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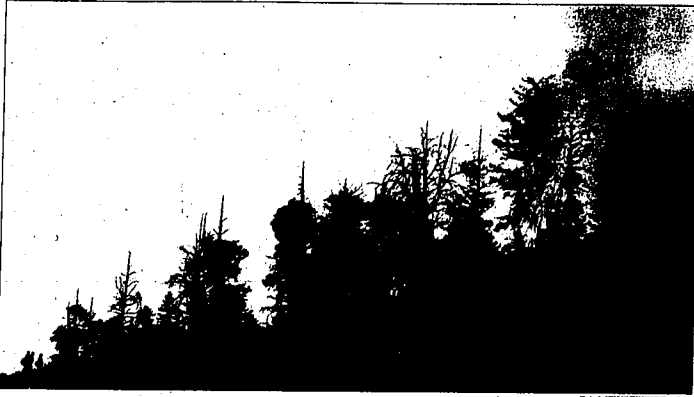
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BLAZE ON BALD MOUNTAIN

Fire crews winning



A tree ignites in what firefighters call "torching" — when one or several trees go up in flames. Farther down the ridge, firefighters seem tiny in comparison to the flames.

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By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

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Springs Road and pushed the fire into itself and away from Bald Mountain. But not before a few dose calls. Crews set intentional fires near the International ski run on Bald's northwest corner to limit fuel to the approaching blaze. By late afternoon, several spot fires



A firefighter gives a thumbs up to a crew member as they work Wednesday afternoon to put out a smolder fire at the base of Bald Mountain.

near the crews had erupted, and trees lit up like birthday candles — an effect called torching. It often sounds like a waterfall. The spot fires burned up to the ski run, where grasses soaked by snow machines stopped the flames. Fire trucks idled ready at

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Some in D.C. tell Craig to

QUIT



But back home, Idaho leaders offer support, quietly for the most part

"My opinion is that when you plead guilty to a crime, you shouldn't serve. That's not a moral stand. That's not a holier-than-thou. It's just a factual situation."



— Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

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— Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter

AP/VIDEO Craig steps down from committees.
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What do you think?

Should Larry Craig remain in office or resign? Take a survey on magicvalley.com.



Read Idaho newspapers' reaction to Craig's press conference.
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Ex-bus driver pleads guilty in bomb threat

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A former school bus driver, who told authorities he called in a bomb threat to Filer Middle School on a dare from a friend, pleaded guilty this month to a felony for falsely reporting explosives.

Albert Armstrong's plea came at a pretrial hearing on Aug. 10 after prosecutors

offered to recommend he serve a minimum of two years in prison. His sentencing is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 5.

Armstrong had used his personal cell phone to call the main line of Filer Middle School at 9:45 April 19, the school's administrative assistant Debbie Brown testified at Armstrong's May 18 probable cause hearing.

"He said he had a bomb at

all three schools and that we had one hour to clear the buildings before the bombs would go off," Brown testified.

That initiated a swift evacuation and a whirlwind of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies descending on the three schools. Special Weapons and Tactics Teams swept the

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Crew finds Nevada miner's body

The Associated Press

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — Rescue crews Wednesday recovered the body of a miner killed during a cave-in at an underground Nevada gold mine, authorities said.

Dirk Ellipot, a spokesman with the Mine Safety and Health Administration in Washington, D.C., said the miner was recovered and pronounced dead around noon. The man's name was not immediately released.

Crews had been searching for the worker since before dawn the previous day, when

the ground gave way at the Getchell Mine east of Winnemucca. The miner was operating a bolter, a large piece of equipment used to drill bolts into the hard rock,

when the accident occurred around 2 a.m. Tuesday. The Getchell Mine, a joint venture owned by Toronto-based Barrick Gold Corp. and Denver-based Newmont Mining Corp., is

operated by Small Mining Development LLC, or SMD, an independent contractor based in Boise, Barrick officials said.

Barrick spokesman Lou Schack said the accident occurred about 2,000 feet from a portal, but the ground gave way as he worked on a loader at Newmont's Midas mine, an underground gold mine in Elko County. His body was recovered 15 days after the accident.

In Utah
U.S. safety official hoping for mine 'miracle.'

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Commanders in Iraq ask for energy beam weapon

Pentagon worries use may be seen as torture

By Richard Lardner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein had been gone just a few weeks, and U.S. forces in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, were already being called unwelcome invaders. One of the first big anti-American protests of the war escalated into

shootouts that left 18 Iraqis dead and 78 wounded.

It would be a familiar scene in Iraq's next few years: Crowds gather, insurgents mingle with civilians. Troops open fire, and innocents die.

