wearing a casual shirt and holding his wife's hand, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, confidently walked onto an outdoor Boise plaza and told a crowd of reporters Tuesday that he is not gay, and that his guilty plea after a June arrest outside a Minneapolis men's bathroom was a mistake brought on by "a witch hunt."

"I did nothing wrong at the Minneapolis airport, and I regret the decision to plead guilty," he said.

Craig was arrested June 11 at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport by a Minneapolis police officer who was investigating sexual activity in a men's bathroom.

Craig said he pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct on Aug. 8 without benefit of legal counsel or telling his family, friends or staff. He said he has now retained an attorney "to review the matter and advise me on how to proceed."

What that unidentified attorney could do is unclear: Craig's guilty plea was accepted by a judge, he paid a fine and was sentenced to a year of probation.

Craig, who took no questions in his brief appearance, told reporters that in the eight months leading up to his June arrest, he and his family had been "relentlessly and viciously harassed by the Idaho Statesman."

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Read the police documents related to the case

Take a survey about the Craig controversy

Read the entire text of Craig's press statement.

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Inside

Valley gay community reacts to Craig's arrest.

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Editorial: Guilty or not, Craig has himself to blame.

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Craig's salvo leads to more questions

By Jared S. Hopkins
 Times-News writer

BOISE — U.S. Sen. Larry Craig faced the media Tuesday to say that he erred in pleading his June 11 arrest on disorderly conduct charges and to strongly deny that he is a closeted homosexual.

In doing so, the state's senior senator raised more questions than he offered answers.

"The voters are probably in shock and confused about how a United States senator got himself into this condition and then pleading guilty," said Jim Weatherly, a retired political science professor at Boise State University. "It doesn't explain the guilty plea." These charges went to the heart of all these rumors that have haunted him throughout his political career and gave some credence to them by pleading guilty.

Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo, Rep. Bill Sall and state GOP Chairman J. Kirk Sullivan all expressed support for Craig on Tuesday.

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Nev. miner missing after ground failure

By Doug McMurdo
 For the Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — An unidentified miner is missing after a ground failure at the Getchell underground mine occurred about 2 a.m. Tuesday at Barrick Gold of North America's Turquoise Ridge Mine near Golconda.

According to Lou Schack, Barrick's director of communications and community affairs, the miner is an employee of the contract firm

Small Mine Development.

"Barrick Joint venture rescue crews and SMD (employees) are working to locate the miner," said Schack, who had few details Tuesday afternoon.

The miner was operating a boiler — a piece of equipment that drills and installs rock bolts used to stabilize areas where mining occurs — when the ground failed, said Schack.

The boiler was partially buried by debris, said Schack. Mine Safety and Health

Administration representatives are on site and managing the rescue effort.

There are two underground mines on the site — Barrick employees work the Turquoise Ridge operation and SMD runs Getchell.

Turquoise Ridge is located 28 miles northeast of Golconda and 43 miles from Winnemucca, where most mine employees reside.

Schack said the miner's family has been notified of the incident, which is similar to a

recent event at Newmont's Midas Mine. Dan Shaw, a loader operator, was killed June 19 when he and his loader fell roughly 100 feet following a ground failure.

Thirteen days later, his body was recovered in an MSHA-led operation. That accident remains under investigation. Mining has not resumed at Midas, though employees have returned to work, according to External Relations Director Mary Korpi.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Thursday

Slight chance for isolated afternoon thunderstorms
High 93

An evening storm possible
Low 63

Unseasonably hot; a thunderstorm possible
95 / 63

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms. High in mid to upper 80s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of an evening thunderstorm. Lows near 60.
Tomorrow: Slim chance for isolated thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

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, 726-3656, or www.plainartistsofidaho.org.
Discover Flier's Treasure Chest of Fascinating Art, an Open House celebrating Twin Falls County Fair with works by national and local artists and professional craftsmen, 1 to 4 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 219 Main St., Flier, no admission fee, refreshments, 543-4691.
Josh Turner in performance, 8 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds arena, Flier, \$10.60 advance reserved seats and \$5.30 general admission (gate admission to the fair no longer includes general admission to all arena events), 326-4398.

FAMILY

Grief Share, "The journey of grief was not meant to be walked alone," 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley, child care available, 654-2500.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Opening day of Twin Falls County Fair and Western Rodeo, includes demolition derby, PRCA rodeo, livestock shows and exhibitions, carnival, musical and family entertainment and more, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flier, fair admission: \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$3 for children ages 6-12, 326-4396.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

HEALTH

Twin Falls County Fair Health Screening and Awareness, sponsored by St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Senator Mike Crapo and the partnership of St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute with daily activities: blood pressure checks from 11 to 7 p.m., information on hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, and mammogram scheduling at the 900 Women table in the booth, Merchant Building No. 3, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flier, no cost, 737-2943.

Free Prostate Cancer Screenings, includes required blood draw and physical exam, 2 to 8 p.m., Merchant Building No. 3, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flier, no cost, 737-2943.
Hospital Construction Update, listen to the experts and view renderings of new hospital, noon to 8 p.m., Merchant Building No. 3, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flier, no cost, 737-2943.

MUSEUMS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities with Junior Ranger "Bet You Didn't Know" at 11 a.m. and evening program "Wilderness" at 8 p.m., Redfish Amphitheater, at the center, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost, 774-3376.
Sentinel Observatory, free solar viewing, 1 to 3 p.m.; and Faulkner Planetarium "Sky Quest", 2 p.m. (with live sky tour to follow), Herretet Center, CSI, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Brown by e-mail at sbrown@magicvalley.com, by fax, 734-5538, or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 549, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of event.

COMING TOMORROW



INSIDE TNT

- "High School Musical" everywhere
- Wagon Days canceled
- Killmaster exhibit
- Good food at Toni's
- Labor Day in Bellevue

CORRECTIONS

Story misspelled name of firefighting official

Tuesday's story about the Castle Rock Fire misspelled the last name of incident Commander Jeanne Finch-Tully.

Tuesday's Magic Valley section. The Twin Falls City Council approved the city budget for fiscal year 2008.

Wrong puzzle printed in Tuesday's paper

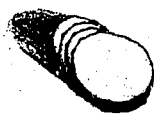
The Sudoku puzzle published in Tuesday's paper was a repeat of the puzzle published Monday. The Times-News regrets the errors.

Budget was labeled with wrong year

The wrong fiscal year was cited in a story published in

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Cool as what? A cucumber, of course

It might be their crisp texture, or their light, savory flavor. Or it might be that cucumbers are so much better in summer — now, in August and September. Whatever the reason, the fresh cucumbers at Magic Valley's farmers' markets are a mouthwatering inspiration to dke, slice, puree or just gnaw on at this time of year.

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Castle Rock Fire causes more evacuations

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Gay community reacts to Sen. Craig's arrest

TWIN FALLS — Sen. Larry Craig's gay and lesbian constituents may not have much reason to love him. Craig's history in Congress as an opponent of gay marriage and related issues makes his June 11 arrest for lewd conduct in a Minneapolis airport bathroom "sort of a comeuppance," Twin Falls activist Kelly Groce said Tuesday. But Groce, former president of the Southern Idaho Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center based in Twin Falls, said Craig's situation, though "despicable," isn't something to cheer.

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Unidentified miner goes missing at Nevada mine

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Fire may ruin Labor Day weekend camping

KETCHUM — Major wildfires burning across Idaho have blanketed many of the state's most popular recreation areas in thick smoke and prompted campground and trail closures. The entire Ketchum Ranger District is closed: no camping, hiking or access to U.S. Forest Service roads. Fire restrictions are in place throughout Idaho, and campfires are illegal.

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IDAHO

Idaho SAT scores drop in reading and math

BOISE — Idaho's scores on the SAT entrance examination this year declined in reading and math when compared to last year, the College Board reported Tuesday.

"We'll look at these SAT scores and see if there are areas we need to focus on to make our students better prepared for life after high school," said Melissa McGrath, spokeswoman for the Idaho State Board of Education.

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NATION/WORLD

Bush warns against U.S. failure in Iraq

RENO, Nev. — President Bush warned Tuesday that the Middle East faces a bleak future if the United States fails in Iraq, evoking a "dark vision" of terrorist havens, disrupted energy supplies and a regional arms race triggered by a nuclear-armed Iran. "The region would be dramatically transformed," Bush said in a speech to the American Legion's national convention. "In a way that could imperil the civilized world."

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SPORTS



CSI volleyball ranked No. 12 in division

TWIN FALLS — Interesting that was College of Southern Idaho head volleyball coach Heidi Carrister's reaction to the 2007 NJCAA Division I, Volleyball Preseason Poll, ranked Tuesday. Carrister's 6-1 Golden Eagles are ranked as the nation's No. 12 team in a poll largely based on coach voting, returning players and last year's finishes.

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T.F. volleyball takes down Jerome, Gooding

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls got its volleyball schedule off to a rousing start by sweeping Jerome and Gooding in nonconference action. The 25-15, 25-20 win over Jerome and the 25-22, 25-18 victory over Gooding might not have looked impressive on the surface, given that the Bruins' opponents were of lower classifications, but the two beaten teams impressed with their efforts in defeat. Twin Falls was simply even better.

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Bronco's Faló proves size doesn't matter

BOISE — At 5-foot-7, 165 pounds, is Boise State cornerback La Faló undersized? Consider this: I weighed more in the fifth grade than Faló does today. But Faló still gets his job done. He has a starter, but he is a special teams maniac. So how does a guy who sits the scales at a buck-65 get named a captain for a Division I team? He struggled for it.

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USC says it won't take Vandals lightly

LOS ANGELES — At Southern California, every game is a championship game, including Saturday night's game against Idaho. "It doesn't matter who we're playing or where we're playing," Trojans coach Pete Carroll said Tuesday at his first weekly meeting with reporters. "That's how we look at it."

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NEW ON THE WEB

- Check out live coverage from the Twin Falls County Fair, including shows at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., the thrill fair and news stories.
- Read documents related to the arrest of Sen. Larry Craig, including the police report that says he had sex with a woman in a hotel room. Should he have disclosed his arrest? Give us your opinion in our online survey.

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FOUR-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

AUG. 30 — **Redfish Lake Lodge 4th annual Plain Art Painters of Idaho Paint-out**, observe the artists in their creative interpretation of the Sawtooth Mountains and surrounding area; includes an art sale and reception (30), 5 p.m., at the Lodge, paintings available for purchase daily, (208) 726-3656, or www.plainartistsofidaho.org.
AUG. 31 — **College of Southern Idaho dance**, for students and others age 18 and older, with live music by Jeremy Buck and Fortunate Son and Forrest Anderson's Mobile Music, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., National Guard Armory, Frontier Field Road, Twin Falls, \$3 admission or no cost for CSI students with current ID; 732-6262.
SEPT. 2 — **"Music from Stanley"**, live concert/radio show series with Charlie Sutton, 4 to 7 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, near Stanley, no cost, 484-9117.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

AUG. 30, 31, SEPT. 1, 2 — **Twin Falls County Fair and Western Rodeo**, demolition derby, PRCA rodeo, livestock shows and exhibitions, carnival, musical and family entertainment and more, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flier, 326-4398.
AUG. 30 — **Magic Valley Stampedo**, "Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night" — wrap pink to the rodeo to support breast cancer awareness and honor breast cancer survivors, includes silent auction for Tough Enough to Wear Pink fleece blanket, 6 p.m. gates open and 7:30 p.m. rodeo begins, (proceeds to the 900 Women mammography campaign), 737-2943.

HEALTH

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AUG. 30, 31 — **Free Prostate Cancer Screenings**, includes required blood draw and physical exam, 2 to 8 p.m., Merchant Building No. 3, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flier, no cost, 737-2943.
AUG. 30 — **Dynamic Health Class**, learn how nutrition and pH balance can enhance emotional, mental and physical health; guest speaker Laurie Collins, Ph.D., 6 p.m. no-host meal and 7 a.m. program, Perkins Restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 265-3214.
SEPT. 1, 2 — **Five-a-day Taster's Table**, learn about disease prevention through nutrition, with tips and recipe samples, presented by St. Luke's Clinical Nutrition, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Merchant Building No. 3, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flier, no cost, 737-2943.

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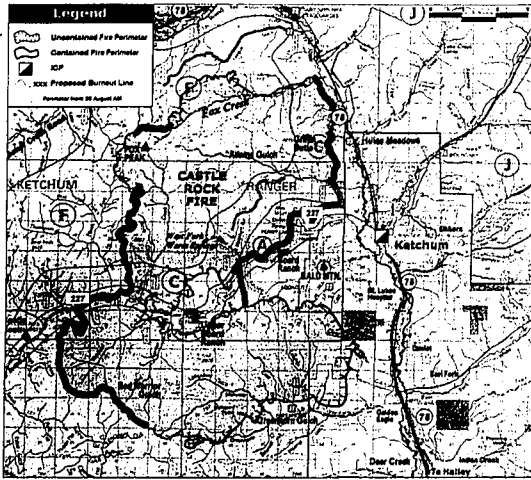
"They got more money than God," she said.

At a neighboring home, two property managers were positioned on the wood-shingled roof sprinkling water. Blaine County Sheriff Walt Fentling said by 6:30 p.m. the evacuation was nearly complete. Officials also told workers who live in southern Wood River Valley to leave Ketchum immediately to lessen traffic congestion on state Highway 75.

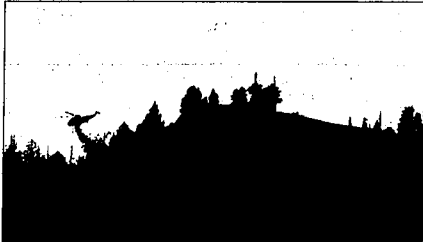
The fire was extremely active Tuesday, and a large black column of smoke rising from Baldy's west side could be seen from Ketchum.

Backburning operations were planned as continuing throughout the night to control the fire on Guyer Ridge because it threatened the ski runs and the Lower Board Range.

Wood River High School has canceled its season-opening football game against Century due to the fire. There has been no word on if the game will be rescheduled.



Source: www.inciweb.org



A helicopter dumps a load of fire retardant on a spot fire that sparked above the Round House Inn on the front side of Bald Mountain. Helicopters bombed the mountain repeatedly Tuesday in an effort to keep the Castle Rock Fire off the ski hill and away from homes at its base.

Craig

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Craig was referring to the newspaper's investigation of allegations that Craig, who steadfastly opposes legislation favored by gay activists, was himself involved in homosexual affairs. The newspaper printed the results of that inquiry only after the Minnesota arrest was reported by Roll Call, a Washington, D.C. newspaper and Web site.

"I am not gay, I never have been gay," Craig said. "Still, without a shred of truth or evidence to the contrary, the Stutzman has engaged in this witch hunt. In pleading guilty, I overreacted because of the stress of the Idaho Statesman investigation and the rumors it has fueled all around me."

"While I was not involved in any inappropriate conduct at the Minneapolis airport or anywhere else, I chose to plead guilty to a lesser charge in the hopes of making it go away," he said.

Sounding as though he were on the verge of tears, Craig said that he should have told his family and friends about his arrest.

"I should not have kept this arrest to myself. I should have told my family and friends about it. I wasn't going to share this failure but I should have anyway, because I am not gay."

While Republican leaders say they stand by Craig, the revelations do not sit well with others. Bryan Fischer, executive director of the Idaho Values Alliance, said he was unconvinced by Craig's news conference and believes he should resign from office.

"I believe the senator owed us a very thorough and persuasive explanation of his decisions and I think he fell short," Fischer said. "I did not find his explanation convincing."

Fischer, whose organization supports issues such as religious liberty, pro-life stances and preservation of traditional marriage, said he no longer considers Craig to be in step with his group.

"I listened very carefully to the senator's explanation and I have to confess I don't find it persuasive or convincing, and it kind of leads me to believe that his guilty plea probably does represent an acknowledgment on his part that he was engaged in inappropriate behavior in Minneapolis. And I think it would be the appropriate and right thing for the Senator to step down."

But Fischer added that Craig's decision not to step down is "his decision to make. It's between him his family and

his God and we will respect the decision the senator has made today."

Though Craig said he would wait until next month to announce whether he will seek reelection next year, he didn't sound ready to give up his job just yet.

"Over the years, I have accomplished a lot for Idaho, and I hope Idahoans will allow me to continue to do that," Craig said. "It is clear, though, that through my actions I have brought a cloud over Idaho and for that I seek and ask the peo-

ple of Idaho to forgive me," he said.

As Craig and his wife left the conference a citizen heckler yelled out to him, "What if you are gay? Come out of the closet. It's alright man. Clinton Lary, he gay. It's alright man."

The press conference was carried by media, drawing the scorn of some commentators. "In a pantheon of bad political press conferences, this one is going to have an exalted place on the wall," said CNN's James Carville, a Democratic pundit, after Craig's statement.

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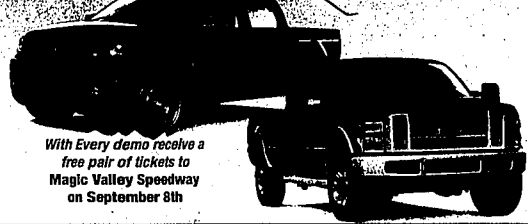
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6:00 pm - Juried Art Exhibit at Magic Valley Art Council.

7:00 pm - Art Auction and meet some of the jumpers.

10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Kayak and Canoe Races, Centennial Park.

10:00 am - 6:00 pm - Live Music from Sound Country, CSI Jazz Combo and Korby Lenker. Food from local vendors.

SATURDAY

7:00 am - Hot air balloon launch, Canyon Springs Golf Course.

8:30 am - 5k & 10k Fun Run and Walk, Twin Falls Visitors Center.

9:30 am - Kids Fun Run & Walk.

10:00 am - Opening Ceremonies, Skydive demonstration, Parachutes for Kids exhibition, Kids Carnival.

SUNDAY

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Festival Activities, Parachutes for Kids exhibition, Food & Entertainment.

12:00 - 2:00 pm - Korby Lenker

2:00 - 4:00 pm - CSI Jazz Combo

Jumpers include: Miles Daisher, Shane McConkey, JT Holmes, Erik Roner, Will Burkes, Ted Davenport and more.

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Photo Contest

First of five challenge days for our five contestants.

Wednesday, Aug. 29th, 8:00pm

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CHRONOLOGY OF THE CASE

OCTOBER 2006 — Gay activist Mike Rogers cites anonymous sources on his Internet blog that U.S. Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho had sexual relations with gay men in the Washington D.C. area, and the news spreads across national media. The Idaho Statesman of Boise begins an eight-month investigation into Craig's personal past, including rumors he's a closeted homosexual.



MAY 14, 2007 — Craig, tells an Idaho Statesman reporter that he is not gay, and denies an anonymous source's account that he had sexual relations with Craig.

JUNE 11, 2007 — Craig is arrested at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport by a plainclothes police officer, who reports that Craig demonstrated behavior of someone "wishing to engage in lewd conduct." He is charged with disorderly conduct and interference with privacy.

JUNE 22, 2007 — Craig returns to the airport's police office to ask about the status of his case. He tells an officer he "needs a contact to his lawyer can speak to someone." The arresting officer informs him about the status of

the case, and reports that Craig demanded the information for the law firm. He then leaves the police office.



AUG. 8, 2007 — Craig pleads guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct in Hennepin County District Court. He pays \$575 in fines and fees and is given one year of probation and a suspended 10-day jail sentence. The interference with privacy charge is dropped. He signs a plea agreement that says he's not represented by a lawyer, and he will "make no claim that I am innocent of the charge."

AUG. 27, 2007 — A Web site for Roll Call, a Washington D.C. publication, reports on Craig's arrest based on an anonymous tip. Craig issues a denial, saying the police were "misconstructing my actions."

AUG. 28, 2007 — Craig makes a statement to the media in Boise, saying "I did nothing wrong," denying the allegations that he is gay, and railing against the Idaho Statesman for its investigation into his private life. He says he has retained counsel to "review this matter and to advise me on how to proceed."

— Times-News

Gay community responds to arrest

By Nata Poljanco
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sen. Larry Craig's gay and lesbian constituents may not have much reason to love him.

Craig's history in Congress as an opponent of gay marriage and related issues makes his June 11 arrest for disorderly conduct in a Minneapolis airport bathroom "sort of a comeuppance," Twin Falls activist Kelly Grace said Tuesday. But Grace, former president of the Southern Idaho Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center based in Twin Falls, said Craig's situation, though "despicable," isn't something to cheer.

"It's exciting when you see government officials who are actually able to be proud and honest of who they are instead of living a double life," Grace said.

Grace isn't alone in his concern for Craig and the senator's family. Other GLBT representatives in Idaho shared similar thoughts as news spread of Craig's arrest for disorderly conduct according to airport police — and subsequent guilty plea to a lesser charge.

To Evelyn Miller, who has

been involved with the Mountain Home chapter of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays for 20 years, Craig's mistake doesn't deserve the attention it's gotten. We all do things we wouldn't want the public to know, she said.

"It's been a good representative of our state," she said. "So why should we turn around and chastise him or take him over the coals?"

"That's a question that is now being considered on the national stage. In October, gay blogger Mike Rogers 'outed' Craig as gay, adding to rumors that have surrounded the senator for years. Tuesday, Rogers said Craig's arrest simply vindicates his blog, in which he identifies politicians who oppose gay rights. But who are supposedly in the closet. Craig's midday press conference, in which he insisted he has never been gay, didn't sway Rogers.

"It's pure, unadulterated victimhood. That's it," she said. "It's the denial phase."

Ironically, Rogers' view is shared by Bryan Fischer, well-known in Idaho for being on the opposite side of the gay marriage debate. Fischer, executive director of the Idaho Values Alliance, called Tuesday

for Craig's resignation and for the Republican Party to stop sending conflicting moral messages.

"It is time for the Republican Party to be the party that defends the American family in word, deed, and by personal example," Fischer wrote on his organization's Web site.

In an interview, Fischer said Craig's conviction will make it difficult for him to take the lead in any pro-family debates and will "judge him toward retirement." While the choice to stay in office is ultimately the senator's, Fischer said, Idaho needs "leaders in Congress, especially for a party that claims to represent family values."

"If that's the case, the party needs to see to it that not only

does its platform stand for family values, but that its leaders display family values."

The only person who knows if Rogers is right is Craig himself, state Rep. Nicole LeFavour, D-Boise, said. But LeFavour — Idaho's only openly gay legislator — said she's met enough acquaintances of Craig over the years that she doesn't doubt the rumors. And that just as world, she said.

"I'm honestly living a closed life. I don't probably allow him to have long-term relationships. That's pretty sad."



Notice of Request for Contaminated Properties to Undergo Environmental Assessments

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting properties contaminated by hazardous substances or petroleum as potential candidates for environmental assessments.

DEQ has received grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency totaling \$400,000 to fund the assessments, which are the first step toward redevelopment. Hazardous substance-contaminated properties include landfills and dump sites. Petroleum-contaminated properties are typically sites of former gas stations or service stations.

To propose a site or request an environmental assessment, log on to DEQ's Web site at www.deq.idaho.gov/Applications/Brownfields/index.cfm?site=brownfields.htm and complete the nomination form.

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But the Senate Republican leadership issued a rare joint statement minutes before Craig's news conference, complaining none of them were told of Craig's legal troubles until Tuesday.

The GOP senators asked the Ethics Committee to investigate the matter, vowing to consider other punitive sanctions. "This is a serious matter. Due to the reported and disputed circumstances, and the legal resolution of this serious case, we will recommend that Senator Craig's incident be reported to the Senate Ethics Committee for its review. In the meantime, leadership is examining other aspects of the case to determine if additional action is required," Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Minority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., and three other elected senators said.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney also moved to distance himself from Craig, who had been a prominent supporter of Romney's presidential bid. In an interview on CNN, Romney said he was disappointed and "disgusted" by Craig's behavior. Craig on Monday resigned as the Senate co-chair of Romney's presidential campaign.

Weatherly said Craig missed the opportunity to be forthcoming on Tuesday.

"I expected him to come out and admit what he did," said Weatherly. "I know he wants this to go away but I don't think this story will go away anytime soon. In fact, his statements might not have done anything, but in fact might have added more fodder to the story."

Whether the arrest and the national furor surrounding Craig's handling of the issue will affect his future in politics remains unclear. Craig himself declined Tuesday to even say if he wants a future in the Senate.

Former Congressman Larry LaRoche, who is serving the Democratic nomination for the job, said Craig's discomfort will play a role in the campaign.

"I will run hard against anyone the republicans will nominate. Before yesterday, Larry Craig had not disclosed his intentions to the election and the same is true today," said LaRoche, who said he had no knowledge of the arrest until it was reported. "I think it changes the dynamics in terms of his decisions, but those are his decisions, not mine."

Li. Gov. Jim Risch, who entered the Idaho Senate in 1975 with Craig, has said he will likely seek the Senate seat if Craig does not. Risch has generally been quiet on this issue, which could be the most politically savvy response, Weatherly said.

"He may know a secret," said Weatherly. "I think he's smart not to say anything at all at this point."

In the Magic Valley, some Republicans expressed disappointment over the news.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb, a member of the county's Republican Central Committee, spent about five years as a staffer for U.S. Sen. Steve Symms, whose staff occasionally worked with that of Craig's.

"It was very depressing," he said of the arrest. "It's not very good headlines for Idaho."

Further puzzling to local and state officials was how the arrest went unnoticed for several weeks — until someone tipped a Washington political newspaper and Web site.

"It's amazing that all that could have happened in June and nobody knows about it until (Monday)," said Loeb. "How does that happen... The timeline was strange."

Deshaun Drew, an assistant managing editor for local news at the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, told the Times-News that that newspaper does not report misdemeanor sentences unless it's a high-profile case, Craig's name, however, was not familiar to crime reporters.

"In essence, we'd go through the pile, but we don't care much for misdemeanors," he

said. "A name like Lawrence Craig wouldn't jump out there like it would in Idaho."

Drew also said the Aug. 8 sentence came the same day as the 1-15 W bridge collapse over the Mississippi River, and court reporters were working that high-impact story.

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In stark language, Bush details Iraq's importance

By James Gerstenzang
Los Angeles Times

RENO, Nev. — President Bush warned Tuesday that the Middle East faces a bleak future if the United States fails in Iraq, evoking "dark vision" of terrorist events. He said the United States must lead energy supplies and a regional arms race triggered by a nuclear-armed Iran.



Bush

"The region would be dramatically transformed," Bush said in a speech to the American Legion's national convention. "In a way that could imperil the civilized world."

In particularly muscular language, Bush cited recent evidence of Iranian weapons in Iraq and renewed his demand that the Iranian leadership halt its support for attacks on U.S. troops.

"Until it does, I will take the actions necessary to protect troops," he said. "I have authorized our military commanders in Iraq to confront Tehran's murderous activities."

The speech was the second Bush has delivered in a week seeking to lay out his strongest arguments for pursuing the course he has set in Iraq before Congress will return to renew debate on the war and funding for military operations.

Deputy White House press secretary Scott Stanzel said Tuesday that Bush was not enunciating a new policy.

toward Iran nor foreshadowing a military operation in Iraq, which hinders Iraq. He cautioned reporters not to "read too much into" his remarks. However, the president did step up his rhetoric, renewing his emphasis on the threat that Iran could acquire a nuclear power and referring to Iraq 22 times in the 45-minute speech. The president told U.S.-led

forces had seized 240-mm rockets manufactured in Iran that were "provided to Iraqi extremist groups by Iranian agents" and said that attacks with Iranian-supplied munitions had increased. "The Iranian regime must halt these actions," Bush said.

In describing the chaos that he said could engulf the Middle East if U.S. troops were

withdrawn from Iraq, Bush used some of his starkest language yet.

"Extremists would control a key part of the world's energy supply, could blackmail and sabotage the global economy," he said. "They could use billions of dollars of oil revenues to buy weapons and pursue their deadly ambitions." Bush repeated his argument

that the increase in U.S. troops, from roughly 130,000 to 160,000, had been completed barely two months ago and should be given time. He said the surge already had led to increased security and successes in displacing operatives of al-Qaida in provinces where the terrorist groups were once dominant. "The momentum is now on

our side," he said. "Noting the limited success at achieving political reconciliation among Shiite and Sunni Muslims, Kurds and other sectarian and ethnic groups, Bush said that in the midst of security challenges, Iraqi leaders are being asked to resolve political issues as complex and emotional as the struggle for civil rights in our own country."

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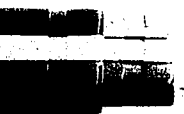
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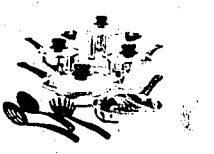
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Jim Carrey video raises awareness of imprisoned human-rights leader Aung San Suu Kyi

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Carrey has made a straight-to-YouTube video. And it's not funny at all.

The 45-year-old actor-comedian — in rare serious mode — appears in a new public service announcement on behalf of the Human Rights Action Center and the U.S. Campaign for Burma. The goal: To free Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been confined by the Burmese government for 11 of the last 17 years.



Carrey

Though she's compared to a modern-day Gandhi or Nelson Mandela, most people in America still don't know about Aung San. Carrey says in the filmed message, posted Tuesday on YouTube, "And let's face it: the name's a little difficult to remember. Here's how I did it: Aung San sounds a lot like 'ungst,' as in 'ungstung here. Aung San Suu Kyi is truly an unsung hero."

Suu Kyi, who is under long-term house arrest in the city of Yangon, received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for her non-violent efforts to bring down the oppressive military regime that rules over the Southeast Asian country.

The regime, led by General Than Shwe, has destroyed more than 3,000 villages in eastern Burma — forcing more than a 1.5 million people to leave their homes — and recruited more child soldiers than any other country in the world, Carrey says in his spot. "People around the world need to come to her aid, just as we supported Mandela when he was locked up," said Jeremy Woodrum, co-founder of the U.S. Campaign for Burma, in a statement Tuesday.

"This announcement contributes to an upsurge in activism around Aung San Suu Kyi in the United States and throughout the world."

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EDITORIAL

Guilty or not, Craig has himself to blame

Sen. Larry Craig's press conference on Tuesday was almost painful to watch.

The three-term Idaho Republican tried to explain away his arrest and subsequent guilty plea for disorderly conduct in the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, where a plainclothes policeman charged that he was sexually solicited by Craig in June.

"I overreacted and made a poor decision" in pleading guilty, Craig told reporters in a nationally televised statement from downtown Boise, adding that he had hoped the plea would make the case go away. Then he suggested he had done so because the *Idaho Statesman* of Boise was harassing him by investigating allegations of earlier public sexual encounters by the senator. Those rumors have persisted since 1982, when Craig was in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Apart from the visible anguish that Craig's actions in Minnesota caused himself and his wife, Suzanne, the senator on Tuesday didn't seem to grasp the real-world implications of his guilty plea.

Back in Washington, D.C., Senate Republican leaders were asking for an ethics committee review of Craig's case. Conservative talk show host Sean Hannity was calling for his resignation. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, whose candidacy Craig supports, was comparing the senator to Bill Clinton and disgraced former Congressman Mark Foley, the central figure in the House page sex scandal of 2006.

And throughout Idaho, people who had voted for Craig in election after election were shaking their heads. Why, they wondered, did the senator plead guilty if he'd done nothing wrong?

Earlier this month, Craig put his signature under the following statement in a petition to enter guilty plea to a misdemeanor. It was filed in Hennepin County, Minn., District Court, on Aug. 8:

"I did the following: Engaged in conduct which I know or should have known tended to arouse alarm or resentment of others which conduct was physical in nature...."

"I understand that the court will not accept a plea of guilty from anyone who claims to be innocent."

"I now make no claim that I am innocent of the charge to which I am entering a plea of guilty."

The latter statement is exactly the opposite of what Craig claimed on Tuesday.

We'd hoped for better from an elected official long admired by Idahoans for his articulate defense of Western values, his unflinching advocacy for Idaho farmers and ranchers, his attention to constituent service, and his political courage in pushing immigration reform although it's unpopular with the public.

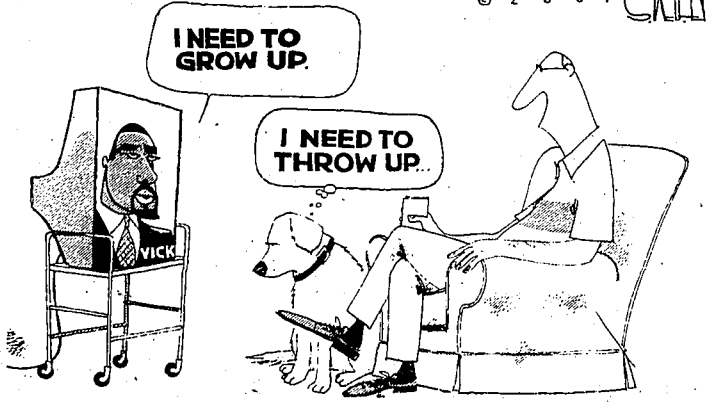
This newspaper endorsed Craig three times, and he was elected to the Senate by margins of 57 percent in 1990, 57 percent in 1996 and 65 percent in 2002.

Voters liked the senator, and they trusted him — rumors of his private behavior notwithstanding. Idahoans are, by and large, honest people who believe in personal accountability.

Now it's time for Craig to take responsibility for his personal conduct instead of blaming the media and the police.

Our view:
Sen. Larry Craig's defiance over his guilty plea in the airport solicitation case is misplaced.

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



Spartanburg steps up for literacy

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — A visitor well-versed in Southern stereotypes might be disappointed to discover that the indigenous people of this upstate community harbor a passion not for a benign Confederacy, but for literacy.



In fact, few places in the nation are doing more to advance literacy than this historic textile mill town, where books are free and reading is rewarded.

Last week marked the second year of Spartanburg High School's summer reading program, an innovative approach to literacy that is the brainchild of Kathie Bennett, an international flight attendant and mother of a local high school student.

Bennett credits her own love of books to her forlorn education at Seawane, the University of the South, where she got to meet some of the authors she read. She wanted to give Spartanburg children the same opportunity in hopes of cultivating a love of reading.

With other like-minded citizens and teachers — and a determined principal named Rodney Graves — the summer reading program is flourishing with 100 percent participation.

Here's how it works: Students pick a book from a selection of eight and voluntarily read it over the summer. When school reopens in

the fall, some of the books' authors visit to read and discuss their work.

As extra incentive, students who have finished their books and produce a paper or other project — are given four points that can be used in any class to raise their grade. It's a win-win deal, with a bonus lesson in free-market economics. Work and be rewarded.

Although most schools have summer reading programs, this one is unique for a couple of reasons. One, the books are lent to the students, purchased through state literacy grants and the generosity of donors who believe, as Graves put it, that anytime you give a kid a book, "you're changing a life." In many cases, these students have never owned a book.

Also, the Spartanburg community is not just teachers, participants in the program. Between 75 and 100 citizens, including Mayor Bill Barnett, volunteered to read the books and participate in classroom discussions.

I was a visitor to the pro-

gram this year — asked to stand in for my friend, political cartoonist and author Doug Marlette, who was killed in July in an auto accident. His first novel, "The Bridge," was one of the books sorted.

Other speakers were North Carolina poet and author Ron Rash, who read from his novel, "The World Made Straight," and Florida writer Janis Owens, another Marlette buddy, whose novel, "The Schooling of Claybird Catts," led his own program.

It was a sad three days for friends and fans of Marlette, but he would have been delighted by the sight of almost 2,000 students gathered in a gymnasium to hear authors talk about reading and writing. "The Bridge" resonated with this audience, not least because it details the history of the textile mill uprising of 1934 but also because Marlette was without peer in taking down the pompous and politically correct with a wicked sense of humor and a gimlet eye for false virtue.

The immeasurable reward of Spartanburg's program is familiar to all readers — discovery of new worlds and insights that otherwise might be unavailable. This is especially true for the Internet/iPod generation, for whom information and entertainment are passively received with the click of a button.

Reading, by contrast, requires participation — a little give-and-take between writer and reader. Marlette often lamented the trend away from reading, which had given him so much joy as a child, toward activities that deliver programmed material rather than engage the human spirit.

The like Rash and Owens (and I, belonged to a generation of children who had to entertain themselves with their own imaginations. That task was aided considerably by weekly visits to the public library, a sensory treat — enhanced by then-rare air conditioning — that promised adventure, romance and escape.

But sad, we learned, was to live guilty.

Spartanburg students seem to be getting that idea, as are literacy coaches elsewhere.

The reading program will be replicated in 12 other schools across the state. One educator visiting from New Zealand plans to create a similar program back home.

In a time when American literacy is in decline, Spartanburg citizens and teachers seem to have made an important discovery: Give a kid a book and he will just read it. Maybe he'll write one someday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Much to be said about St. Luke's MVRMC and its staff

There is much to be said about St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and its staff, especially the Transitional Care Unit.

My parents moved here three years ago, and in that short time my mother was hospitalized at least 16 times due to many different, chronic health issues. We heard lots from people in the hospital "go to Boise if we want to get decent care," the doctors here don't know a darn thing" and many other negative things.

I believe every facility has its share of problems and employees that behave as if they would rather not be there, and maybe they shouldn't. We found that not to be the case in most instances at this hospital. The majority of all staff we encountered was very knowledgeable, caring and respectful of both my mother and those of us who came to visit her during her many stays there.

I am saddened by the thought that others will not be afforded the same opportunity to use the TCU. Our family felt as if the staff in that unit truly treated both patients and their families as if they were all one big family.

My mother passed away July 27, and I feel part of the reason she gave up her fight was the prospect of having to go to a

different skilled-nursing facility. Only a couple we toured seemed to be a possibility we would even consider.

TCU staff, kudos to you! You will be missed!

MICHELLE PATO
Buhl

Ah, those politicians

Six years and eight months ago, one Supreme Court judge appointed George W. Bush president; the vast majority of his subjects realize he is the dumbest man in the room. If George Dubb had 10 less IQ points and wasn't a member of a billionaire oil family, he would be living in a half-way house and someone making \$6 an hour would be taking him to the Saturday matinee for his weekly putout.

When Nixon and Agnew were in the White House, Agnew resigned before he could be impeached for graft and favoritism. Dick Cheney makes Spino Agnew look like a Sunday school teacher. Cheney should have been impeached by his own party for graft, favoritism and lying every time his lips move. Not to mention his treasonous acts for which he should be hanged.

What has happened to the Republican Party? They are intoxicated with almost absolute power, control and flawed reasoning. This nation was founded on high ideals

and standards, which are the products of inspiration and decent and fair reasoning.

But intelligent men like Karl Rove, John Wu and Dick Cheney have done their best to drive this country into a one-party, fascist nation — a nation where only a few have absolute power and would have the rest of us live in abject poverty and servitude.

But, alas, Karl has gone home to love his wife and son just instead of being indicted. John Wu's legacy will be his almost successful effort to pervert this nation's Constitution, so the chosen few could enslave the rest. Dick Cheney? He will be remembered as a greedy man whose hunger for more power made him the most dangerous man on earth. His intelligence perverted by greed and power will not reflect well in the history books.

WILL BUHLER
Twin Falls

Eyes opened on cattle grazing issue

I have been reading the opinions on both sides of the issue of cattle grazing on public lands without having a strong opinion on the issue until this week.

I had to go to Gooding recently to work in a booth at the Gooding County Fair. On the highway between Wendell and Gooding, I really got my

eyes opened. Two separate places between those towns, there is a fence separating land that has been grazed by cattle and land that is still in its virgin state.

One place, a fence comes in at a 45-degree angle and forms a 90-degree corner as it goes away from the road. This leaves at 45-degree angle, a 90-degree angle and another 45-degree angle. The land on each 45-degree angle has been grazed by cattle. The 90-degree angle is still untouched by cattle. It is easy to see that the ungrazed area is just grazed for a real hot fire. The triple part has been eaten down, leaving an inch or two of the plant to sprout back next spring. I can't imagine an out-of-control fire on the grazed portion — there is just not enough fuel.

The other place has a fence coming in at 90-degrees. One side is grazed, the other still in its wild state. It is easy to see that any spark would ignite a fast and hot fire in the wild portion and again, the grazed portion would be very hard to start an out-of-control range fire.

I would like to challenge Jon Marvel from Blaine County to take the drive and see for himself. If he did so and didn't change his attitude, then we all know where he is coming from.

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CIA holds fast to failure as terrorism grows around the world

CIA Director Michael V. Hayden finally declassified 19 pages of the agency's voluminous internal Sept. 11 review last Tuesday.

Now we know why the CIA fought Congress to keep that report deep-sixed for the last two years. It points fingers, outlining exactly who screwed up and how.

At the top of the hit list: former CIA Director George J. Tenet, former clandestine service chief James L. Pavitt and former Counterterrorism Center Director J. Cofer Black.

But there's just one problem: These guys aren't to blame for Sept. 11.

It's comforting and easy to find fault with a few men at the top. But the reality is that Sept. 11 stemmed from a far more frightening cause: the inability of our entire intelligence system to adapt to the rise of terrorism after the Cold War ended.

Organizational breakdown, not individual error, is the key to understanding what

AMY ZEGART

went wrong — and what is still wrong six years later.

Intelligence officials and policy-makers often complain that hindsight is 20/20. But terrorism wasn't some far-fetched menace that nobody saw coming before Sept. 11. Every annual CIA threat assessment to Congress between 1994 and 2001 listed al-Qaida among the most serious dangers to U.S. national security.

Terrorism warranted mention in every State of the Union address in that period too. In the decade leading up to Sept. 11, a dozen different blue-ribbon reports examined U.S. intelligence and counterterrorism capabilities and warned that reforms were urgently needed. They issued a combined total of 340 recommendations. Almost none were implemented before Sept. 11.

Many produced no action whatsoever. No meeting. No memo. No phone call.

On Tuesday, Hayden expressed his deep displeasure at releasing a summary of the internal Sept. 11 review, complaining that its public airing would "consume time and attention revisiting a ground that is already well plowed."

That's three of the four major failings outlined in that secret review have yet to be corrected. America's CIA chief has no business whining about our obsession with the past until the agency he leads shows it has learned from it.

The CIA report's headline criticism was that before Sept. 11, "neither the U.S. government nor the intelligence community had a comprehensive strategy for combating al-Qaida." Today, two years later, the U.S. government's strategy for combating al-Qaida seems to be creating more al-Qaidas. We now know — from a separate

intelligence report declassified in July — that al-Qaida is stronger than ever in Pakistan. We also know that a new al-Qaida affiliate is operating in Iraq, and that al-Qaida-inspired homegrown terrorists are on the rise across the globe.

The CIA report also harshly criticized agency leaders for giving short shrift to big-picture strategic analysis before Sept. 11. It found, among other failings, that CIA analysts never provided a comprehensive assessment about al-Qaida, never put into context the spike in terrorist threat reporting during the spring and summer of 2001 and paid scant attention to the threat of a terrorist attack in the United States.

Not much has changed. In 2005, a blue-ribbon bipartisan presidential commission found that strategic analysis of the world's most dangerous states was poor and probably getting worse. In 2006, Hayden told the Senate Intelligence

Committee during his confirmation hearing that he worried about the crush of current demands on CIA analysis. Unless the agency got serious about improving its big-picture thinking, Hayden warned, the U.S. would be "endlessly surprised."

And this year, the most comprehensive report on the changing terrorist threat didn't have a CIA seal on its cover — it came from the New York Police Department.