All the while, according to internal military correspondence obtained by The Associated Press, U.S. commanders were telling Washington that many civilian casualties could be avoided by using a new non-lethal weapon developed over the past decade.

Military leaders repeatedly and urgently requested — and were denied — the device, which uses energy beams instead of bullets and lets soldiers break up unruly crowds without firing a shot.

It's a ray gun that neither kills nor maims, but the Pentagon has refused to deploy it out of concern that the weapon itself might be seen as a torture device.

Perched on a Humvee or a flatbed truck, the Active Denial

Iraq news

Study: Risk minimal for U.S. in pullout.

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Muqtada al-Sadr tells militia to stand down for six months.

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Pain Without Injury

The "Active Denial System" device attacks by sending a non-lethal millimeter-wave of electromagnetic energy, causing a burning sensation.

Wave Penetrates the skin to 1/84 of an inch, causing a feeling similar to being on fire

Two-second burst can heat skin to 130°F

Antenna focuses the invisible energy

Note: Drawing is schematic

Transmitter Produces 95 GHz Frequency waves

122°F People pull away reflexively

SOURCE: GlobalSecurity.org



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Friday
High 93	Low 63	92 / 64

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Warm with building afternoon clouds, but little in the way of wetting rainfall. Highs near 90s.
 Tonight: A slim storm threat exists. Lows upper 50s.
 Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a gusty thunderstorm possible. Highs upper 80s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Redfish Lake Lodge Fourth annual Plein Air Painters of Idaho Paint-out, observe the artists in their creative interpretation of the Sawtooth Mountains and surrounding area; art sale and reception, 5 p.m., at the Lodge, 26-3656, or www.pleinairpaintersofidaho.org.
"Much Ado About Nothing", presented by the eighth annual Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival, 6 p.m., Festival Meadow, Sun Valley Road, 320, 726-4857.
Discover Filer's Treasure Chest of Fascinating Art, with works by national and local artists and professional craftsmen, 1 to 4 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 219 Main St., Filer, no admission fee, refreshments, 543-4690.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 West Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$115 Black suit, 536-6358.
Magic Valley Stampede "Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night", wear pink to the rodeo to support breast cancer awareness, 6 p.m. gates open and 7:30 p.m. rodeo begins, proceeds to the 800 Women mammography campaign, 737-2943.

EXHIBITS

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

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Twin Falls County Fair and Western Rodeo, with fair exhibits and carnival and featuring PRCA Magic Valley Stampede, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, 326-4398.

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, exercise program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
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 blood pressure checks from 1 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, Filer, no cost, 737-2943.
Free Prostate Cancer Screenings, 2 to 8 p.m., Merchant Building No. 3, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, no cost, 737-2943.

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 p.m. program, Perkins Restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd., N., Twin Falls, no cost, 365-3214.
"Advanced Theopathic Counseling", 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-9603.
Celebrate Recovery, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 734-0567 or 324-7237.
A.C.T.S. Program, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road, Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.
"Overcoming Co-dependency", 7:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-9603.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

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

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities with Junior Ranger "Animal Habitat" at 11 a.m. and "Wolves: Myths and Facts" at 1 p.m., Redfish Amphitheater, at the center, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost, 774-3376.

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

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY

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Naranjo charged with manslaughter

TWIN FALLS — A man charged with vehicular manslaughter — the same day his old brother's killer was sentenced for — has waived his probable cause hearing.
 Sam Naranjo waived his preliminary hearing on Aug. 24 for vehicular manslaughter. His arraignment in district court is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 20.
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Victim identified in lake drowning

MURTAUGH — The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office has identified a personal watercraft drowning victim in Murtaugh Lake as Sergio Gonzalez-Jimenez, 22, of Burley.
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OBITUARIES

Dewayne G. Shaw, 51
 Dewayne Marie Hodge, 84
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THE ARTIST'S EYE
 Painter John Killmaster, a major source of the art collection at the College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center, will be the subject of a retrospective art show starting next week in Twin Falls.
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IDAHO/WEST

Officials hoping for mine 'miracle'

SALT LAKE CITY — Recovery seeking a sign of six trapped men at the Crandall Canyon mine still are "hoping a miracle could happen," a federal official told lawmakers Wednesday while crews drilled a seventh hole into the central Utah mountain.
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Four nominees named for Idaho high court

BOISE — The Associated Press has learned that the Idaho Judicial Council has nominated four District Judges Joel Horron and Darla Williamson, 3rd District Judge Janelle Kerrick and Cassi Adams attorney Kenneth Howard for the Idaho Supreme Court.
 Two sources involved in the nomination process who requested anonymity confirmed the names Wednesday morning.
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Idaho teen killers transferred to prison