Then there's coordination. Like all of the reports from the 1990s, the CIA's Sept. 11 review found the CIA and other intelligence agencies failed to act as a unified team. Today, that team is bigger than ever: 16 federal intelligence agencies, a growing number of state and local intelligence organizations, plus more than 40 new "fusion centers" that are supposed to integrate terrorism-related information coming from government and private-sector sources.

The net result?

Coordination is better in some areas, worse in some and nonexistent in others. The fusion centers, in particular, are operating willy-nilly, without a national plan or mission, according to a recent Congressional Research Service report. They're so disjoined they lack even standard forms and terminology to relay vital threat information to officials in Washington.

So before you take solace in the fact that the CIA has finally aired some of its dirty laundry and assigned blame to specific people, consider this: Six years after the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, Tenet and company are all gone — but most of the CIA's greatest weaknesses are still with us.

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Sources of economic mess: wishful thinking, predators, incompetence ...

We are now in the "blame phase" of the economic cycle.

As the housing slump deepens and financial markets swing wildly, we've embarked on the usual search for culprits. Who got us into this mess? Our investigations will doubtless reveal, as they already have, much wishful thinking and misallocation. They will also find incompetence, predatory behavior and probably some criminality. But let me suggest that, though inevitable and necessary, this exercise is also simplistic and deceptive.

It assumes that, absent mistakes and misdeeds, we might remain in a permanent paradise of powerful income and wealth growth. The reality, I think, is that the economy follows its own Catch-22: By taking prosperity for granted, people perusey perusey prosperity. The more we — business managers, investors, consumers — think that economic growth is guaranteed and that risk and uncertainty are receding, the more we act in ways that raise risk, magnify uncertainty and threaten economic growth. Prosperity destabilizes itself.

This is not a new idea. Indeed, it explains why terms such as "the business cycle" and "boom and bust" survive, despite our perennially new methods of finger-pointing: now, for instance, the housing downturn and credit fears are undeniable. Someone or something must be held responsible.

Here's a rundown of popular suspects:

• The Federal Reserve. It allegedly held short-term interest rates too low for too long. From late 2001 to late 2004, the overnight Fed funds rate was 2 percent or less. Credit was supposedly too easy.

• The Chinese. They funneled their huge export sur-



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pluses (mostly in dollars) into U.S. Treasury bonds. That kept long-term interest rates low even after the Fed began raising short-term rates in 2004. China's foreign-exchange reserves now exceed \$1.3 trillion.

• Mortgage bankers. They relaxed lending standards for weak borrowers, leading to numerous defaults. In 2006, about 90 percent of new "sub-prime" mortgages had adjustable interest rates. That exposed borrowers to future rate increases — which many now can't afford.

• Wall Street. The mortgage bankers got giddy only because they could sell the loans to pension funds, hedge funds and others as mortgage-backed securities (bonds created by bundling loans).

• Credit rating agencies. Moody's and Standard & Poor's — which rate the creditworthiness of bonds — allegedly weren't tough enough on subprime mortgages. That fanned investor appetite.

Lending standards were clearly too lax and rating agencies too uncritical. Still, the rating agencies have downgraded fewer than 5 percent of subprime mortgage-backed securities issued in 2006 (by dollar volume).

This suggests that many investors knowingly bought risky mortgage bonds, thereby inflating the housing bubble. Just why they did this is less clear.

Did the Fed foster easy credit for too long? Maybe. But economist Mark Gertler of

New York University argues that if this were so, inflation would have exploded. It didn't. From 2003 to 2005, it rose modestly, from 1.9 percent to 3.4 percent.

What seems to have happened was a broad and mistaken reappraisal of risk. Bonds that were once considered highly risky were judged much less so. China's appetite for Treasury bonds may account for some of this. It may have lowered interest rates on Treasuries and sent investors scurrying into riskier bonds with higher rates (corporate "junk" bonds, mortgage bonds, and bonds of "emerging market" countries like Brazil). But that can't fully explain the extraordinary drop of interest-rate "spreads" — the gap between rates on riskier bonds and safer Treasuries. In early 2003, junk bonds carried a nearly eight percentage point above Treasuries; early this year, the gap was less than three percentage points. Somehow, junk bonds were no longer so risky; therefore, it was OK to accept lower rates.

Paradoxically, the fact that the U.S. economy grew in spite of so many daunting "obstacles" — corporate scandals, 9/11, higher oil prices — may have created a false sense of confidence that it could overcome them. Sophisticated investors and ordinary consumers alike seem to have fallen under the spell of this logic. Believing risk had declined, the first group actually adopted ever-riskier investment strategies — and unknowingly increased financial risk. The second, believing in continuing economic growth, bought home prices, assumed ever-heavier debt burdens — and

created potential obstacles to future spending. In 2000, household debt was 103 percent of disposable income; in 2007, it's 156 percent.

Mistakes and misdeeds do not occur in a vacuum. The ultimate culprit here may be the total exuberance. As economic expansion lengthens, people become more complacent and careless. The very fact that the economy has done well creates conditions in which it may — at least temporarily — do less well. Prosperity inevitably interrupts itself with losses, popped bubbles and recessions. This produces recommitments and promises to do better, but there is always a next time.

Robert J. Samuelson is a columnist for The Washington Post.



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U.S. Department of Energy to Host Public Scoping Meetings to Discuss the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal of Greater-Than-Class C Low-Level Radioactive Waste

The Department of Energy (DOE) has announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate alternatives for the disposal of Greater-Than-Class C (GTCC) Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLW). GTCC LLW is commercial LLW generated from activities conducted by Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensees and stored at sites where it is generated throughout the United States. Federal sites located in Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Tennessee, South Carolina and Washington are being considered. Generic commercial facilities will also be evaluated for add and humid locations. DOE published a Notice of Intent to prepare the GTCC EIS in the Federal Register on July 23, 2007 (72 FR 40135).

DOE is conducting public scoping meetings in several states to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the scope of the EIS and to learn more about the proposed action from DOE officials. The Idaho Falls, ID meeting will start at 6 p.m. with an informal poster session and opportunity to sign-in to provide oral comments. A formal presentation by DOE officials on the proposed action will start at 7 p.m. followed by public comments.

Thursday, August 30
Red Lion Hotel on the Falls
475 River Parkway
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402
GTCC EIS Public Meeting: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Written comments on the scope of the GTCC EIS should be submitted by September 21, 2007 to: Mr. James L. Joyce, GTCC EIS Document Manager, Office of Regulatory Compliance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1300 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0119, or via Fax: 301-903-4303, e-mail at gtcceis@anl.gov, or via the website at <http://www.gtcceis.anl.gov>. Please mark envelopes and e-mails as "GTCC EIS Comments"

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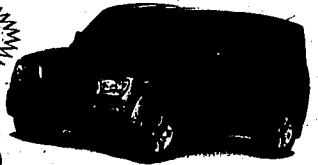
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Poll position: Golden Eagles ranked No. 12 in nation

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Interesting. That was College of Southern Idaho head volleyball coach Heidi Carlisser's reaction to the 2007 NJCAA Division I Volleyball Preseason Poll, released Tuesday. Carlisser's 6-1 Golden Eagles are ranked as the nation's No. 12 team in a poll largely based on coach voting, returning players and last year's finishes.

While 20 of the nation's top 25 teams started their seasons before the poll was released, this season's win-loss records won't be a factor until the next poll, which is slated for Wednesday, Sept. 12. That largely explains why a

Casper College (Wyo.) team that went 4-3 is ranked at No. 7, ahead of the Golden Eagles team that topped the Thunderbirds 30-24, 30-28.

Other than interest to find out where her team would be ranked after spending last year postseason- and poll-ineligible, Carlisser didn't have any strong feelings about the No. 12 ranking.

"You know, I really don't," she said. "I'm not surprised, but yet, I wasn't really expecting anything."

Iowa Western Community College earned the top spot in the poll and is off to a 7-1 start. Missouri State University-West Plains (6-1) and 4-0 Frank Phillips College (Texas) are

ranked second and third, respectively, while the 7-0 Salt Lake Community College Bruins are the highest-ranked Southern West Athletic Conference team at No. 4.

A 5-0 Western Nebraska Community College team that CSI will face this weekend in Salt Lake City rounds out the top 5.

The Golden Eagles are one of six ranked teams competing in this Friday and Saturday's Hampton Inn/Fairfield Inn SLCC Invitational in Salt Lake City. While the tournament will give the Golden Eagles a stem test, Carlisser is mainly concerned with her team's opportunity for growth over the weekend.

"I told my assistants that it will be

fun to watch film at the end of the year and watch film from these first couple tournaments and see who we are then," she said. "Our learning curve is huge. We're good right now, but if we can implement what we're doing into games against great competition, it's going to be awesome."

North Idaho State is likely the poll's biggest snub. After finishing fourth in the nation in 2006, the Cardinals were left out. NIC is 5-2 on the season and will arrive in Salt Lake City this weekend for tournament action.

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NCAA Division I Volleyball

Preseason poll, released Tuesday, Aug. 28
Next poll due: Wednesday, Sept. 12

Place	Team	Record
1	Iowa Western CC	7-1
2	Missouri State-West Plains	6-1
3	Frank Phillips College	4-0
4	Salt Lake CC	4-0
5	Western Nebraska CC	5-0
6	Blinn College	4-0
7	Casper College	4-3
8	Hampton Inn College	4-0
9	Hilabroough CC	4-0
10	Adams-Fort Smith	0-0
11	Miami-Dade College	0-0
12	CSI	6-1
13	Lut College	2-2
14	Hutchinson CC	2-2
15	Indiana Hills CC-Clatsop	2-2
16	San Jacinto College-Central	2-0
17	Lake Land College	1-3
18	Arizona Western	1-3
19	Seward County CC	2-2
20	Redlands CC	2-2
21	Pasco-Hernando CC	0-0
22	Northwest JC	1-1
23	Milford College	1-4
24	Gastadon State CC	0-0
25	Eastern Arizona College	1-0



Twin Falls High School senior Erica Ford bumps the ball Tuesday evening during a tri-meet with Gooding and Jerome at Bam Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls volleyball takes down Jerome, Gooding

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They say the first match of a team's season is typically just the low mark in what the team can achieve. If that's the case, then the High Country Conference might want to take notice as Twin Falls got its volleyball schedule off to a rousing start by sweeping Jerome and Gooding in nonconference action.

The 25-15, 25-20 win over Jerome and the 25-22, 25-18 victory over Gooding might not have looked impressive on the surface, given that the Bruins' opponents were of lower classifications, but the two beaten teams impressed with their efforts to defeat Twin Falls was simply even better.

Behind the thumping power of seniors Amber Peterson and Erica Ford, combined with the

quick-strike ability of freshman Chetzie Williams in the middle, Twin Falls overpowered its opponents at times. At other times, the Bruins simply out-worked them.

"We came to play as a team, and really played well," Ford said of her teammates and their quality showing in the first matches of the year. "Our intensity was up the whole time and we played really scrappy."

That mentality led to keeping several rallies alive, which allowed the heavy hitters to aggressively attack the opposing team's defense, which is what head coach B.J. Price wants regardless of the outcome.

"We'll take aggressive mistakes any day of the week," Price said. "This game I played at one speed ... and

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-CSI IN THE MAJORS

Van Elderen helps Volcanoes to title

Reynoso promoted to Myrtle Beach

Times-News

SALEM, Ore. — The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes are division champions, and Sean Van Elderen is part of the reason why.

The former Buhl High School and College of Southern Idaho slugger has helped Salem-Keizer (Ore.) to the Northwest League Western Division title with solid contributions from the plate and in right field.

Van Elderen is hitting .296 with five home runs and 34 RBIs for a Volcanoes team that has posted a 51-16 record through Monday. The Volcanoes are the only Northwest League with a record above .500, and are a full 17.5 games ahead of second-place Vancouver, Wash., with eight games remaining in the regular season.

Van Elderen is one of 10 former CSI and area high school standouts currently active in the MLB and Minor League Baseball ranks.

MLB

Scott Eyre, RB
Chicago Cubs
Eyre picked up his first win of the season on Aug. 21, pitching one scoreless inning of relief as the Cubs topped the San Francisco Giants 5-1. Eyre hasn't allowed a run in his last five appearances, and has lowered his season ERA to 5.23.

The former CSI hurler is 1-1 with 35 strikeouts in 41 1/3 innings pitched.

Class AAA
Brandon Duckworth, RP
Omaha (Nebr.) Royals (Royals)
Duckworth's path back to the majors took him to Omaha, Neb., where he has a 0-1 record and 3.60 ERA in three appearances.

Duckworth's rehabilitating from a mid-june rib injury, has struck out 15 Triple-A batters in as many innings pitched for a Royals team that was 69-69 in the Pacific Coast League American North Division standings through Monday.

Class AA
Christian Colonel, 3B, Tulsa (Okla.) Drillers (Rockies)
Colonel keeps chucking out the hits and RBIs for Tulsa, and is hitting .315 with 12 home runs and 79 RBIs on the season.

The former CSI standout has no trouble finding the gaps in getting double doubles on the season.

The Drillers are 29-32 in the Texas League North Division second-half standings.

Kody Kirkland, 3B, Erie (Pa.) Seawolves (Tigers)
Kirkland's average continues to dip, but the former Golden Eagles player continues to produce runs for Erie.

He is hitting .211 with 14 home runs and 51 RBIs on the season for a Seawolves team that is in first place in the Eastern League standings at 77-54.

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Trojans say they don't regard Vandals lightly

USC favored by 45.5 points in first game

By John Hadel
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The approach at Southern California is pretty basic: Every game is a championship game. And that includes Saturday night's game against Idaho.

"That's right — Idaho. It doesn't matter who we're playing or where we're playing," Trojans coach Pete Carroll said Tuesday at his first weekly meeting with reporters. "That's how we look at it."

The Trojans are favored by 45.5 points in the season-opener at the Los Angeles Coliseum, where they shoot for their 34th straight victory at home. A crowd of over 90,000 is expected.

The point spread doesn't mean a thing to Carroll, and his players have bought in to his philosophy.

"If you take any team lighter than another team, your focus is wrong," said center Matt Spanos, a fifth-year senior who

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will be making his first career start against the Vandals. "We prepare for everybody the same."

"We don't go into any game thinking ahead of ourselves. It's just like that in life — you've got to live in the present."

Maybe so, but the game figures to be little more than a tuneup for the difficult schedule that lies ahead, starting Sept. 15 when the Trojans travel to No. 20 Nebraska.

"At least that's how it appears. The starters could be in with two minutes left in the game," said defensive end Lawrence Jackson, one of 10 returning starters from a defense that dominated Michigan in the Rose Bowl game last year, when the

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BSU's Faló proves size doesn't matter

By Destin Lantry
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — At 5-foot-7, 165 pounds, is Boise State cornerback in Faló undersized? Consider this: I weighed more in the fifth grade than Faló does today. But Faló said he's got his job done. He isn't a starter, but he is a special teams maniac.

So how does a guy who tips the scales at a buck-65 get named a captain for a Division-I team?

He struggled for it.

"I did find it hard at times, but my heart wasn't going to stop me," Faló said. "My motivation was, those like defense are 'You're so small to play, or 'You're not a Division-I player, you're a Division-III player.' To me that's just like, here, throw another log on the fire. And I love proving people wrong. I totally love it. It's kind of like my own inner competition and I love it."

The senior from Mountain Home recorded 12 tackles last season. He is the gunner on the kickoff and punt returns.

"We take a lot of pride in our special teams," Faló said. "Special teams is just like defense on offense for us. When a game is hard, it's tough. It may come down to special teams. Being a part of special teams, I think I play a very big role in that."

He is a scout team defender. The most forgotten of all athletes are those who



Boise State's Faló takes down an Oklahoma player during the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1 in Glendale, Ariz.

never take the field or who sit the sidelines. In practice, they are the ones pushing the starters to get better, to give them a good look at the opponent's defense and special teams, Faló said.

Faló is the first guy down the field on punts. Some players lay behind, but he gives maximum effort and runs out every play.

"That's not only training, but you have to be one of those people who wants to be one of the first people down there," Faló said. "You have to have that mindset that

Coming tomorrow:
A preview of Broncos' season opener against Weber State

you are going to be the first one down there and no one is going to block you."

Keep an eye on No. 26. He has that thing called speed, although he says it's not so much an athletic trait, but more about heart. His heart is in this program.

"It's truly a wonderful gift, to be blessed, and to have this opportunity, to even say that you are a part of something like this," Faló said. "This is truly a dream. We work our entire lives to become part of something like this."

Some players ride the coattails of great programs, but Faló is more interested in being a part of it. He spoke of the other guys on the team, Nick Schickewy, Kyle Wilson, Orlando Scandrick and others who work just as hard as he does, but he gives more attention simply because he is smaller.

None of the Broncos are slackers.

"There's really nothing to explain how good it feels to be part of a winning program," Faló said. "And it isn't just about a winning program, but it's a part of a program like this, our ethics and what to do."

Faló talked of the other young corners like Cade Hubbert, another Idaho product who is probably the most famous player on the team, but is still young.

"It reminds me so much of how I started out," Faló said.

The Idaho kids are rarely highly recruited. But Faló would take no excuses.

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SPORTS

Yankees halt slide, top Sox

NEW YORK — Johnny Damon hit a tiebreaking homer against his former team and Andy Pettitte won his sixth straight start, halting another Yankees slide in New York's 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night.

Derek Jeter also homered and Jorge Posada hit an RBI double for the Yankees, who moved to 3-1 in the back of Boston in the AL East.

Pettitte (12-7) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings, improving to 6-1 in 10 starts since the All-Star break. Manny Ramirez and Jason Varitek homered for the Sox.

Indians 6, Twins 5
CLEVELAND Jake Westbrook got his fourth win of August, rookie Asdrubal Cabrera drove in the go-ahead run and Cleveland kept a tight grip on the AL Central lead.

Royals 6, Tigers 3
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Brian Bannister won for the sixth time in seven decisions and Alex Gordon hit a three-run double for Kansas City.

Devil Rays 15, Orioles 8
BALTIMORE — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays scored 11 eighth-inning runs during another embarrassing performance by Baltimore's bullpen, and the Orioles wasted six home runs in their seventh straight loss.

Rangers 4, White Sox 3
ARLINGTON, Texas — Marlon Byrd hit a tiebreaking single in eighth inning and Texas won its third straight.

National League
Phillies 4, Mets 2
PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard's two-run home run off Guillermo Mota in the 10th inning capped a late rally and led the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-2 win over the New York Mets on Tuesday night.

Cubs 5, Brewers 3
CHICAGO — Jacque Jones hit a game-tying two-run double in the seventh and scored the go-ahead run on an error by reliever Scott Linebrink as Chicago rallied to increase their lead on Milwaukee in the NL Central to 2½ games.

Cardinals 7, Astros 0
HOUSTON — Chris Duncan shined off an August slump with a three-run homer and an RBI single to help St. Louis Cardinals ruin Cecil Cooper's first game as Phil Garner's successor.

Marlins 4, Braves 3, 11 innings
MIAMI — Alejandro De Azavedo's two-run sacrifice fly gave Florida a win in a game in which Atlanta struck out 19 times.

Pirates sweep Reds
PITTSBURGH — Freddy Sanchez drove in five runs in the opener, then tripled and scored the winning run in the eighth inning of the second game to give Pittsburgh a doubleheader sweep that allowed previously surging Cincinnati.

Raft River sweeps Murtaugh to open season

MALTA — The Raft River Trojans volleyball team swept the Murtaugh Red Devils 25-9, 25-18, 25-10 to open the 2007 season Tuesday night.

Keddy Ward and Nicole Harper each had four kills for the Trojans. Mari Manning had three aces on serve, and Janelle Jones finished with 100 percent serving and an ace. Defensively, Lampo had five digs, and Ward, Mig Wickel and Whitney Hofman all came up with blocks for Raft River.

"The girls came out strong," Raft River coach Carl Schumann said. "One of their goals this season is to keep an intensity going — no matter what's going on in the court, keep that intensity."

Murtaugh started to play a little rougher in the second game, keeping the Trojans off balance. Raft River won a run to finish it out 25-18. In the third game, the Trojans found themselves trailing early as the Red Devils played with a little more purpose. But when Murtaugh hit 18 points, Raft River got things back together and reeled off another big run to finish out the game and the match.

"They probably let down a little toward the end of the second game and into that third game," Schumann said. "But I was proud of them — they fought back, they got that intensity back and came out in the third game and finished it off."

The Trojans (1-0) travel to Oakley on Thursday at 6 p.m. "Oakley is always a tough match, no matter what," Schumann said. "It's a big-time grudge match, to go over them in their gym. Things are always different, no matter what."

Richfield 3, Community School 0
RICHFIELD — The Richfield Tigers opened their season Tuesday with a 25-21, 25-15, 26-24 Magic Valley Northside Conference win over The Community School Outdoors.

"We played a tough team," Richfield head coach Norm Rock said. "They came ready to go."

The Tigers host Dietrich for another Northside contest on Thursday.

Lighthouse Christian 3, Oakley 0
OAKLEY — The Lighthouse Christian Lions won their season and Magic Valley Southside Conference opener with a win over Oakley Tuesday night.

The Lions won in three games, 25-20, 25-22, 25-23. Staci Beukers had seven aces, five digs and four kills, while Josana Van Vliet dug seven times and recorded two kills. A lot of play through the Lions squad led to the win.

Whitney Smith had three kills for the Hornets in a disappointing defeat. "We didn't have a great night," Oakley coach Kristin Jones said. "We didn't play to our potential but hopefully we can learn from it as we gear up for later games."

The Lions (0-1, 0-1) host Hansen at Robert Stuart High on Thursday. Oakley (0-1, 0-1) hosts Raft River on Thursday.

Carey falls at home tri-meet
CAREY — The Carey Panthers got off to a rough start and may be some early-season jitters as they lost both games in a home tri-meet on Tuesday.

The Panthers fell 25-24, 25-20 to Hansen and 25-17, 25-13 to Mackay. Mackay also defeated Hansen 25-21, 15-4.

Against Hansen, Panthers setter Shelby Hansen recorded four aces. Hansen (1-1) visits Hagerman today and Lighthouse Christian on Thursday.



Raft River's Danielle Andreasson bumps the ball during the Trojans' match with Murtaugh on Tuesday.

Carey (0-2) travels to Camas County on Thursday.

TFC JV 2, Jackpot, Nev., JV 0
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Christian Junior varsity defeated the Jackpot, Nev. JV 25-22, 25-23 Tuesday. Megan Lux recorded eight kills, and Rachel Pullman had two aces.

TFC plays The Community School JV on Thursday.

Burley splits season opener on the road
POCATELLO — Burley got its volleyball season off to an exciting start by splitting with Pocatello and Century on the road Tuesday.

The Broncos utilized 13 assists from setter Katelyn Robins in the match against Pocatello to top the Indians in convincing fashion, 25-10, 25-12, 25-12. Robins set up Ryan Cooper and Molly Mills for four kills apiece in the win.

Century got the better of Burley in the second match, but the 25-22, 25-22 decision was incredibly competitive between two teams that played very well defensively. Mills, Cooper, Robins and McKenzie Baker all had three kills in the loss to the Diamondbacks.

Burley head coach Tiffany Green was pleased with the result and the way her girls played in the first game of the season. "I thought everyone played well," Green said. "You can't win a season if you don't have your season will go, but I think we saw a lot of very encouraging things out there."

Burley hosts Blackfoot Thursday.

Pirates ease to tri-match win
KIMBERLY — Hagerman never won by fewer than seven points in the four games it played Tuesday as the Pirates romped to victory in three volleyball matches against Valley and Kimberly.

The 25-14, 25-18 win over Valley combined with a 25-18, 25-10 win over Kimberly to give Hagerman a dominant showing at its early stage in the season.

Kimberly topped Valley in the third match, 25-20 and 28-26, which pleased Bulldog head coach Jan Hill, who said she thought the team played well overall.

"The first game against Valley we played really well," Hill said. "Alex Biffelle served well and Kandise Newberry dominated with her passing. Both Valley and Hagerman are really good clubs. Valley has some girls who can really hit the ball, we just hit it a little better. Hagerman has some girls who have played together for a long time."

Kimberly (0-1) hosts Hagerman today and Century on Thursday.

Hagerman hosts Hansen today at 6 p.m. in a Magic Valley Southside Conference match, while Valley travels to Gooding on Thursday for a tri-match with Filer at 4 p.m. Kimberly will travel to Declo on Tuesday with a tri-match rounding out the tri-match schedule.

Castleford 3, Magic Valley Christian 0
CASTLEFORD — The Castleford Wolves pounded Magic Valley Christian 3-0 for their first win of the volleyball season. The Wolves won 25-19, 25-23, 25-22.

Castleford coach Oscar Flores said that he is "very proud of my girls. Last year we struggled with our hitting, but this year we are much improved."

Facing the Wolves was Rikki Virgins with 11 kills and 13 service points. Amanda Elsenar added six kills, while Gabby Medina led with nine assists. Medina also had 10 service points, and Rachel Rogers tallied 14 service points in the Castel and Century.

Castleford (1-0) will travel to Murtaugh in a Magic Valley Southside Conference match on Thursday.

Shoshone 3, Camas County 0
FAIRFIELD — Shoshone shut out Camas County 3-0 in the teams' opening game of 2007. Camas County struggled with its attack, with its highest net being only one point in the second set as the Indians won 25-12, 25-17, 25-14.

Kayne Backstrom led the Musersh with six kills, while Hayley Gregory followed with four. Defensively, Paige Davies and Molly McLain each notched two blocks in the loss.

Camas County will play in Carey on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Highland 3, Minico 0
POCATELLO — The Minico Spartans started their season with a loss to the Highland Bears on Tuesday, losing in straight games 25-22, 25-12 and 25-14.

Kalli Mackay and Brianna Phillips each had five digs for the Spartans. Candace Smith had four kills, and Haley Worthington finished with 100 percent.

The Spartans (0-1) host Twin Falls in their home opener Thursday.

Boys soccer
Gooding 6, Wendell 4
GOODING — The Wendell Trojans were able to stay a few steps ahead of Gooding for most of the match in Central Idaho Conference game on Tuesday, but the Senators scored three in a row near the end to win 6-4.

Gooding goals were scored by Cesar Hernandez, Zanic, Luis Garcia, Danny Lopez and Jose Valdez. Miguel Orozco scored twice for Wendell (once on a direct kick in the second half), while Jose Diaz and Junior Cortez netted the other two.

Wendell head coach Jon Goss said, "It was an even match for 70 minutes of the 90."

Wendell (0-1, 0-1, 0-1) SCIC travels to Gooding Tuesday (2-0, 2-1, 0-1) hosts The Community School Thursday.

Community School 6, Filer 0
FILER — The Community School routed the Filer Wildcats 6-0. Despite the lopsided affair, Filer coach Bill Sweet stated that this was "the best we have ever played against Ketchum. The boys played hard and they played well. We have a young team and are inexperienced."

The Outthroats opened the first half with a 3-0 lead, and managed to double that by the end of the match.

Thanner Fritigan led the Outthroats with two goals. Travis Stone, Mac

Whittington, Wyatt Buree, and Lucas Vorstedt also scored a goal each.

The Community School coach Richard Whiteau dubbed central defender Mac Whittington the "man of the match" due to his intense defensive presence and his one goal.

Filer (1-1, 0) will host Wendell Thursday night, at 5:30 p.m. The Community School (1-0, 0) will be focused on playing in Gooding Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The game was originally scheduled to take place in Ketchum, but the fire has caused the change in venue.

Bliss 5, Declo 2
BLISS — The 2006 Class 3A state runner-up Bliss Bears started their season off in familiar fashion, topping visiting Declo 5-2 Tuesday afternoon.

"We started off kind of flat but settled down and had a balanced attack," Bears head coach Daniel Knapp said. Cole Erkens led that attack with a pair of goals and an assist, with Omar Rossales and Alex Cortez both scored and assisted on goals. Chad Peverly also scored for the 1-0 Bears, while Dale Butler and Luis Cortez both tallied assists. Declo was led by goal scorers Klint Metcalf and Jerick Staker.

The Bears are back in action on Thursday, playing at Bulh.

Girls soccer
Declo 5, Bliss 3
BLISS — The Bliss girls led into the second half of the program's first-ever game as they won the Declo Hornets meeting three in the last 15 minutes to win the SCIC contest 5-3.

Chelsea Pulse scored two goals for the Bears, and Lindsay James scored well. Declo's goals were scored by Kaitlyn Berden, Tuesday Bliss (0-1, 0-1, 0-1) travels to Bulh Thursday.

Community School 6, Filer 0
FILER — Cody Curran's hat trick led the Community School Outthroats to a 6-0 victory over host Filer Tuesday afternoon. Jessie Curran, Erica Esthman and Madison Murnighan added goals in the high-powered Outthroats attack.

"We just went up against a much better team," Wildcats head coach Shane Iliad said. "The girls played hard, but hats off to Ketchum."

Goalie Leah Whams intercepted 19 shots and kept the 0-2 Wildcats, who play at Wendell on Thursday.

Gooding 3, Wendell 2
GOODING — Gooding edged out a 3-2 victory over its SCIC rival Wendell Tuesday. Wendell held a 2-1 lead at the half before Gooding would make a second-half charge.

Wendell coach Jim Hoffman said the team had about 20 shots on goal, only converting two of those for scores.

"It was a hard-fought game. There were lots of missed opportunities on both sides," said Hoffman.

Forward Kristina Vanhooser scored both goals for the Trojans (0-1, 0-1), allowing them the first lead of the game. Kentley Gooding scored a late first-half goal to draw within one. In the second half, the Trojans committed a mistake when an own goal was allowed, enabling the Senators to draw even.

Anabel Romero then scored the deciding goal with only a few minutes remaining to lift Gooding to the win.

Wendell coach Chris Huffman felt that "for the first game of the season, we played extremely well."

Gooding (2-0, 1) will now host The Community School on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The game was held at the ISBD field. The game was originally scheduled to take place in Ketchum. Wendell (0-1, 0-1) will host Filer on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

—South Idaho Press writer Chuck Nunn contributed to this report

Baseball

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Class A Advanced
Kiel Thibault, C, Wilmington (N.C.) Blue Rocks (Royals)

Thibault has driven in runs in his last three appearances and raised his season batting average to .250 on Tuesday.

Jerome High School stand-out has four home runs and 35 RBIs on the season as Wilmington has gone an impressive 4-1, 2-1 in the Carolina League North Division second-half standings.

Ryne Reynoso, RP, Myrtle Beach (S.C.) Pelicans (Braves)

Reynoso was called up to Myrtle Beach recently after compiling a 3-4 record and 1.39 ERA in the Class-A Rome (Ga.) Braves. Reynoso, a former Wood River High stand-out, struck out 71 batters in 59 innings pitched over 40 relief appearances

for Rome. The Pelicans are 28-35 in the Carolina League Southern Division second-half standings.

Class A
Zach Simons, RP, Asheville (N.C.) Blue Rocks (Rockies)

Simons, a former Glenns Ferry High pitcher, continues to be solid out of the bullpen for Asheville. The Tourists hurler is 7-2 with a 4.43 ERA in 40 season appearances.

Simons has struck out 62 batters in 67 innings pitched, and has allowed only 66 hits on the season. In an Asheville team that is 36-27 in the South Atlantic League Southern Division second-half standings.

Class A short season
Jordan Latham, SP, Boise Hawks (Cubs)

Volleyball

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how he fast. I'm very happy with that. We played really well, and people did their jobs."

In the third match of the tri-meet, Gooding knocked off Jerome 26-24, 26-24. One quarter of the Senators' 52 points came from the veracious jumpserve of senior outside hitter Nici Abramovsk, who befuddled the Tiger defense even on some of the serves she mishit.

"That's the one thing about a jumpserve is that it makes it tough on the serve receiver," veteran Senators head coach Joleen Toone said. "Our serve wasn't our best, but we can fix that. I thought we played really well."

The confidence Gooding gained from a dominant serve flowed through the whole team and kept the Senators up 2-0 in the final set. The team jumped off mentally. Twice Jerome held game points on its serve, but could not close the door on either occasion.

"I've gotten really consistent

at it, because I've been doing it for a while," Abramovsk said. "We've been a team in the past that got up and then lost focus and got behind. But we tell ourselves it's the past and the next step is a new ball. We're getting better at it, and it's good to see we can be a come-from-behind team."

Gooding played three of the four games well, coach Rick Burke said. Even though the Tigers lost, Burke said there were a lot of good things that took place.

"We saw some good stuff, and some things we need to work on," he said. "We always go into it with the aim to learn from it and keep getting better until the end of the year."

Twin Falls will face Minico in a non-conference match at 6 p.m. Thursday, while Gooding hosts a tri-meet with Valley and Filer that same day at 4 p.m. Jerome is scheduled to play conference rival Wood River in a tri-meet next Tuesday that also includes Century.

SCOREBOARD

GAME PLAN

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS SOCCER
 Burley at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.
 Hayden at Declo, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
 Jerome at Idaho, 4:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
 Declo at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
 Hayden at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
 at New York

TV SCHEDULE

8 p.m.
ESPN - NBA Americas
 Championship, second round,
 Venezuela vs. Puerto Rico

9 p.m.
ESPN2 - NBA Americas
 Championship, second round,
 Uruguay vs. United States

TRACK & FIELD

8 p.m.
VERSUS - IAAF World Champ
 Championships (amateur type)

WNBA Playoffs
EASTERN CONFERENCE
 1st Round: 1st Seed vs. 8th Seed, 2nd Seed vs. 7th Seed, 3rd Seed vs. 6th Seed, 4th Seed vs. 5th Seed
WESTERN CONFERENCE
 1st Round: 1st Seed vs. 8th Seed, 2nd Seed vs. 7th Seed, 3rd Seed vs. 6th Seed, 4th Seed vs. 5th Seed

BETTING TRANSACTIONS

FAVORITE OPEN TOTAL UNDERDOG
 Arizona 131 132 133
 Atlanta 134 135 136
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 Chicago 143 144 145
 Cleveland 146 147 148
 Colorado 149 150 151
 Detroit 152 153 154
 Florida 155 156 157
 Houston 158 159 160
 Kansas City 161 162 163
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 Pittsburgh 185 186 187
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BASEBALL

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New York	89	59	.600	0
Baltimore	88	60	.593	1
Chicago	87	61	.588	2
Cleveland	74	57	.564	7
Minnesota	71	58	.552	10
St. Louis	57	43	.567	18
Los Angeles	77	54	.588	1
San Diego	75	59	.561	3
Detroit	75	62	.548	4
Tampa Bay	69	65	.514	11

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NATIONAL JUVENILE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	34	.684	0
Los Angeles	73	35	.674	1
San Francisco	72	36	.667	2
Chicago	71	37	.656	3
San Diego	70	38	.646	4
San Francisco	69	39	.637	5
Chicago	68	40	.628	6
San Diego	67	41	.618	7
San Francisco	66	42	.609	8
Chicago	65	43	.600	9
San Diego	64	44	.591	10

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Budget turnaround

BID increases downtown T.F. property owner fees

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some downtown business owners say little has changed since the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce assumed management of the Historic Old Towne Business Improvement District.

However, the BID's latest financial report tells a different story. During a BID board meeting Tuesday, Shawn Barigar, chamber president and CEO, presented the current fiscal year's financial report, as well as a description of the district's 2008 budget, which was approved by the Twin Falls City Council on Monday.

The financial report showed several improvements in the BID's operating budget after the chamber spent months sorting through a backlog of unpaid bills and overdue receivables.

"The chamber assumed management of the BID in August, and truthfully, it's taken about this long to figure out all the revenues and expenses," Barigar said during the City Council meeting Monday.

Sorting through the numbers

The chamber learned that the BID had not updated the quarterly fees that it charges downtown property owners based on their property values. So the chamber increased those fees to reflect the county's latest assessments.

Downtown property owners received their first bills with the increased assessment fee in late July. "Basically the BID has received the same amount, about \$183,000, for two years

because assessments for property value had not been updated for the last two years," Barigar said during the BID meeting. "But with the recent property assessments, that will go up, and that's why there will be an increase (in BID revenue)."

Some downtown business owners say they are not getting what they pay for through assessment fees, which are used for things such as maintaining downtown landscaping and organizing events that attract people to the area. Earlier this month, a business owner said she had to maintain the landscaping near her business, while others have said the downtown events organized by the BID rarely benefit their businesses.

The current annual levy rate for downtown businesses is .00275 of assessed property value. The fees are a tax and not an optional expense; downtown property owners are required to pay.

Barigar said the chamber found several unpaid parking tickets, vendor fees and overdue assessments that are payable to the BID, which the chamber will likely turn over to a collection agency.

He said the BID's budget for 2008 will increase more than 33 percent, about \$62,000 more, compared with 2007.

Money for improvement

The BID plans to spend a significant amount of its budget during the 2008 fiscal year on downtown improvement projects. More than \$78,000 will be spent on landscape improvements, and more than \$15,000 on parking improvements that will include meter repairs.

The chamber worked with the city this summer to repair downtown's deteriorated irrigation system, which will cost the BID about \$10,000.

"I know it may not seem like things are happening, but there is a lot going on," Barigar said. "It's just that it's a very daunting task."

"I see great things for the future. We'll do what we can to make your magic work."
— Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter at Diversified Fuels' groundbreaking ceremony in Buhl

King canola

Diversified Fuels draws crowd for groundbreaking ceremony

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

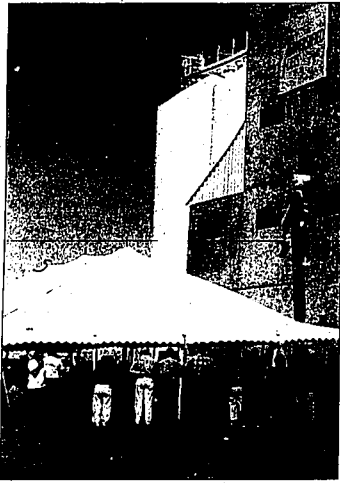
BUHL — It's the greatest opportunity for Idaho since the potato.

That is how Stace Campbell, president and chief engineer of Diversified Fuels, described Diversified Fuels' decision to choose Buhl as the location for its largest, fully integrated seed crushing, refining and processing operation in the western United States during Tuesday's groundbreaking ceremony.

"With building this facility we expect to contribute greatly to the local economy," Campbell said. "When the economy diversifies everyone wins."

Unlike conventional solvent extraction, the company will use a mechanical double-press expeller press to extract oil from canola seeds. The process results in a more desirable, extremely stable oil without the need for chemicals or purification.

"We are bringing natural back into the industrial oil market," Campbell said. "Upon operating at full capacity Diversified Fuels



A large crowd gathered Tuesday morning to celebrate Diversified Fuels' groundbreaking ceremony.

expects to process seed from 200,000 locally grown acres of canola to a finished oil product. Final products include high-quality consumer grade canola oil, biodiesel fuel and a variety of byproducts including feed stock and glycerin.

Campbell explained that canola oil is heart healthy because it contains no trans fats, and it could be a good addition to farmers' crop rotation because it is a low

water user.

If the entire acreage is grown in Idaho it could reduce irrigation water consumption by 20 percent, Campbell said.

Not only is this a unique opportunity for Buhl but the plan is good for Idaho by adding much needed diversification into the economy, said Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Otter called on the area to embrace the new company, and for farmers to grow the crops that are needed. He applauded Diversified Fuels for choosing Buhl and said the business won't be sorry for doing business in Idaho.

"I see great things for the future," he said. "We'll do what we can to make your magic work."

Campbell said that construction on their \$125 million facility, which is being designed and built by DISCO Associates of Salt Lake City. He said construction on the facility will start within the next couple of weeks.

Diversified Fuels is currently working with the city to be annexed and with the state to make sure other infrastructure needs are met. The company expects to have 100 trucks operating out of the facility during peak harvest times and needs Highway 30 upgraded to meet the demand.

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Poverty rate registers first significant decline since 2000

By Stephen Ohlacher
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Five years into a national economic recovery, the share of Americans living in poverty finally dropped.

The nation's poverty rate was 12.3 percent in 2006, down from 12.5 percent a year before, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. Median household income increased slightly, to \$48,200.

The numbers provided some good economic news at a time when financial markets have been rattled by a slumping housing market. But they were tempered by an increase in the number of Americans without health insurance, from 44.8 million in 2005 to 47 million last year.

Some advocates said the numbers were evidence of an uneven economy that is leaving many Americans behind.

"Too many Americans find themselves still stuck in the deep hole dug by economic policies favoring the wealthy," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., said in a statement. "Income remains lower than it was six years ago, poverty is higher, and the number of Americans without health insurance continues to grow."

Douglas Besharov, a resident scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, said there is a lot of good news in the numbers. "We're looking at a situation where unemployment was down, and it was down for single mothers, who make up a substantial portion of the people in poverty," Besharov said. "We need a

good economy. That's not all we need, but we should not complain when it helps lower poverty."

The last significant decline in the poverty rate came in 2000, during the Clinton administration, when it went from 11.9 percent to 11.3 percent. The poverty rate increased every year for the next four years, peaking at 12.7 percent in 2004. It was 12.6 percent in 2005, but Census officials said that change was statistically insignificant.

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"When we keep taxes low, spending in check, and our economy open — conditions that empower businesses to create new jobs — all Americans benefit," President Bush said in a statement.

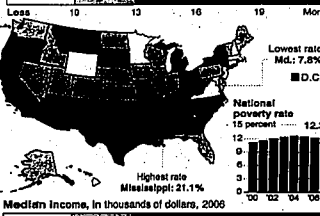
The poverty level is the official measure used to decide eligibility for federal health, housing, nutrition and child care benefits. It differs by family size and makeup. For a family of four with two children, for example, the poverty level is \$20,444.

The poverty rate — the per-

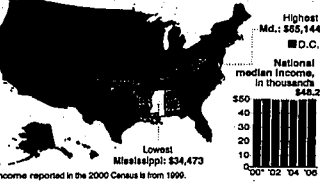
Poverty rate down across the nation

The number of people living in poverty dropped last year, while household income rose above 2001 levels.

Percentage of households in poverty, 2006



Median income, in thousands of dollars, 2006



*Income reported in the 2000 Census is from 1999. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

centage of people living below poverty — helps shape the debate on the health of the nation's economy.

Democrats on Capitol Hill said the insurance numbers justify spending more money for a popular government health insurance program for children.

Both chambers of Congress recently passed bills that would dramatically increase funding for the Children's

Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP. The Bush administration, however, opposes both measures saying they would result in people abandoning private coverage for public coverage for children.

The share of Americans without health insurance hit 15.8 percent last year, the highest percentage since 1996/1997. In 2005, 15.3 percent were without insurance.

Consumer confidence index drops in August

Financial market volatility, housing problems affecting consumers

By Philana Patterson
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence weakened in August as volatile financial markets and housing problems took a toll, a private research group said Tuesday.

The New York-based Conference Board said that its Consumer Confidence Index, which the Conference Board said was the highest in six years.

The survey is closely watched because consumer spending represents two-thirds of the U.S. economy and confidence levels tend to influence spending.

The survey is based on a representative sample of 6,000 U.S. households to measure consumer sentiment on present economic conditions and the spending outlook for the next six months. The index was based at 100 in 1985.

The Present Situation Index, which measures how shoppers feel now about economic conditions, decreased to 130.3 in August from 139.3 in July.

Building confidence

The consumer confidence index from a survey of 6,000 U.S. households.



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SOURCE: The Conference Board

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	25.04	▼	.61	Dell Inc.	26.89	▼	.70	Idacorp	31.75	▼	.60
Lithia Motors	17.36	▼	.49	Micron	11.00	▼	.23	Supervalu	40.86	▼	1.29

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Sept. gold	664.9	▼	2.6	(Light sweet crude by barrel)			

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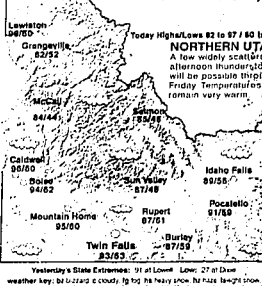
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Tomorrow: Slim chance for isolated thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: 'Fallers should be put to rest, not our undertaker. Failure is delay, not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead end. Failure is something we can avoid only by doing nothing. Success is something we can avoid only by doing everything.' - Zig Ziglar

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TENNIS: U.S. OPEN

Defending champ Sharapova rolls

Roddick wins opener

NEW YORK (AP) — The lady in red slunked a backhand wide, prompting Maria Sharapova's opponent to leap in the air and pump her fist and smile as though she'd won the match — or, indeed, the U.S. Open championship itself.



Maria Sharapova serves to Roberta Vinci at the U.S. Open in New York, Tuesday.

Martina Hingis, Svetlana Kuznetsov and Lleyton Hewitt. Sharapova's been on the wrong end of some routs at Grand Slam tournaments this year, including against Serena Williams in the Australian Open final and against Venus Williams in Wimbledon's fourth round. And Sharapova, whose breakthrough came with the 2004 Wimbledon title at age 17, has been dealing with shoulder problems much of 2007.

Uh, not quite. That little celebration by 51st-ranked Roberta Vinci of Italy was for winning one game Tuesday night, allowing her to narrow the dress-for-dress Sharapova's lead to 6-0, 5-1.

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No signs of that Tuesday, although she did double-fault twice on match point in the final game. Otherwise, about the biggest problem Sharapova had was when she missed a sip of water during a changeover and spilled a spot on her custom-made outfit.

A few minutes and one hold of serve later, Sharapova's 50-minute day was done, and she was into the second round at the tournament where she produced her second Grand Slam title a year ago.

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Even Vinci took note of the getup, saying: "It's difficult to play against her. Strong player. Nice girl. She has a nice dress."

"There's no way to get rid of the memories when I walk on the court and feel the vibe," the second-seeded Russian said, 600 crystals on her red dress sparkling in the Arthur Ashe Stadium lights. "Every corner I turn here, I get goose bumps."

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"It's red this year, like the Big Apple. In honor of the city," Sharapova told the crowd, before gathering her patent leather racket bag and black jeweled handbag and heading to the locker room.

Andy Roddick might very well have similar sentiments as he walks around the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. He did, after all, win the 2003 U.S. Open for his only major title, and he won his first Grand Slam Tuesday night, following Sharapova on court and bearing Justin Gimelstob 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-3.

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"But on a nice outfit, and some make-up, and you're the bomb," Sharapova noted later.

The 30-year-old Gimelstob is retiring, and Roddick hugged him at the net afterward. "It was great enough to be named a blue court after his last U.S. Open," then held court for a while, conducting a postmatch interview with Roddick for the fans.

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Sharapova's good feelings from her U.S. Open title are still fresh, but it's been a decade since Hingis won the tournament. This year, Hingis took a stroll around the new workout room and simply had to smile while scanning the enlarged photos decorating the walls.

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There among the posters of previous champions is one of Hingis, clutching her 1997 silver trophy, a different player and a different person.

"It's not the right thing to do," Spinos replied with a smile. Chaucery Washington, a fifth-year senior who led the Trojans in rushing last year with 744 yards on 157 carries, is sidelined with a sprained right shoulder. Carroll said sophomore C.J. Gable will start at tailback, with sophomores Allen Bradford and Stefan Johnson and freshman Broderick Green backing him up.

"I think everybody's going to be into it," Spinos said. "We're going to come in there on game day fully focused."

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Hokies see lessons in the fall of school's favorite son Vick

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — The doors that lead to the large auditorium where Virginia Tech's football team meets are kept propped open these days, giving passers-by a clear view to what once appeared to be the Hokies' inner sanctum.

While the goal of minimizing Vick's impact at Virginia Tech seems clear, in the offices where coach Frank Beamer and his assistants are preparing for their season opener on Saturday against East Carolina, the support for the Atlanta Falcons quarterback is unwavering.

minutes after he pleaded guilty to a federal dogfighting conspiracy charge in Richmond, possibly ending his career.

Outside, the words "Michael Vick" on the wide open wooden doors are hardly detectable, and have been for weeks since his legal troubles became increasingly apparent.

"I thought Michael Vick took a big step yesterday," Beamer said Tuesday, spunking up Vick's statement of apology and regret that came

minutes after he pleaded guilty to a federal dogfighting conspiracy charge in Richmond, possibly ending his career.

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Commissioner Roger Goodell said last week that Falcons center Arthur Blank "Vick admittedly lied to Goodell and Blank about the case."

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"We'll keep the conversation and what was said between us," Beamer said when asked if Vick also had lied to him at his meeting in New York.

Falco was honored with the Denny Erickson Award, given to the backup defensive back who excels on special teams in 2005. He was the special teams player of the year for BSU last season and a scout team player of the year in 2004. A four-time All-Star, he has recorded 35 tackles in three seasons.

"He sums it up with two words. 'It's possible.'"

Falco

"If you truly want it, if you truly want to be part of a program like this, then you should have enough heart and desire and persistence to pursue such a dream and goal," Falco said. "It seems to be a noteworthy pattern as BSU's coaching staff continues to bring in players who give their all. The Broncos pick up players who weren't heavily recruited, or may have had issues elsewhere. They find guys who are coachable and are not divisive."

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Cool as ...?

A cucumber, of course

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — It might be their crisp texture, or their light, savory flavor. Or it might be that cucumbers are so much better in season — now, in August and September.

Whatever the reason, the fresh cucumbers at Magie Valley's farmers' markets are a mouthwatering inspiration to dice, slice, puree or just gnaw on at this time of year.

"We like cucumbers in all sizes and shapes," said Scott Mason, chef and owner of Ketchum Grill. "I always

encourage people to shop seasonally. They're a summer thing, like a melon or a zucchini."

Most years, Mason gets his cucumbers from the Hagerman area, but consistent heat in Sun Valley this year has produced the unusual: cucumbers in Ketchum gardens.

Mason likes to make a salad from lemon cucumbers — which have a yellow or yellow-green skin and the size and shape of a lemon, though no lemony flavor — and he uses traditional green cucumbers to make other summer dishes, from a creamy chilled

gazpacho.

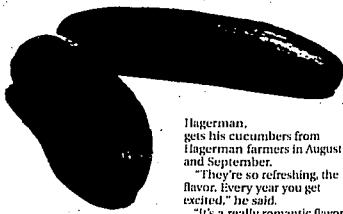
"Another thing we like to do is an Asian-style cucumber with rice wine vinegar, sesame oil, shallots. A lot of times we'll put cilantro with that, or fresh mint," he said.

Mason loves pickles of all kinds, and summer is when he brines or marinates the fresh cucumbers into bread and butter pickles, dill pickles, cornichons or gherkins, and relish that will satisfy a cucumber craving well into winter and spring.

Fresh cucumbers aren't nearly as good out of season, however.

"We don't see cucumbers very much in the winter time. They don't ship very well," Mason said. "They get pithey, a bitter taste to them."

At the farmers' markets in Ketchum and Halley, said vendor and former market manager Tom Silwell, traditional and lemon cucumbers are easy to find. She has also seen Armenian cucumbers, which she describes as crunchy, with light green skin, few seeds, no bitterness and a curlie shape.



Hagerman, gets his cucumbers from Hagerman farmers in August and September.

"They're so refreshing, the flavor. Every year you get excited," he said.

"It's a really romantic flavor. I think."

Martin makes a salad with cucumber and onion, with a dressing made from mayonnaise, sour cream, apple cider vinegar and dill, and he adds the crisp veggies to a chipotle aioli.

For fish, especially salmon, a cucumber dill sauce is among his favorites, and he said fresh cucumber slices make a crispy addition to sandwiches.

The cucumber: Light and sweet, but never crude

By Betty Hallock and Donna Deane
Los Angeles Times

Who doesn't love a cucumber? Picklers, slicers, green or yellow, smooth or bumpy, thin- or thick-skinned, chubby Kirbys, little cornichons, English, Japanese, Persian. Good thing that with the impending heat comes cucumber season.

They peak with the tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and those other cucurbits, squashes and melons, but among all these, cucumbers are the most like Johnny Depp — very, very cool. With their refreshing herbaceous flavor and their snappy crunch, cucumbers are exactly what we want to eat right now — still (they've been cultivated for more than 3,000 years).

And they lend themselves to the way we want to cook right now too — with a sort of easy abandon, pureed in soups, chopped into salsas, sliced into salads. A favorite two-sentence recipe for cucumber, mango and red onion salad from Alice Waters' "Chez Panisse Vegetables" goes like this: "Peel and thinly slice cucumbers, mango and sweet red onion — about the same of each, but exact proportions do not matter at all. Season to taste with freshly squeezed lime juice and salt, and garnish generously with cilantro leaves."

Chopped into yogurt, they have "raita" for spicy Indian dishes. Or sliced, with a little white vinegar, sugar, salt and green onions, they're more Hapsburg Empire, served with cold poached salmon or chicken.

Cucumbers' flavor is often described as mild, yet it's distinct enough to hold its own, slightly sweet and slightly bitter. It's great featured in chilled soups such green gazpacho or Russian "okroska." Cool, creamy yogurt (or creme fraiche) — as with the raita — is a no-brainer for cucumbers. (Dress sliced cucumbers with yogurt, stir in some dill, cilantro, basil, chervil or chives, and serve with cured salmon.) And for a chilled soup, cucumbers and yogurt couldn't be better matched, spiked with a little garlic and a touch of white wine vinegar and garnished with crunchy radishes and grains of sox salt.

Their light sweetness really comes out in a beautiful and elegant cucumber and crab salad. The tender crab is a little sweet too and is tossed with herbs and shallots and a little lemon juice.

The cucumbers are sliced lengthwise into ribbons on a mandoline, and the slices are arranged architecturally — forming layers between the crab, sort of like a napoleon, but looser, hoppier, more — summery.

And what makes a better palate cleanser than a cucumber granita? Icy cool with a hint of sugar and some cracked black pepper. It's perfect for a hot, hot day. The flavor of the cucumber shines through the sweet and the spice.

For dessert? If you were Adrian Vasquez, pastry chef at Providence in Los Angeles, it would be a umble of Greek yogurt and honey panna cotta with cucumber "gelée" and cucumber "noodles" with cantaloupe sherbet.



Radish slices add texture to a pureed soup of yogurt and cucumbers.

CHILLED CUCUMBER SOUP

Serves 4 to 6

Total time: About 20 minutes, plus chilling time

This recipe is from Los Angeles Times test kitchen director Donna Deane.

- 2 European cucumbers (about 1 pound each), cut into 2-inch chunks
- 2 cups plain yogurt
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced
- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 2 tablespoons slivered radish (1 to 2 radishes), reserved in ice water
- Maldon sea salt
- 4 small basil leaves, cut into julienne strips

In a blender, puree the cucumber and yogurt together in batches until smooth. Pour each batch into a large bowl.

Stir in the garlic, vinegar, salt and pepper. This makes about 6 cups soup.

Cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight until well chilled.

To serve, top each serving with slivered radish, a sprinkle of Maldon salt and a few julienne-cut basil leaves.

NUTRITION — Each of 6 servings: 76 calories; 5 grams protein; 12 grams carbohydrate.

drates; 1 gram fiber; 1 gram fat; 1 gram saturated fat; 5 milligrams cholesterol; 351 milligrams sodium.

CUCUMBER GRANITA

Serves 6 to 8

Total time: About 10 minutes, plus freezing time

This recipe is from Los Angeles Times test kitchen director Donna Deane.

- 3 regular cucumbers, about 1 3/4 pounds total
- 2 tablespoons lime juice (about 1 lime)
- 2 tablespoons superfine sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cracked Tellicherry black pepper
- Pinch of salt

Peel two of the cucumbers but leave the peel on the third cucumber for color. Rinse

the cucumbers to remove any residue or dirt.

Trim the ends off the cucumbers and slice them in half lengthwise. Scoop out the seeds. Cut the cucumbers into 2-inch chunks and puree them in a blender or food processor along with one-fourth cup water. Add the lime juice, sugar, pepper and salt.

Pour the mixture into an ice cream maker, and freeze according to manufacturer's instructions.

Spoon the granita into a chilled glass dish until it is firm enough to hold its shape. Serve a small scoop in a bowl as a palate refresher between courses.

NUTRITION — Each of 8 servings: 24 calories; 1 gram protein; 6 grams carbohydrate; 1 gram fiber; 0 fat; 0 saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 19 milligrams sodium.

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Cucumber granita is icy cool with a hint of sugar and some cracked black pepper.

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Recipes

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CRAB SALAD WITH CUCUMBER

Serves 6
Total time: About 1 hour
This recipe is from Times test kitchen director Donna Deane.

- 1 1/2 pound cooked Dungeness crab, cleaned (you will have about 1 1/2 cups crabmeat)
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon minced shallot
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- Pinch of salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon thinly sliced chives
- 1 tablespoon chopped chervil
- 3 Persian or regular cucumbers
- 1 to 2 wedges of lemon
- Freshly ground black pepper

Break up any large pieces of crabmeat with a fork.
To make a lemon vinaigrette, combine the lemon juice and shallot in a small bowl. Whisk in the canola oil. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in the chives and chervil.

Four the lemon vinaigrette over the crabmeat and gently stir with a fork until evenly coated.

Slice the cucumbers lengthwise into very thin strips. (A mandoline works best.) Slice the cucumber on one side until you reach the seeds, then turn the cucumber and slice the second side down to the seeds. Discard the center of the cucumber with the seeds. You will want about 6 strips of cucumber for each serving, or a total of 36 cucumber strips.

For each serving, lay the 6 cucumber slices out flat and squeeze a few drops of lemon juice from a wedge of lemon over each cucumber slice, then grind a little black pepper over the cucumber.

To assemble, measure one-third cup crab salad for each serving. Place a cucumber strip on a plate, then some of the salad onto the cucumber, then top with a second slice of cucumber, rippling and folding the cucumber in an attractive manner. Repeat using the remaining cucumber slices and crabmeat. Repeat this procedure for the remaining servings.

NUTRITION — Each serving: 155 calories; 14 grams protein; 2 grams carbohydrates; 1 gram fiber; 10 grams fat; 1 gram saturated fat; 45 milligrams cholesterol; 260 milligrams sodium

YOGURT PANNA COTTA WITH CUCUMBER 'NOODLES'

Serves 4
Total time: About 1 hour, plus chilling time

This recipe has four parts: Cantaloupe sorbet, cucumber gelée, yogurt-honey panna cotta, and cucumber noodles.

Note: Adapted from a recipe by pastry chef Adrian Vasquez of Providence in Los Angeles. You will need four (6-ounce) ramekins.



Slices of cucumber sliced on a mandoline curl between layers of crab tossed with herbs, shallots and lemon juice.

Cantaloupe sorbet
1/4 large cantaloupe, seeded and pitted (about 7 ounces)
6 tablespoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons lime juice

In a blender or food processor, puree the cantaloupe until smooth. Set aside.

In a small saucepan, bring the sugar and 6 tablespoons water to a simmer, stirring, just until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and let cool to room temperature. Add 2 to 3 teaspoons of the syrup to the cantaloupe puree, or more to taste, depending on the sweetness of the fruit. Add the lime juice to taste. Remove the puree to a small glass loaf dish and place in the freezer, stirring every 20 minutes to half an hour until frozen enough to shape into quenelles, 2 to 3 hours.

Cucumber gelée
1 large cucumber
2/3 sheet gelatin
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Pinch of salt

Cut the cucumber into about 1-inch chunks and process in a food processor or blender until pulsed. Strain the puree through a cheesecloth-lined mesh strainer to extract the juice. You should end up with one-half cup juice. Discard the solids.

Soften the gelatin in a small bowl of cold water. Combine the cucumber juice and sugar in a small saucepan over medium-low heat until warmed, about 1 minute. Squeeze the gelatin sheet to drain and stir it into the cucumber mixture until dissolved. Stir in the lemon juice and season with a pinch of salt, or to taste.

Chill the mixture in the saucepan over a bowl of ice water, stirring occasionally, until the mixture just begins to thicken, about 15 to 20 minutes.

Oil the sides only of four (6-ounce) ramekins. Spoon the cucumber gelée evenly into the bottom of the four ramekins. Chill until almost set, about 2 hours.

Yogurt-honey panna cotta
1 sheet gelatin
1/4 cup orange blossom

honey
1 1/4 cups Greek yogurt, at room temperature

Soak the gelatin in a bowl of cold water, to soften. Meanwhile, warm the honey in a small heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-low heat just until it thins out, 1 to 2 minutes. Squeeze the gelatin sheet to drain any excess moisture and stir it into the honey to dissolve. Stir in the yogurt until blended. Chill the pan in an ice

bath until the mixture thickens and mounds slightly about 30 minutes.

Carefully spoon the mixture evenly into the 4 (6-ounce) ramekins over the gelée layer. Chill until set, at least several hours and preferably overnight.

Cucumber noodles and assembly
1 large cucumber
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Pinch of salt
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar

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Cucumber gelée atop yogurt-honey panna cotta with 'noodles' and sorbet.

Chopped mint for garnish

Slice the cucumber lengthwise into thin "noodle-like" strips, preferably using the julienne setting on a mandoline. Slice the cucumber on one side until you reach the seeds, then turn the cucumber and slice the second side down to the seeds. Discard the center of the cucumber with the seeds.

Unfold the panna cotta next to the noodles and top the noodles with a small quenelle of cantaloupe sorbet. Sprinkle a little chopped mint over the sorbet and serve immediately.

NUTRITION — Each serving: 280 calories; 9 grams protein; 56 grams carbohydrates; 1 gram fiber; 4 grams fat; 2 grams saturated fat; 9 milligrams cholesterol; 120 milligrams sodium.

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LaVerne Kendrick has a knack for baking. Her parents, Floyd and Lela Walden, both worked in bakeries in Buhl and Twin Falls, so you could say Kendrick had the skill passed down.

"Dad took over Herb Brothers Bakery in Buhl 15 years and years ago. It is now known as Don's (Thriftway)," she said. "I learned a lot with Dad being a baker."

It's no wonder her crusts are flaky and the peanut butter cookies melt in your mouth.

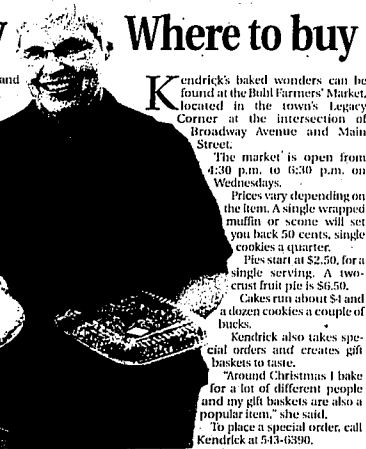
"I like baking pies and cakes the best," she said.

Lucky for us, dessert is taken care of — packaged in neat, clear plastic containers. Muffins and cookies are bunched by the dozen and pies come in both one- and two-crust varieties. Muffins, scones and cookies are also wrapped individually for a smaller treat.

Kendrick also makes a variety of breads, including pumpkin, apple and banana nut, and many cakes as well.

"They're really soft German chocolate and carrot cakes. Usually sell fast. So do the pies," she said.

— Blair Koch



Kendrick's baked wonders can be found at the Buhl Farmers' Market, located in the town's Legacy Corner at the intersection of Broadway Avenue and Main Street.

The market is open from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Prices vary depending on the item. A single wrapped muffin or scone will set you back 50 cents, single cookies a quarter.

Pies start at \$2.50, for a single serving. A two-crust fruit pie is \$6.50.

Cakes run about \$4 and a dozen cookies a couple of bucks.

Kendrick also takes special orders and creates gift baskets to taste.

"Around Christmas I bake for a lot of different people and my gift baskets are also a popular item," she said.

To place a special order, call Kendrick at 913-6390.

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

LOCAL FOODS

Peanut butter and chocolate: A winning combination

By Julie Rothman
Special to The Baltimore Sun

Lois Berg of Baltimore was looking for a recipe for a cookie bar made with chocolate and peanut butter. Judy Markowitz of Catonsville, Md., sent a recipe she has had for more than 25 years for Peanut Butter Swirl Bars.

"Everyone loves these and many ask for the recipe," Markowitz says.

Once you taste one of these, it's easy to see why. They are rich, yummy and pretty and, as always, the combination of

peanut butter and chocolate is a winner.

PEANUT BUTTER SWIRL BARS

Makes about 24 bars

- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

1 (12-ounce) package chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine peanut butter, softened butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar; beat with a fork until creamy. Gradually beat in eggs and vanilla.

In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt and blend into peanut-butter mixture. Spread batter (it will be rather thick) into a greased 12-inch-by-9-inch pan and sprinkle the chocolate chips over the surface.

Place in oven for 5 minutes

or until chips are melted. Remove pan from oven and run a knife through the batter to marbleize.

Return to oven and bake for 30 minutes. Let cool before cutting into squares.

NUTRITION — Per serving: 198 calories, 5 grams protein, 10 grams fat, 5 grams saturated fat, 27 grams carbohydrate, 1 gram fiber, 24 milligrams cholesterol, 74 milligrams sodium.

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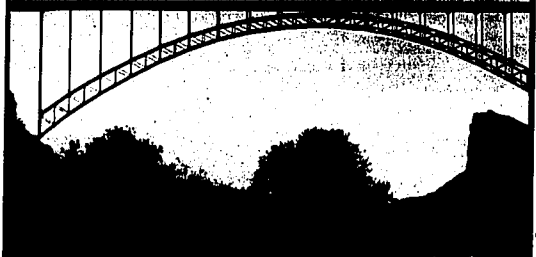


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Geothermal is most efficient way to heat and cool

DEAR JIM: I moved into an old house that needs a new heating and cooling system. I have heard installing geothermal heating is a good choice today and for the future. Is this true and how do they work?

— Brandon D.

Dear Brandon: Geothermal heating (heat pump) is extremely energy efficient and generally yields the lowest utility bills of any residential system. In effect, they use renewable solar energy from the sun's rays, which get stored in the ground. Geothermal heat pumps also provide the most energy efficient cooling during summer. Some models can be combined with solar systems.

In the heating mode, a geothermal heat pump can produce up to five dollars worth of heat for each dollar on your electric bill. Unlike standard heat pumps which lose efficiency and maximum heat output as the outdoor temperature drops, the efficiency and heat output from a geothermal heat pump remains relatively constant.

During summer, a regular heat pump or central air conditioners loses efficiency and cooling output when it is hotter outdoors. Unfortunately, this is when your house requires the greatest cooling capacity. Cooling efficiencies of geothermal systems are as high as 30 EER (energy efficiency ratio). A standard heat pump or central air conditioner is typically less than half that efficient.

Another summertime



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dullely

advantage is free hot water. When the geothermal heat pump is cooling your house, instead of exhausting the heat to the outdoor air through outdoor condenser coils, this waste heat is diverted to your water heater. This device is called a desuperheater and it is included as a standard or optional feature on geothermal heat pumps.

A geothermal heat pump operates similarly to a standard heat pump except it exchanges heat with the ground instead of the outdoor air. The temperature of the outdoor air can vary 30 degrees from day to night and more than 100 degrees from the coldest winter night to the hottest summer day. In contrast, the temperature several feet below the ground surface varies relatively little.

In order to capture (winter) the heat energy from the ground (during winter) or exhaust the heat during summer, a long pipe is usually buried in the ground. An antifreeze/water solution, running through the pipe, acts as the heat transfer medium. If there is a pond or wells can be dug, this water can run through the heat pump heat

exchangers. Many new models use earth-friendly R410A refrigerant instead of freon.

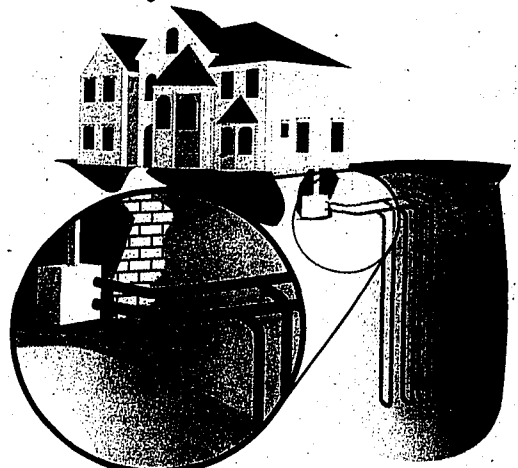
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DEAR JIM: You have written several times about various ways to save water. I put a bucket in the shower to catch the water until the temperature is right. I pour it into the toilet tank. Does this make sense?

— George O. Dear George: Much water is wasted down the bathtub drain while the water temperature is being adjusted. I would imagine you catch a gallon each shower. I don't think pouring it in the toilet tank is the best use though.

The toilet tank is already being flushed with water just runs down the overflow tube. Instead, I would use the water in the clothes washing



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Book focuses on spirituality and housework

By Ron Charles
The Washington Post

As the Book of Ecclesiastes says, there is "a time to keep words and a time to throw them away" and a new collection of writings about the serenity — indeed, the spirituality — to be found in creating order at home suggests that the time for the latter is now.

"Next to Godliness" (Skylight Paths Publishing, \$15.95), compiled and edited by Alice Peck, is not a guide to how to clean but a thoughtful, surprising anthology that aims to inspire us to think differently about how we keep our domestic space.

"The selections I've chosen are determinedly eclectic and ecumenical," she writes, to show "the spiritual possibilities within the routine of housekeeping." Contributors include Dominique Browning ("Doing the Dishes"), Louisa May Alcott ("A Song From the Suds"), Allen Ginsberg ("Homework") and Luke (Chapter 10, verses 38-41).

In "Bathing a Newborn Buddha," Titch Nat Hanh writes about becoming aware of each sacred moment while washing the dishes. Pablo Neruda's "An Ode for Ironing" is gorgeous enough to make you wish the dryer right now. And Marilynne Robinson offers the kind of insight into sweeping and folding that could turn drudgery into a comforting pastime.

As you read on, the collection's focus broadens, moving

from housekeeping tasks to the spirit of one's home to the condition of our cities, our planet. It's not all sweetness and light. Booker T. Washington has harsh words for a minister whose house "presented the most dismal and disappointing appearance."

Yitzhak Rabin writes that "dirty and disorder are usually an external manifestation of your inner condition." Andrea Barrett conveys the unspeakable horror of Sept. 11 by wiping ash off the walls of her apartment.

Sometimes the urge to clean arrives in completely unexpected ways. Marc Polier writes about the surprising impulse that came over him when he was battling cancer: "Cleaning up became an ongoing affirmation of my own sense of belonging, and

of the essential goodness of my life." And in the anthology's longest essay, Louise Ruffin describes her trip to Japan to wash toilets in search of spiritual awakening.

What's missing from this collection is a little skepticism. Unrepentant slob that I am, I kept wanting someone to play devil's advocate. These poems and essays are lovely, but most of them are preaching to the choir — whose robes, you'd better believe, have been washed in holy water and ironed with the rock of salvation. I was relieved to read Jeanette Katz's admission that "when you're exhausted after a day in the outside world, a scrub brush is a burdensome collector of hair and dead skin, nothing more." But even she concedes that "the chores I'd branded oppressive and mundane are creative and

profound ... when they're done with love."

That insight — the importance of loving family, self and something transcendent — ties these writings together, no matter what the faith of the authors. And it's hard to resist that message no matter how messy your house tends to be. After all, though it may be we came from dust, that doesn't mean we have to live in it.

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KitchenAid appeals to 'mixer love'

Company offers mixers in 70 colors, but that isn't enough for some owners

By Charles Perry
Los Angeles Times

Striped, polished, painted in custom shades. Airbrushed to look wrapped in Old Glory, or covered with swirling, multi-colored flames. Done up in camouflage splatters or World War II fighter plane patterns.

Street legal? No, these beauties are countertop kitchen mixers. Not fancy Italian espresso machines or imposing German slicer-shredders-blenders, but KitchenAid mixers, the workhorses — the John Deere tractors — of American kitchens for more than 80 years. The same impulse that makes Americans customize their Chevys seems to be causing them to pimp their KAs.

When Food Network's "Good Eats" host Alton Brown started using an electric mixer painted with swirling flames on his show, viewers sent in hundreds of e-mails about it. Fans brought their own hot-rod mixers to Brown's book signings.

Forget brushed-aluminum chic. It turns out there's a whole mixer-customizing subculture that rejects the austere high-tech aesthetic, favoring instead the bright colors of custom paint jobs and low-tier-style decals just for mixers. One entrepreneur already has gone commercial with a selection of flame decals.

"The first sign of all this was probably the mother company's 1994 expansion of the range of available colors. Today, you can get KitchenAid mixers in 70 colors, but apparently even that isn't enough for some owners, who paint their mixers in unique shades. It's just a step from that to custom designs.

Possibly the most spectacular custom KA paint job that's been documented so far is on the mixer owned by Phyllis Mullin of Madison, Ala. Her future daughter-in-law called dozens of places before finding the Visual Edge, a pin-stripping shop in Las Vegas, Tenn., which airbrushed a

"I'm the only woman I know of who polishes her mixer with car wax."

— Phyllis Mullin
of Madison, Ala.

stunning American flag pattern with realistic-looking folds at the bottom of the mixer stand.

"I'm the only woman I know of who polishes her mixer with car wax," Mullin says.

For a few months, www.forum.kitchenaid.com had a photo of Mullin's mixer posted. Other proud owners operators have painted their mixers in camouflage patterns or the fighter plane design of the Flying Tigers. But the overwhelming preference is for the flame decoration of the classic 1950s hot rod.

If money is no object, you can get a body shop to paint any design on your mixer. At the Web site www.flameka.com, Ross Bolton, a baker in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., posts photos of customized mixers.

Bolton yearned for a flame job on the mixer he uses every day, but he didn't want to pay a motorcycle or auto body shop \$150 to do it. He tried applying the auto flame decals that have been available for decades.

"The problem was," he says, "you can't just slap them on a mixer. The ink smears, the decal rips. Some mixers have a side bolt that can get in the



From left: INCOMING: Flying Tiger decals show the food who's boss; HOTROD: From zero to frappe in a few clicks; CAMOUFLAGE: Good you spot this in the jungle? Photos courtesy of Phyllis Mullin



Decal kits put a room in your roof.

way. And a car decal won't fit the spherical parts of the mixer, like the back."

Two years ago, he decided to design his own decals, and he started selling them in December.

The flames and camouflage examples tend to be dude-type decorations, but on KitchenAid Internet forums you'll see mixers with Hello

Kitty decals, or, in one case, dark glasses for the mixer and a hula skirt around the bowl.

So maybe this phenomenon is also like dressing up your pet. As you read the Internet postings, it becomes obvious that some people actually give nicknames to their mixers. It's all part of what Bolton calls "mixer love," probably the maddest fop crush of our time.

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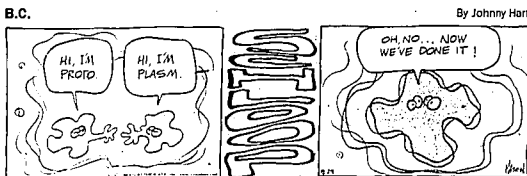
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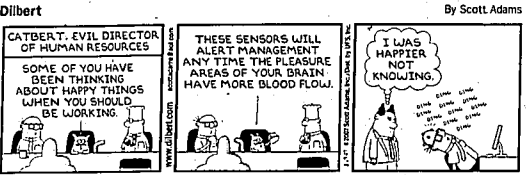
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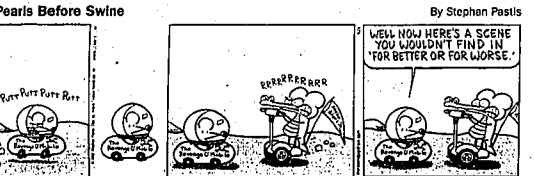
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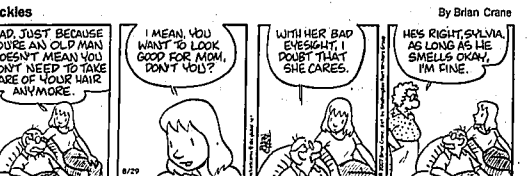
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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



By Wiley



By John Deering

Use your street smarts today, Leo

IF AUG. 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, take things slowly in the year to come. The cosmic lights are red in October and February while Saturn crosses your part of the heavens. Handle existing obligations with kid gloves, avoid criticisms and don't add new responsibilities such as credit card debts during those months. Whatever you begin in late December or early January is bound to be blessed by good fortune and smooth sailing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Build yourself up, buttercup. Be proud of your accomplishments, even if they aren't usual ones. This might be a good time to consider converting a favorite hobby or entertainment into a business.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Try a bit of sensitivity training. Fresh business methods can be trumped by compassion and imagination. Ignore a sob story or blatant emotions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sentimental attachments improve your outlook. Certain relationships transcend space and time. You may find that creativity is inspired by a wealth of information at your fingertips.

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Jeraldine Saunders

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Intuition might be a better guide. You aren't likely to fall prey to a tricky transaction if you read between the lines. You can be smart about your money—and kind and generous, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is no sense in having street smarts if you don't use them. There may be plenty of fine print to read in any deal, but you are sharp enough to look for the catch. There is no free ride.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pick up the phone on a whim. Someone you are thinking about is probably dreaming of you, too. This is a good day to hold a private conversation with a trusted friend, relative or lover.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take refuge in relationships. You may share disappointments or joys with a certain someone and be comforted by a favorable response. Sympathetic understanding is your best asset today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You know how the system works. The kindhearted offer from the guy in charge might have a secret string attached. At the same time, the benefits might outweigh the ultimate obligations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Business before pleasure. Adopt a levelheaded approach when making plans for the approaching holiday weekend. Ask for advice from others before making a commitment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your goals can run parallel to those of others. You may want to hook up with like-minded individuals in a certain situation. Be guided by both intuition and experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be imaginative. Flights of fancy can work hand in hand with a business idea to make it bigger, better or more productive. Listen to the words of others with your heart, as well as your ears.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Break the sound barrier. You can move along at lightning speed if you find a peaceful retreat where you can be introspective. Quiet discussions can lead to complete harmony or inspiration.

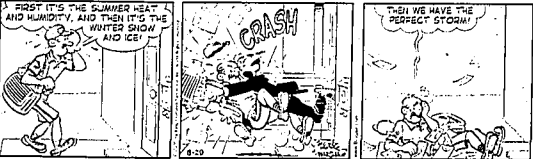
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Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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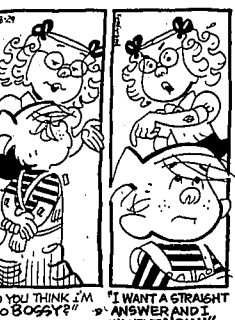
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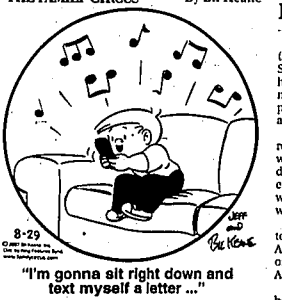
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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Potter fan pleads for silence from multiple media spoilers



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The latest Harry Potter book came out recently, and I have been reading it. I don't have any serious problems. Rather, I have something to say to those who enjoy spoiling the surprise of a book.

I've read the Harry Potter books since first grade. (I'm now 13.) They are a major part of my childhood. The "sixth book was spoiled for me by a class friend. Not only did she emphatically announce she died, it became common knowledge whether you've read the book or not.

I've been reluctant to touch the Internet for a few days. I want to take my time to savor this book because once I read it, I'll never have the same feeling of surprise again. I'm not one of those who speed ahead to finish a book in a night.

Not only do some fans spoil it, but the media does too. I can't look at my e-mail provider page because there are spoilers in the headlines. I am considering sealing myself inside a plastic bubble to avoid hearing anything about the book.

This is also a problem with movies, other books and video games. Please, for those of us who wish to remain in the dark until the end, don't say a word about the plot!

— IN THE DARK (AND ENJOYING IT)

DEAR IN THE DARK: I suspect the impulse to spill the beans and spoil the experience for someone else comes from the need to feel important. ("You heard it from me first!") It is not a particularly endearing trait.

While some members of the media were, indeed, guilty of going away the end of the last Harry Potter book, other critics and reviewers were considerably more thoughtful. "Spoiler Alert! Don't read further if you don't want the plot revealed." Hats off to them.

DEAR ABBY: I recently became involved in doing sexual acts for money. I often enjoy these acts, but I fear that one day I might be hurt or even killed. What can I do to stop?

— TRIXI IN CHANDLER, ARIZ.

DEAR TRIXI: Your concerns are valid, and it's time to examine the reasons you're having sex with strangers for money. If your reason is financial, understand that the career you have chosen is not only dan-

gerous, but one with a very short shelf life. You would be wiser to find a legitimate career you can enjoy past the age of 40 — preferably one with retirement benefits.

If you're doing this because you're hooked on the excitement, then you may have a sexual addiction and could be helped by joining a self-help group such as Sexaholics Anonymous, which helps people break the cycle of sexually destructive thinking and behavior. You can find it at www.sao.org or at 866-424-8777.

Another group that could help you is Sex Workers Anonymous, a 12-step program for persons of all ages, races, sexualities, religions and backgrounds. Its mission is to help people find recovery from any aspect of the sex industry. Its Web site is www.sexworkersanonymous.com.

Many years ago, I met a pretty young woman at a Hollywood party who was quite open about the fact that she was a prostitute. Curious, I asked her why she had decided to go into that line of work. Heres what she said: "My ex-boyfriend was their score when I did it for free. So I decided to make them pay!" In other words, she felt it was the only way she could maintain control in a relationship. I found it sad but then, and I still do.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 23, the 241st day of 2007. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

Fifty years ago, on Aug. 29, 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

On this date:

In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa, was murdered on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.
In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset.
In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City at age 76.
In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occu-

plers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.

In 1944, 15,000 American troops from the island of Iwo Jima were killed in the worst carnage since an Islamic insurgency began. Japan's Supreme Court ruled that the country's Education Ministry was in violation of the law by removing mention of a Japanese World War II atrocity from historian Saburo Ienaga's high school textbook.
In 1965, the Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their last public concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.
In 1982, Academy Award-winning actress Ingrid Bergman died in London on her 67th birthday.
In 1987, Academy Award-winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Ariz., at age 63.
In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, La., the resulting floods devastated the city of New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

Ten years ago: Hooded men killed more than 300 people in an Algerian funeral march, the worst carnage since an Islamic insurgency began. Japan's Supreme Court ruled that the country's Education Ministry was in violation of the law by removing mention of a Japanese World War II atrocity from historian Saburo Ienaga's high school textbook.
Five years ago: A judge in Norwalk, Conn., sentenced Michael Skalek to 20 years in life in prison for bludgeoning his teenage neighbor, Martha Macy, with a golf club in 1975 after hearing the Kennedy cousin tearfully proclaim his innocence.

One year ago: President George W. Bush visited New Orleans one year after Hurricane Katrina devastated the region to offer comfort and hope to residents. Tropical Storm Ernesto's leading edge funneled rain and the rest of southern Florida.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor-director Lord Richard Attenborough is 84.
Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is 72.
Actor Elliott Gould is 69.
Movie director William Friedkin is 68.
Movie director Joel Schumacher is 68.
TV personality Robin Leach is 65.
Actor G.W. Bailey is 63.
Actor Ray Wise is 60.
Actress Deborah Van Valkenburgh is 55.
Dancer-choreographer Mark Morris is 51.
Country musician Dan Truman (Diamond Rio) is 51.
Singer Michael Jackson is 49.
Actress Rebecca DeMornay is 45.
Singer McShell NdegeOcello is 38.
Rhythm and blues singer Cad Martin (Shal) is 37.
Actress Carla Gugino is 36.
Rock musician Kyle Gass (Tenacious D) is 32.
Actor John Henley is 30.
Rock musician David Desrosiers (Simple Plan) is 27.
Rapper A\$AP Rocky is 25.
Actress Jennifer Landon is 23.
Actor Jeffrey Licon is 22.



Leach

THOUGHT

"The trouble with being poor is that it takes up all your time."

— Willem de Kooning, Dutch-born artist (1904-1997)

California wedding crasher steals cash-filled envelopes at reception; theft caught on tape

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — Anthony and Jennifer Smith left for their Florida honeymoon earlier this month thinking they'd have plenty of cash gifts to tuly up after their trip. But when the newlyweds returned, some bad news was waiting: Most of their wedding money was stolen by an envelope-snatching thief who crashed their reception while anybody noticing. "You never think it's going to happen, you know, to you," Anthony Smith said Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America." The well-dressed man believed to have made off

with as much as \$1,500 in cash gifts, police said. He was recorded on a surveillance tape approaching a box containing gift envelopes at the Smiths' Aug. 17 wedding reception. He first approached the box with an envelope of his own, but rather than put it in, he walked away. Then he returned and grabbed the box's envelopes. "He just went straight for the money," Jennifer Smith said. The thief even knew to wear a blue and burgundy outfit — just like the clothes worn by members of the wedding party, she said.

New York pools going to the dogs

RAMAPO, N.Y. (AP) — Every dog has its day, and for those in this suburban town it's Sept. 9: That's when the pooches will have a pool party. For the fourth year, Ramapo will mark the end of the dog days of summer with a canine swim at the town pools at the Spook Rock Park. The event raises money for animal care, educates people about dogs, and gives the dogs a chance to have some doggie fun, organizers said Monday. More than 250 dogs took a dip at last year's event, called the Dog Days of Summer K-9 Pool Party. Smaller dogs used the fast pool, while larger dogs used the main pool.

FOOD & HOME

Creating a balanced salmon dish

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

Chef David Pasternak saaled into The Washington Post kitchen with the laid-back manner of a touring author who might rather be fishing somewhere.

He created a buzz a few years back by introducing American palates to crudo, a southern Italian way of eating impressively fresh and simply dressed, thinly sliced raw fish. Simple is how he prefers to handle seafood dishes at Esca, his New York restaurant, and how he has presented the recipes in his first cookbook. The lovely fish he showed us how to make is on Esca's current menu.

"I just thought about the sweet ingredients that were in season and played them off the slight bitterness of watercress," he said with a Long Island shrug as he pulled spectacular farmed salmon fillets from Scotland, soft black mission figs from California, olive oil from Sicily, saba from Italy and the well-trodden greens from an installed bag.

In addition to knowing where to cast a line himself, the lifelong angler has cultivated a range of purveyors to get the best ingredients. "I know a guy..." is the way he started more than a few sentences.

But anyone can order salmon from the places he does, so before you make that next major salmon purchase at a big-box retailer, do some cost analysis on how many neighbors and friends could share an overnight mail order from Brownie Trading Co. in Portland, Maine (www.brownietrading.com), located at his favorite merchants. For this dish, at least, it would be a smart investment.

About saba and wine

Chef-restaurateur David Pasternak likes to describe saba as Italian maple syrup. It's sweet, but not that thick. Saba is the cooked juice, or must, of the same Tannino grape that is used to make true balsamic vinegar. Saba's fairly pricey, but a little goes a long way. It's available in several sizes at some Balducci's; it can also be ordered online from several gourmet food purveyors.

The chef suggested serving this dish with a medium-bodied red wine such as Bastianich Riseto — and not, he says, just because Joseph Bastianich is one his restaurant co-partners.



Chef David Pasternak creates Salmon With Figs, Saba and Watercress.

Adapted from "The Young Man & the Sea," by David Pasternak and Ed Levine (Artisan, 2007).

SALMON WITH FIGS, SABA AND WATERCRESS

- 4 servings
- 2 tablespoons saba or top-quality balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for coating the fish
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 bunches watercress, rinsed and dried
- 4 6-ounce skin-on salmon fillets (24 ounces total), pin bones removed
- 8 ripe figs, halved

In a small bowl, whisk together the saba or balsamic vinegar and olive oil; season with about 1/2 teaspoon salt and a pinch of pepper.

Place the watercress in a mixing bowl, add the saba and

oil dressing and toss to lightly coat. Divide the salad among individual plates, creating a flattened stack; set aside.

Preheat a large grill pan over medium-high heat.

Rub the salmon fillets on both sides with a little olive oil; season only the flesh (not

the skin) with salt and pepper to taste. Cook the fillets, skin side down, for 4 to 5 minutes, or until the edges of the fish begin to turn opaque. Carefully turn the fish over and cook for 1 to 2 minutes. If the fillets are very thick, turn to cook them for 1 to 2 minutes more on each side as well.

While the salmon is cooking, place the figs, cut sides up, in the same pan and cook for about 2 minutes, rotating them around and turning them over until they just begin to wilt.

Arrange 4 fig halves on each plate alternating cut sides up and down, around the watercress. Place a fillet, skin side up, on top of each stack of watercress. Drizzle each plate with some of the saba dressing left in the mixing bowl. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste; serve warm.

NUTRITION — Per serving, with about 1 tablespoon dressing: 488 calories, 35 g protein, 20 g carbohydrates, 30 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 100 mg cholesterol, 136 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber.

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It's the sweet 16 for 'Epicurean Evening'

TWIN FALLS — The 16th annual "Epicurean Evening" charity event for St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation is set for Sept. 8 at Blue Lakes Country Club.

This year's event will feature wine from Magic Valley Distributing Co. and food from 13 area chefs. A live silent auction will include food and wine getaways and items for the home.

Proceeds from the \$100-per-person event go to support health care needs of children in Magic Valley and northern Nevada.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a wine tasting and social hour, with the silent auction continuing until 9:30 p.m. Dinner and the program start at 7:30 p.m.; dancing follows, with music by Crossfire.

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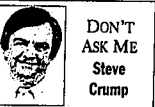
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Picture folks who truly need a different hobby

When I was a young reporter, I used to dread county fairs. It was the season of the presidential cucumbers. As the newest member of the reporting staff at the *Idaho State Journal* in Pocatello, it was my job to talk to gardeners who brought vegetables into the newspaper office claiming that the produce looked like someone famous. The North Hancock County Fair was in mid-August, just in time for cukes, squash, tomatoes, eggplants, cauliflower and peppers to ripen. I got to see a steady stream of them in the newsroom, replete with structural genetic anomalies — you know, protruberances that looked like noses, ears and chins.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

This was smack in the middle of the Watergate scandal, so in August 1973 I met at least a half-dozen species of Richard Nixon vegetable look-alikes. Then in September came the Nixon-facemile potatoes. None of them, I thought, looked especially like the 37th president, but I'd duly take a photograph of the proudest gardener and his or her prized produce and, occasionally, put it in the paper.

Which, of course, just encouraged other gardeners. The weirdest of all was a middle-aged woman who brought in a basket containing seven Russet Burbank spuds that she claimed were dead dwarfs for the Seven Dwarfs. (Snow White, mercifully, was missing.)

Doc, I thought, looked a bit like Richard Simmons, and Johnny favored Lady Bird Johnson. But I couldn't make out any human likeness at all in Grumpy, Happy, Sneezy, Bambi and Sleepy.

Shoot, Sneezy didn't even have a discernible nose. So I told the woman thanks just the same, but we had all the personable produce we could handle for the summer. She became offended and wrote a letter to the editor accusing me of being anti-farmer.

This continued in the summer of 1974 after word got around among Pocatello-area gardeners that I was the go-to guy if they wanted to see their vegetables in the paper. And what with Watergate coming to a head back in Washington, D.C., I got vegetables purported to be likenesses of various characters who were caught up in the scandal. My personal favorite was the ear of corn said to resemble Sen. Sam Ervin, who was chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee. Ervin had prominent eyebrows, represented, I guess, by the corn silk. And that was in July. Things, only got stranger after Nixon resigned on Aug. 9.

I was beginning to rethink my career choice along about Labor Day when two things happened.

First, somebody brought in a cabbage that actually did look like Wayne Newton. And the *Journal* hired a new reporter, meaning that I got promoted to a better beat. But on this day, I've never been able to eat cabbage. Or listen to "Red Roses for a Blue Lady."

Fire dampers Labor Day weekend camping

Recreation restricted near Ketchum

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Folks who've planned a camping trip for this weekend might want to reconsider. Major wildfires burning across Idaho have blanketed

many of the state's most popular recreation areas in thick smoke and prompted campground and trail closures, particularly near Ketchum. "They just don't want people in there in case something happens," said Shanna Robinson, an office manager in the Ketchum Ranger District office. The entire Ketchum Ranger District is closed: no camping, hiking or access to U.S. Forest

Service roads. Fire restrictions are in place throughout Idaho, and campfires are illegal. The unofficial last weekend of summer is traditionally popular for outdoor enthusiasts. But this year, campers are

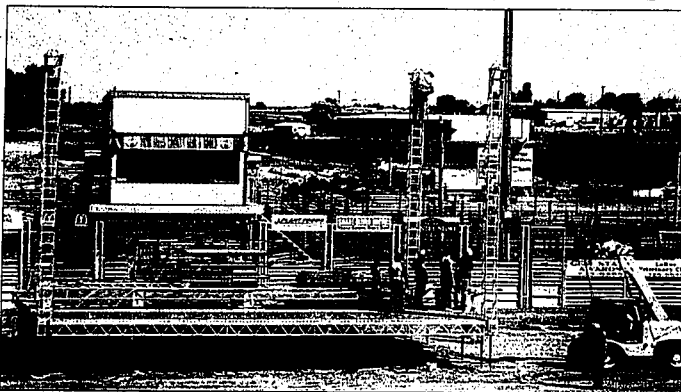
scratching their heads, wondering where to go. "The phones here are ringing off the hook," Robinson said. The same goes for the Stanley office of the Sawtooth

National Recreation Area. Most of the SNRA is open, but smoke blown from major nearby fires is making camping unpleasant.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY FAIR

Work before play



Workers set up the concert stage Tuesday afternoon at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Fairgrounds prepares for busy days ahead

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — A calm-before-the-storm kind of day doesn't apply to the Twin Falls County Fair. The fair opens today, but activity on the grounds Tuesday was anything but relaxed.

Clerks at the fair office scrambled to answer a constantly ringing phone, and customers flowed in and out hoping to get a good seat for rodeo and other nightly events.

Some aren't so lucky, said Fair Manager John Pliz. All of the reserved seating for tonight's Josh Turner concert have long been sold, although about 1,200 general admission tickets are still up for grabs. Just a few reserved seats remain for Saturday's rodeo.

The organized chaos is carried throughout the grounds — colorful tarps were hoisted for shade, lemonade percolates and four-wheelers buzzed around carrying people and supplies in a last minute dash of preparation.

"Of about 200 or so food vendors and merchants, about 180 of them are setting up today (Tuesday)," said Pliz. "They've had since Saturday, but this isn't any-

thing new, just your typical day-before-the-fair." Danielle Worlton of Twin Falls is a first-timer in the merchants building.

"I'm excited for the fair. I've been planning to come since April," Worlton said. "My business, Expressions, is a special events decoration service, so I had to pick the backdrop to use and created some brochures, came up with a give away drawing and 'hope to be ready for tomorrow.'"

"If all goes well, she said, the high-frequency exposure will boost her business into a part-time job to full-time career. "I have three other people lined up to help me. I guess we'll see how it goes," she said.

At the Party Pups booth on the food-line, the routine was the old-hat. A family run business since the '30s, Nancy Ash of Homedale had the preparation down to a science. Of course, she enlisted the help of her husband Duane Ash and a couple of friends, who stuffed hot dogs with a stick so they could be freshly battered and fried. "My parents had a few other stands on the lot, but

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Nancy Ash, left, and her husband Duane Ash prepare hot dog vendors for the Party Pups food booth Tuesday afternoon at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Magicvalley.com offers daily shows from the fair

Times-News

FILER — Daily live interview shows, news stories, a video contest and a "drill cam" all from the Twin Falls County Fair will be featured on magicvalley.com, the *Times-News* Web site, starting Wednesday. Live interviews will air at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day of the fair. The shows will be archived on the site for play later. The schedule of guests on the show, which will be hosted by Rebecca



On the Web
Go to magicvalley.com for live shows, coverage and more on the 2007 Twin Falls County Fair page.

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At the fair today

Today is McDonald's Day at the Carnival (discount with McDonald's coupon only)

- 7 a.m. Fair gates open
- 8 a.m. FFA Horse Quality, followed by 4-H/FFA Showmanship (including miniatures), Zeborath Arena; 4-H/FRA rabbit show, next to poultry barn
- 9 a.m. Open Dairy Goat Jr. Dog show, goat show ring
- 10 a.m. 4-H Alpaca, Llama Show, McCoy Sheep show ring; Fair buildings open; Open Market Hog Show, Queenshill swine show ring; Commercial Steer Show, Southwest beef show ring
- 11 a.m. Jersey Show, followed by Arshires, dairy show ring
- 12 p.m. Petting Farm opens, Kidde Land; Carnival opens
- 12:30 p.m. Jeff Martin, The Blonde Curly Haired Magician, Free Stage
- 1 p.m. 4-H Alpaca, Llama Show, McCoy Sheep show ring
- 1:30 p.m. Captain Zartou, beside the Free Stogo
- 2 p.m. 4-H breeding beef; Michael Mezmer (Hypnotist), Free Stage
- 3 p.m. Open Alpaca Pee Wee show, McCoy Sheep show ring
- 3:15 p.m. Jeff Martin, The Blonde Curly Haired Magician, Free Stage
- 4 p.m. Draft Horse & Mule Healer North of dairy show ring; Cat show, followed by Cavy show, next to poultry barn; Washboard Willy (Musician), Free Stage
- 5 p.m. Edge Wireless Text Messaging Contest, Free Stage Area
- 6 p.m. Small animal show, next to poultry barn; Jeff Martin, The Blonde Curly Haired Magician, Free Stage
- 6:30 p.m. Captain Zartou, beside the Free Stage
- 7 p.m. Extreme dance, Free Stage
- 8 p.m. Josh Turner concert, Shouse Arena; Michael Mezmer (Hypnotist), Free Stage
- 10 p.m. Fair buildings close
- Midnight fair and carnival close

Rancher, gas company may fight in court

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

MALTA — As the circumstances surrounding the deaths of 27 horses more than three weeks ago remain a mystery, both sides in the case appear to be digging in for a legal battle.

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Health trust to mail new surveys

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Health Initiatives Trust board is so eager to hear from county residents, it's going to ask its questions twice.

The board recently sent surveys asking the public's opinion about health care in the county to 10,000 county residences. But a printer's error blazed out the return postage stamp, meaning residents would have to pay to return the surveys. Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikescell said Tuesday.

To correct the mistake, the county will mail all 10,000 surveys out again, Mikescell said, and send them to the same random sampling of addresses as before. Since the mistake was the printer's, the second run won't cost the county anything, Mikescell said. The first run cost about \$3,000. Though the board won't change the surveyed date to change the surveys by, Mikescell said members just hope to receive them as soon as they can. "We'll just get it done when we get it done."

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

OBITUARIES

Lillian Fay Tuma

TWIN FALLS — Lillian Fay Tuma, 83, passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 24, 2007.

Lillian was born Aug. 13, 1924, in Grand Island, Neb., to Ora Olver and Clara (Haud) Carter. She met and married Alvy Tuma in 1942. Together they had five children: Alvy, Ronald, Larry, Dale and Reva.



She spent most of her life working in janitorial services, most recently for the Boise Police Department. Retiring in the early 1980s, her focus was her children and grandchildren.

Lillian enjoyed the outdoors

and loved to dance; she had a great sense of humor and was ready to go and do anything at a moment's notice. She was always willing to help other people because of her very generous heart.

Lillian is survived by daughter, Reva (Steve) Pearson of Twin Falls; sons, Larry (Patsy) Tuma of Tillamook, Ore., and Dale (Linda) Tuma of Tigard, Ore.; 20 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Alvy and Ronald; four brothers and one sister.

Interment will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise.

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

John Nye

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



He was born April 8, 1907, in Albion, Idaho, the son of Frederick and Lillian Nye.

John attended schools in Albion, Almo and Loveland. He quit school in 1926 when his father died in a farming accident. From then on, he farmed and ranched full time and helped provide for his mother and siblings.

He farmed in Malta while his brother served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He also helped several sisters through college or trade school. In 1943, he purchased the ranch in Elba. On Sept. 22, 1944, he married Bessie Durrington in the Salt Lake City Temple. They moved onto the ranch in Elba in 1950, and they have lived here since except for serving a mission in the Canadian Calgary area for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for 18 months. He was a stalwart in the Elba Ward, where he

served faithfully in several callings. He was a Sunday school teacher several times and served as Sunday school president for 17 years. Most recently, John and Bessie were able to serve as officiators in the Logan Temple until John was 90 years old, and he continued to serve as a home teacher as long as his health allowed.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie; Elba; his children, Frederick John Nye of Twin Falls, Marcene (Wilke) Myers (Boise, Vernon (Peggy) Nye of Elba, Douglas (Dorann) Nye of Brigham City, Utah, and Leslie (Jodi) Nye of Rupert; one brother, Alton Nye of Malta; and one sister, Ruth-Zöllinger of Twin Falls. He is also survived by 26 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; five sisters and one grandson, Cory James Nye.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Elba 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, Aug. 30, at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Friday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Bill L. Beltz

MOUNTAIN HOME — Bill Lawrence Beltz, 80, formerly of Mountain Home, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at the Capital Care Center in Boise. A graveside inurnment service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman. Arrangements are under the direction of

Demmayr Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Gladys Hodge

TWIN FALLS — Gladys Hodge, 84, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Aug. 27, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Dorothy Lucile Haffner Young

TWIN FALLS — Dorothy Lucile Haffner Young, 89, of Twin Falls, died at her home Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007.



Dorothy was born March 1, 1918, at Pocatello, Idaho, the daughter of Christ C. and Frederica Haffner.

She was baptized on April 13, 1925, at Wishek, N.D. Dorothy married Reinhold Schiltnerhard on Sept. 10, 1935, at Fullerton, N.D. To this union were born four children: Walter, John, Joyce and Sharon. They moved away on Nov. 15, 1973, at the age of 65.

She worked at the State Hospital in Jamestown, N.D., for approximately 10 years, becoming ward manager. She was awarded as the aide of the year and received the 1956 Certificate of Achievement, Devotion and Skill to the Handicapped and Mentally Ill. In 1974, she received her GED. Dorothy married Ernest W. Young on April 12, 1975, at Bismarck, N.D., and they moved to Twin Falls in 1976.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Reinhold Schiltnerhard; her second husband, Ernest W. Young; four brothers; two sisters; and a stepson, Ernest W. Young. She is survived by three daughters, Joyce Peterson of Twin Falls, Betty Stabenow of Binford, N.D., and Sharon Reinhold of Pacific, Wash.; a son, Walter Schiltnerhard of Twin Falls; two stepdaughters, Shirley

Raymond Edward LaPointe

TWIN FALLS — Raymond Edward LaPointe, 77, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, at his home.



Raymond was born in Pocatello, Idaho, to Victor and Anselita Benoit LaPointe.

Raymond joined the Navy and served in California and all over the world. He met and married Goldie L. Speaks on Aug. 6, 1972, and to this union was born three children, Dennis, Ann and Victor, and two grandchildren, Don and Victor. They shared 31 happy years together.

He worked in the food service industry, managing many restaurants and catering services.

Raymond always maintained close ties to his family. He enjoyed coaching softball, football and basketball, and his family was blessed to have him as their coach as well. He loved playing golf and bowling. His past life, he bowled in the Seniors National and placed 12th of 52.

Survivors include his daughter, Ann (Don) Shepherd of Twin Falls; son, Don (Melinda) LaPointe of Gardnerville, Nev.; six grandchildren, Angel, Natalie, Jennifer, Cassandra, Jeremy and Jodi; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Goldie; and son, Victor.

All services have been entrusted to the care of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. The family will hold a private service of remembrance at a later time.

Dewayne O. Shaw

BELGHADÉ, Mont. — Dewayne O. Shaw, 51, of Belgrade, Mont., peacefully passed away Aug. 7, 2007, at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Wash.

He was born Sept. 30, 1956, to Marlin and Elsie Shaw in Guthrie, Okla.

He is survived by a son, Thomas; two granddaughters, Nyah Ann Masler-Shaw and Makayana Hack; two stepdaughters, Rheanna Hack and Melissa Hack-Webb; one grandson, Dillon; his father, Marlin Shaw; sister, Bonnie (Tom) Zulauf; brother, Lonnie (Lud) Shaw; brother, Robert Shaw; numerous nephews and one niece.

Dewayne was preceded in death by his mother, Elsie Shaw.

He served in the Air Force and was an appliance repairman by trade. He earned a bachelor's degree in applied sciences at the College of Southern Idaho.

Cremation and a service have taken place.

There is much to remember and much to be thankful for as we remember Dewayne and who he shared his life with those around him. We love you, brother.

Memorials may be made to Bonnie Zulauf, 905 E. Missoula Ave., Belgrade, MT 50714.

Dewayne was a beloved husband, father, son, brother and friend.

James R. Borden

RUPERT — Our father, James Randall "Jim" Borden, a 69-year-old resident of Rupert, is now at peace and free from the pain.



Dad was born Feb. 26, 1938, in Twin Falls, Idaho, and left this earth on Aug. 24, 2007.

Dad was a TV electrician and repairman. Dad loved to hunt, camp and ride motorcycles in his younger days. He also was very talented on the harmonica. He loved to get together with his friends to play music. Dad had been sick for many years from a rare disease called Myeloma, and he recently was diagnosed with a brain tumor and lung cancer. Even during the pain from his sickness, he fought on and still worked as a TV repairman until he could not do it anymore.

We want to thank everyone who has been so supportive of our dad during his illness. Thank you to the doctors who have treated our father during the years, and to Mindoka Hospice who made dad's last few days as pain free and comfortable as they could be. People will remember our father for his ability to fix almost anything. To replace his knowledge on this card will not be easy. He has touched many lives through the years and had so many friends.

Dad is survived by his three children, Chareen (Bob) Snelson of Nampa, Diana (Mark) Bryngelson of Rupert and Shawn Borden of Boise; his three stepchildren, Aaron (Sandy) Johnson of Fort Morgan, Colo., Neal (Wendy) Johnson of North Pole City, Alaska, and Laurie (Scott) Urganhart of Ontario, Ore.

Grandpa is survived by his grandchildren, Liane Brannan of Pocatello, Celeste Pitz of Elba, Thana Holt of Elba, Jeremy Viveros of Idaho Falls, Antonio Ortiz and Adan Ortiz, both of Rupert; and by his great-grandchildren, Mychelle and Danyann.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents and a stepdaughter, Arlene (Bob) Barns. We love you dad. Please rest in peace now. We will be OK, but we will miss you until we meet again.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. Officiating will be the Rev. Drew Johnson. The family suggests that donations be made in Dad's name to Mindoka Hospice Health and Hospice in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

SERVICES

Roderick M. "Blackie" Welgt of Jerome, graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery, 509 E. 1st (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Vern Pauline Chandler of Filer, graveside service at 11 p.m. today at the Filer Cemetery (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

James B. Wood of Twin Falls, memorial service at 5:30 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road; viewing from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Richard Lloyd "Dick" Falcnburg of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1243 S. Lincoln in Jerome; friends may call one hour before the service at the chapel.

Harry Robert "Bob" Jackson

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of Halley, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Halley Cemetery (Wood River Chapel of Halley).

William "Bill" Henry Von Bergen of Twin Falls, funeral at 3 p.m. Thursday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; a reception will follow. Interment will be Tuesday in Casey, Iowa.

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 Houston of Filer, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Elrside Room at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church (Gardens Funeral Home in Filer, Nev.).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Buhl man to celebrate his 80th birthday

BUHL — Ray Thompson of Buhl will be honored for his 80th birthday at a celebration from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the activity center at Moon's and Brandy Ramos, and his great-grandson Alden Ramos.

CSI offers to teach you how to 'think geek'

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a new class, "Think Geek with Electronic Gadgets" from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 6-27 in the Library (GPH 101). The cost is \$49 and the instructor is Scott Henschledt. The non-credit course number is XCMP 025 C01.

This class is a must for those who are tech geeks and love the world of electronic gadgets, or for those who would like to become one but are not sure what all the very electronic gizmos are used for. Students will be introduced to a variety of electronic gadgets available such as Media Players, Wireless networking and Bluetooth Technology. Cell Phone features you never knew you had, PDAs and Palm Pilots, Web Cams & Networking, the Slingbox and much more.

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whether he anticipates filing a lawsuit against Northwest, though he did say he has contacted the company to request that they discuss the matter further.

"At this stage we're hopeful we can sit down with the gas company and figure this out," he said. "I expect it to go into that long period of us these cases tend to — further delving into the facts,

people lining up their experts."

Swaner declined to comment on the matter Monday, though she indicated Northwest expects a lawsuit to be filed.

Fair

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they set the Party Pups booth up for me and that's how I made enough for college," she said.

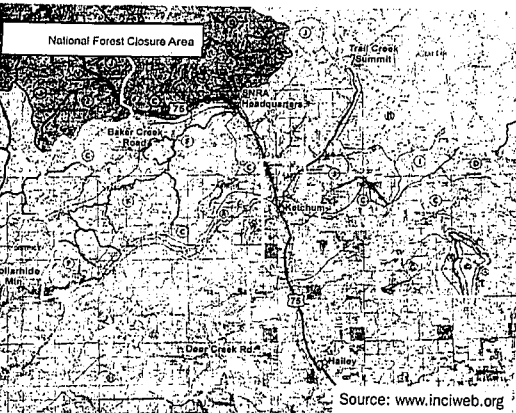
Now, years later, the Twin Falls County Fair remains a

favorite for Ash.

"It's always excited to come to Filer," she said as she poked a winner with a wooden stick and placed it into a box. "It's better than any city fair." Her husband agreed. "It still

feels like a down-home fair," he said.

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Camping

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Officials expect most campers will simply stay indoors this weekend.

"It's hard to gauge," said Scott Nannenga, Minidoka District ranger. "A lot of times I've seen in the past, people

just stay home."

Most reserved campsites are already filled, Nannenga said, leaving just a few available spots for last-minute planners.

Sites in the South Hills remain open, but Nannenga

isn't sure if they'll be claimed.

With closures in place, smoke-filled lungs a good possibility, especially to the north, and no chance at making s'mores, many Idaho campsites will probably remain empty this weekend.

One dead in watercraft accident

Times-News

MURTAUGH — A Twin Falls County resident drowned Tuesday afternoon after he fell off a motorized personal watercraft at Murtaugh Lake.

Neither Sergio Gonzales, 22, nor another man were

wearing life jackets when the craft flipped at about 3:41 p.m. and threw them both off, Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tausley said. Both men surfaced, but Gonzales went back underwater and bystanders lost track of him. Divers from Twin Falls County Search and Rescue

and Cassia County recovered Gonzales' body and the sheriff's office was still investigating the accident as of Tuesday evening.

Tausley did not have the name of the second man Tuesday evening, but said he would release more information as he received it.

CSI Center in Hailey to open today

HAILEY — The Blaine County Center of the College of Southern Idaho will open today for academic classes

Monday after being closed on Monday and Tuesday due to wildfire evacuations and closures.

Jennifer Emery Davidson, CSI Blaine County director, said the decision was made

after consulting Cindy Lessinger, fire control spokeswoman for the Wood River Valley blazes.

All academic classes that originate in the CSI center in Hailey, as well as those that are telecommunicated from the Twin Falls campus, will be held at their scheduled times. English as a Second Language

classes will not start until next week.

More than a dozen fire dispatchers will continue to use the CSI Blaine County Center as their command center until further notice. That operation, however, is located in common areas of the center and will not impact any classes.

Shows

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Southwick, is as follows:

TODAY

10 a.m. — John Pilz, county fair manager
5 p.m. — Diane Stevens, produce/fruit department superintendent, and Times-News columnist Steve Crump

THURSDAY

10 a.m. — Hodeo producer Ike Sankey
5 p.m. — Crystal Kenny, Magic Valley rodeo queen, and Jessie Watts, Magic Valley rodeo princess.

FRIDAY

10 a.m. — Will Rasmussen, rodeo announcer

5 p.m. — Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tausley

SATURDAY

10 a.m. — Claudia Reese, antique department superintendent
5 p.m. — Turesa Tverdy, University of Idaho extension educator, talking about 4-H

SUNDAY

10 a.m. — Lyle Williamson, vice chairman of the fair board
5 p.m. — Alvina Krahl, dairy department superintendent

MONDAY

10 a.m. — Gayleen Zambic, art department superintendent

5 p.m. — Wrap up with John Pilz

The interviews will take place at the Times-News booth in Merchants Building No. 1.

Magicalvalley.com will also feature a page dedicated to the fair, which will include the live interview show, daily news stories, schedules of events, and a "thrill cam" to put viewers in the action at the fair.

Entrants in the video contest will also be available on the site. The contest encourages fairgoers to videotape a two to five minute video that best captures the spirit of the fair. For rules, see the Times-News or go to Magicalvalley.com.

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Saturday, September 8
6pm social hour with dinner to follow, Blue Lakes Country Club, Twin Falls

Healthy Living/Screenings

Squeaky Joints Arthritis Aquatics Class
People with arthritis and related conditions are invited to attend. Call 734-2336 for information. \$3 per session or \$30 for a 12-session pass.
Mondays and Fridays, August 31-September 17, 9-10am
YMCA City Pool, 756 Locust Street

Heartcover CPR Classes
This class offers infant, child, and adult CPR, as well as basic safety and first aid. Pre-registration required, call 737-2007. \$36.
Tuesday, September 4, 6-10pm
St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room

Diabetes Education Classes
A series of three classes on diet therapy, medication administration, foot care, and more. Pre-registration required, call 736-6218. Fee is billed to insurance.
Wednesdays, September 5 and 19, 10am-noon
Dr. Emery's office • 526-D Shoup Avenue West

Wednesday-Friday: Senator Mike Crapo Prostate Cancer Screening and Health Awareness

Includes a blood draw and physician exam (both are required). The screening is free - sponsored by Senator Mike Crapo, 2-8pm.

Wednesday: Hospital Construction Update!

View renderings of our new hospital and hear the most current information from the experts, 12-8pm.

Back School

Basic anatomy of the spine, common injuries, diseases leading to back pain, and more. Call 737-2126 to register. \$25. Local businesses may request on-site classes.
Wednesday, September 5, 5-7pm
St. Luke's Rehab Services
560 Shoup Avenue West (Doctor's Park Complex)

Birth/Parenting

Infant Safety and CPR Class
New parents, grandparents, and caregivers learn CPR and what to do if baby chokes. No registration required. Free.
Thursday, August 30 and Tuesday, September 4, 6:30-9pm
St. Luke's Downtown Campus, Lobby
660 Shoshone Street East

Prepared Childbirth Course

A series of five classes designed to prepare expectant mothers and their support person for labor and childbirth. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148. \$50.
Wednesdays, September 5-October 3, 6:30-9pm
St. Luke's Downtown Campus, Lobby
660 Shoshone Street East

Big Kids Klub

Help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148.
\$10-one child, \$15-two or more children.
Saturday, September 8, 10-11:30am
St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room
588 Addison Avenue West



Thursday: Tough Enough to Wear Pink

Night at the Magic Valley Stampede
Wear pink to the rodeo to support breast cancer awareness and honor breast cancer survivors. Proceeds benefit the Magic Valley 900 Women mammography campaign. Gates open at 6pm, and rodeo starts at 7:30pm.

Saturday-Monday: 5-A-Day

Taster's Table
Presented by St. Luke's Clinical Nutrition, 10am-8pm.

Safe Kids 11th Annual "Back to School Safety Event"

Saturday, September 8, 10am-2pm
Team Con Paulos, Jerome

Childbirth Refresher Course

Review of childbirth preparation, breathing techniques, and a video tour of the Women and Infant's Center. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148. \$20.
Wednesday, September 12, 6:30-9pm
St. Luke's Downtown Campus, Lobby
660 Shoshone Street East

Cesarean Childbirth Course

Topics include: cesarean deliveries, non-conforming labors, hospital procedures, and pain management. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148. Free.
Wednesday, September 19, 6:30-9pm
St. Luke's Downtown Campus, Lobby
660 Shoshone Street East

Support Groups

Brain Injury Support Group
Tuesday, September 18, 6:30-8pm
St. Luke's Rehab Services
560 Shoup Avenue West (Doctor's Park Complex)

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Wednesday, September 19, 6:30pm
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IDAHO/NATION

Idaho mirrors national trend with drop in SAT scores

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's scores on the SAT entrance examination this year declined in reading and math, mirroring the national score which also saw slight drops in both subjects when compared to last year, the College Board reported Tuesday.

"We'll look at these SAT scores and see if there are areas we need to focus on to make our students better prepared for life after high school," said Melissa McGrath, spokeswoman for the Idaho State Board of Education.

She said it was unclear why Idaho scores dropped.

On the SAT, the scores of

Idaho students dropped 2 points in reading, 6 points in math, and 6 points on the writing section, which is still in the experimental stage, this year compared to 2006.

In reading, Idaho students scored 541 out of a possible 800, down from 543 in 2006. In math, they scored 539, down from 545. And in writing, students scored 519, down from 525.

Compared to 1997 scores, Idaho students who took the test in 2007 scored 3 points lower on reading and had the same score in math. The writing test is a more recent addition to the test.

Nationally, combined math and reading SAT scores for the high school class of 2007 were the lowest in eight years — a trend the College Board attributed largely to the good news that a more diverse pool of students is taking the exam.

Last spring's seniors scored on average 502 on the critical reading section of the country's most popular college entrance exam, down from 503 for the class of 2006. Math scores fell three points from 518 to 515.

Scores also fell three points on the writing section, from 497 to 494.

The College Board on

Tuesday said that the declines were within normal historical fluctuations and not significant.

The overall number taking the SAT rose only slightly from last year, to about 1.5 million. But the College Board was eager to emphasize the exam's growth beyond its traditional base of students who have been groomed their whole lives to prepare for college.

Twenty-four percent of test-takers had a first language other than English, up from 17 percent a decade ago.

Thirty-five percent of this year's SAT-takers would be the first in their families to attend college.

Some cities such as Pittsburgh are encouraging more students who aren't on the traditional college ladder to take the exam. Maine now requires all students to take the SAT. The percentage of test-takers there rose from 73 percent to 100 percent, but that caused math and reading scores to fall a combined 71 points, by far the largest decline of any state.

"They have taken a very progressive stand in trying to get more and more students to go to college," College Board President Gaston Caperton said of Maine at a news conference Tuesday in Washington. "The larger the population you get to take an examination, it obviously knocks down the scores."

attend college.

The SAT is not the most popular college entrance exam taken in Idaho. Only 19 percent of high school seniors took the test in 2007, according to the College Board, the nonprofit membership group that owns the exam.

In general, states that had a lower percentage of students taking the SAT tended to have

higher scores.

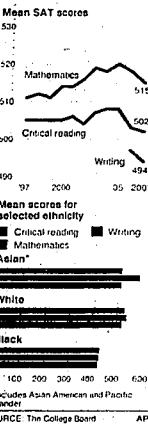
McGrath said 59 percent of Idaho seniors took the rival ACT in 2007.

Mark Browning, chief communication officer for the State Board of Education, said there was no apparent reason why more Idaho students are taking the ACT.

"It has just worked out that way over the years," he said.

SAT results down

Critical reading, math and writing scores declined slightly in the latest SAT results.



Average SAT scores dip after record number take exam

By Justin Pope
Associated Press writer

Combined math and reading SAT scores for the high school class of 2007 were the lowest in eight years — a trend the College Board attributed largely to the good news that a more diverse pool of students is taking the exam.

Last spring's seniors scored on average 502 out of a possible 800 points. In math, they scored 539, down from 543 in 2006. Math scores fell three points from 518 to 515.

Scores also fell three points on the writing section, which is still in an experimental stage, from 497 to 494.

Last year, after the College Board lengthened and redesigned the exam, scores took an unusually steep stumble of 30 points. This year's further drop could renew questions about whether scores on the new exam are compatible with the old one, as the College Board assured educators would be the case. Scores on

the rival ACT exam, reported earlier this month, rose this year.

But the College Board, the nonprofit membership group that owns the exam, insisted Tuesday that the declines were within normal historical fluctuations and not significant.

Officials offered several explanations, but returned repeatedly to the broadening pool of SAT test-takers and subtly characterizing their exam as the more populist of the two tests.

The overall number taking the SAT rose only slightly from last year, to about 1.5 million. But the College Board was eager to emphasize the exam's growth beyond its traditional base of students who have been groomed their whole lives to prepare for college. Twenty-four percent of test-takers had a first language other than English, up from 17 percent a

decade ago. Thirty-five percent of this year's SAT-takers would be the first in their families to attend college.

Some cities such as Pittsburgh are encouraging more students who aren't on the traditional college ladder to take the exam. Maine now requires all students to take the SAT. The percentage of test-takers there rose from 73 percent to 100 percent, but that caused math and reading scores to fall a combined 71 points, by far the largest decline of any state.

"They have taken a very progressive stand in trying to get more and more students to go to college," College Board President Gaston Caperton said of Maine at a news conference Tuesday in Washington. "The larger the population you get to take an examination, it obviously knocks down the scores."

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Abu Ghraib officer guilty of disobedience, not abuse

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The only military officer to be court-martialed in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal was acquitted Tuesday of any criminal responsibility for the widespread abuse of Iraqi prisoners, but he was found guilty of disobeying an order not to talk about the interrogation.

Col. Steven L. Jordan, a 51-year-old career Army soldier, was in charge of gathering military intelligence at the prison. But according to testimony at the weeklong court-martial at Ft. Meade, Md., he was not directly involved in the handling of captives at the over-crowded



Jordan

detention camp near Baghdad once used by Saddam Hussein to hold political prisoners.

He was found not guilty of three counts of abuse for forcing detainees to disclose in front of intimidating dogs, not properly training and supervising soldiers how to treat prisoners, and allowing dogs to be used to force prisoners to talk. The jury convicted him of one count of ignoring a general's order against talking about the Abu Ghraib investigation.

The maximum penalty for Jordan on the sole conviction is five years in a military brig and dismissal from the Army after 23 years in the service.

Asking for leniency from the jury, Jordan said Tuesday the abuse at Abu Ghraib "shocked and saddened" him. "It did not represent the U.S. soldiers that I know and love," he testified. "I hope the wounds of Abu Ghraib can start to heal."

The case against him seems

to be the last military trial in the infamous prison abuse case of 2003, which rolled the Pentagon, prompted then-Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to offer his resignation and heated criticism on the Bush administration for its handling of prisoners.

The inhumane treatment — which included beatings, sexual humiliations and several deaths — also outraged much of the Muslim world. Photographs showed prisoners in female underwear shackled to prison bars, piled naked atop each other, threatened by lunging guard dogs and one hooded inmate posed atop a makeshift electrical box.

Jordan has maintained that he did nothing wrong, and that the Army used him as a scapegoat to show its willingness to discipline senior officers as well as the 11 lower-ranking military guards and others at the prison who were convicted of abuse.

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New languages flourish on Internet, begin to creep into public domain

Los Angeles Times

In any language, Sorjia Elen Kisa was depressed.

The world was overwhelming, and the thoughts that swirled through her mind in French, English, German or Esperanto echoed that.

So Kisa, 28, a student and translator in Toronto, decided to create her own language, something simple that would help clarify her thinking. She called it Toki Pona — "good language" — and gave it just 120 words.

"Ale li pona," she told herself. "Everything will be OK."

Kisa eventually sorted through her thoughts and, to her great surprise, her language took off, with more than 100 speakers today, singing Toki Pona songs, writing Toki Pona poems and chatting with Toki Pona words.

It's all part of a weirdly Babel-esque boom of new languages. One of the private members of J.R.R. Tolkien's Esperanto speakers and granting Klingon fanatics, invented languages have flourished on the Internet and begun creeping into the public domain.

Web site Langmaker.com now lists more than 1,800 language inventors and 1,802 made-up languages, from Ayrith to Zens.

The language inventors have, of course, created a word to describe what they do — "conlang," short for constructed languages.

Created languages may have no hope of supplanting the real thing, but for most conlangers, that is hardly the goal. Hobbyists such as Kisa find it a fun or therapeutic practice. Linguists can use conlangs to dissect how real language works. For a select few who write fiction or work for Hollywood, conlanging can even be a moneymaker.

But to the majority of linguaphiles, conlangs are simply art. Their palette holds not paint but the buzz of the letter "z," the hiss of an "s," the rill of an Italian "r."

And sometimes the howl of a Klingon scream: "Hab SoSH! Quah!"

Your mother has a smooth forehead!

In this realm of art, Toki Pona is white canvas with scattered brush strokes of primary colors.

Kisa created Toki Pona as an exercise in minimalism, looking for the core vocabulary necessary to communicate. With only 120 words, a Toki Pona speaker must combine words to express more complicated ideas. For example, the Toki Pona phrase for "friend" is jan pona (the "j" sounds like a "y"), literally "good person."

Kisa, who is studying speech language therapy, tried to focus Toki Pona's vocabulary on basic, positive concepts.

"It has sort of a Zen or Taoist nature to it," Kisa said.

Tolkien liked to call invented language his "secret vice." He spent hours at the solitary hobby, designing grammar and modifying words from Latin, Finnish, Welsh and others for his languages.

Eventually, his languages needed tongues to speak them, and those speakers needed a place to live. And thus Middle-earth was born, with Tolkien's languages becoming the Sindarin and Quenya of the Dwarves, and the Black Speech of the Orcs.

In the 12th century, the nun Hildegard of Bingen developed a rudimentary conlang she called Lingua Ignota. Latin for "unknown language" No one knows its purpose. All that survives is a short passage and a list of 1,012 terms arranged from the highest form, "God," to the lowest, "cricket."

Esperanto was created in the late 19th century by Polish doctor Ludovic Zamenhof. His dream was to give humanity a common international language that would be simple to learn. Esperanto's vocabulary is small, word order does not matter and there are no irregular verbs.

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IRAQ CHINA

Riots in Iraqi holy city force evacuation

BAGHDAD — Riots broke out during a religious festival in the holy city of Karbala Tuesday, prompting the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of Shiite pilgrims and leaving 28 people dead, police said.

Meanwhile, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad predicted at a televised news conference that the authority of the U.S. military will soon collapse in Iraq. "The political power of the occupiers is being destroyed rapidly and very soon we will be witnessing a great power vacuum in the region," Ahmadinejad said. "We will, with the help of regional friends and the Iraqi nation, be ready to fill this void."

Karbala police spokesman Babehem Imshayer said the violence in that city began after police attempted to confiscate weapons at the entrance to the area surrounding the shrines to Mohammed al-Mahdi, one of the 12 Imams revered by many Shiites. Pilgrims had walked to Karbala, about 70 miles south of Iraq, from across the country to celebrate the birth of Mahdi in what was scheduled to be a two-day festival.

Iraqi television channels showed chaos erupting in the town square near the two shrines about 11 a.m. as some people firing weapons randomly while others stampeded away from the scene. Within a few hours, the pilgrims had been evacuated from the city in buses and minivans, and a curfew had stopped all vehicle traffic in the area. Imshayer said that at least 145 people were injured in the clashes.

Trapped miners ate coal, drank urine

BEIJING — The Meng brothers felt pretty good about their chances of making it out of the collapsed coal mine, until the sound of digging from outside stopped.

With no food or water, they were forced to eat coal and drink their own urine from discarded bottles. When they were too exhausted to try to dig themselves out, they slept huddled together in the cold and

dark. Meng Xianchen and Meng Xianyou finally clawed their way to the surface after nearly six days underground — a rare tale of survival in China's coal mines, the world's deadliest, where an average of 13 workers are killed every day.

The two even managed to crack jokes about their wives remarrying once they were dead after they emerged Friday from the illegal mine — which had no oxygen, ventilation or emergency exits — in Beijing's Fangshan district.

"At the beginning, our cell phone still had power so there was a little bit of light. Two days later, the battery ran out so we could only feel with our fingers and listen," the brothers told the state-run Beijing News in a report published Tuesday.

Details of the veteran miners' ordeal came as rescuers in northeastern China's Shandong province tried to reach 181 miners trapped in two flooded cleft shafts. Officials said Tuesday they had not given up hope even though the workers' chances of survival were dim after 11 days.

AUSTRIA

Pathologist: Beethoven's physician poisoned him

VIENNA — Did someone kill Beethoven? A Viennese pathologist claims the composer's physician did — inadvertently overdosing him with lead in a case of a cure that went wrong. Other researchers are not convinced, but there is no controversy about one fact: The master had been very sick for years before his death in 1827. Previous research deter-

mined that Beethoven had suffered from lead poisoning, first detecting toxic levels of the metal in his hair and then, two years ago, in bone fragments. Those findings strengthened the belief that lead poisoning may have ultimately led to his death at age 57.

Viennese forensic expert Christian Reiter claims his analysis shows that in the final months of the composer's life, lead concentrations in his body spiked every time he was treated by his doctor, Andreas Wawruch.

— The Associated Press

TURKEY

Turkish foreign minister wins presidency

ISTANBUL — A devout Muslim won Turkey's presidency Tuesday after months of confrontation with the secular establishment, promising to be impartial and praising the idea that Islam and the state should be separate.

Still, in a sign that tension could lie ahead, top generals did not attend the swearing-in ceremony in parliament of Abdullah Gul, 64, a new president and commander in chief. Local media interpreted their absence as a protest against the 56-year-old Gul, the former foreign minister in Turkey's Islamic-oriented government. Gul, who has tried to engineer Turkey's entry into the European Union with sweeping reforms, received a majority of 330 votes in a parliamentary ballot in the capital, Ankara. The secular opposition had thwarted Gul's earlier bid for the presidency, but his triumph this time was assured by a ruling party that won a second term in general elections last month. The burly and affable new president was careful to reach out to the many Turks who suspect he has a secret Islamic agenda.

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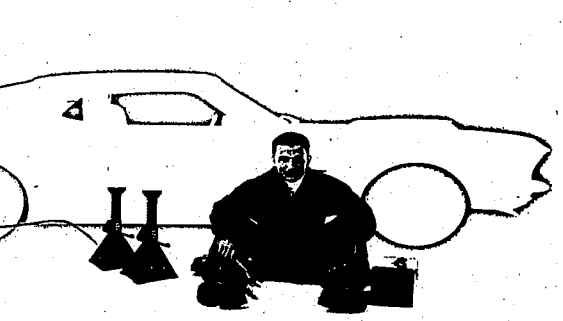
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