POCATELLO — Two teens exchanged polite conversation on their ride to prison just after being sentenced to life behind bars without parole for killing a classmate. Torey Adameck and Brian Draper could have requested separate cars or a barrier to separate them in the Bannock County Sheriff's van during the ride to the Idaho State Correctional Institution in Kuna, near Boise, on Friday.
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WEB READER REACTION

Josh Wallin
 "On the sweet irony that the 'party of values' now has two senators busted for similar things. I have no problems with homosexuality, or bisexuality, but hypocrites really get me going. Seems like another one is exposed, Oh, and if he accidentally pleaded guilty, maybe he shouldn't be a senator. He might accidentally help send us into an ideological war."
 For more comments
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AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

Check out live coverage at the Twin Falls County Fair with shows at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Go the Fair Page, news and feature video stories and the thrill cam.

Take a survey about whether Larry Craig should stay in office or resign.

NATION/WORLD



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New Orleans marks anniversary of Katrina

NEW ORLEANS — Prayers, protests and a lingering disgust with the government's response to Hurricane Katrina marked the disaster's second anniversary Wednesday, with a presidential visit doing little to mollify those still displaced by the storm.
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FBI investigating string of bomb threats

NEWPORT, R.I. — Large grocery and discount stores across the country have been targeted by a caller who threatens to blow up shoppers and workers with a bomb if employees fail to "wire money to an account overseas, authorities said.
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Study: Minimum risk for U.S. troop pullout

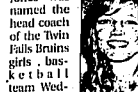
WASHINGTON — Most U.S. troops can be withdrawn safely from Iraq in roughly one year, and the Bush administration should begin planning the pullout immediately, according to a study released Wednesday.
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BSU opens season against Weber State
BOISE — The day has come. All that waiting and anticipation and nervous anticipation culminates in the kicking of a little pigskin this evening at Bronco Stadium.
 The Broncos robbed the world of its precelebrated notions defining power conferences and middle-majors last season with the upset of Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.
 But in 2007 Boise State must start from scratch. The team is 0-0.
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Burley boys soccer starts fast, hangs on

JEROME — Carlos Gil, Pablo Marín and Jorge Illas each scored goals in an 18-minute first-half span for Burley, then the Bobcats hung on for dear life to the end as they upped their season record to 5-0 (2-0 Great Basin Conference West) with a pulsating 3-2 win at Jerome (4-2, 1-1) Wednesday.
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Wendell grad Yoder working hard for ISU

POCATELLO — "You hear the terms 'blue-ribbon,' 'hardhat,' and 'hunch pull' used to describe a certain type of football player. Generally it means the type of player who'll do anything no matter how small to help win a game. A guy who plays the game the way it's supposed to be played. A guy who respects the game, himself and his opponent.
 Those words and those terms fit former Wendell linebacker Will Yoder perfectly.
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Fire

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the mountain's base near Warm Springs Day Lodge and many nearby homes. Helicopters dropped thousands of gallons of water on several small spot fires farther west on Warm Springs Road, where torching continued and flames came within just a few hundred yards of several homes.

More spot fires farther west raged in heavier timber, just 100 feet from the pavement. But fire managers weren't as concerned here: there are fewer homes and wind was carrying the flames away from Ketchikan.

"We were going to burn these areas out anyway," said Debby Broback, a fire information officer, as helicopters continued to douse the most intense fires up. "We're just concerned with the intensity."

Also of concern: This week's weather report. It calls for increased winds later in the week that could threaten

fire lines. Crews have encircled the blaze, which is almost 50-percent contained, on nearly all fronts. Greenhorn Gulch, earlier in the week the site of an intense fire fight, is now being mostly controlled. Fire lines have been secured on the majority of the blaze's western front.

But the fire continues to push north and east, in some cases, and closer to homes. Structure protection continues to be the top priority, managers say. Most threatened homes have already been prepared by fire crews that have positioned large hoses near many doorsteps should spot fires approach.

Crews will set more intentional fires today in hopes of draining the main blaze of fuel, and they'll also work to connect fire lines on all fronts.

Contact Times-News writer Matt Christensen at 735-3243.

Craig

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Craig has gained unprecedented fame as the butt of late-night talk show jokes. He has not appeared in public since a Tuesday news conference where he said he regrets pleading guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct following his arrest in a men's room at the Minneapolis airport.

Calls for Craig's resignation on Wednesday came from Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Norm Coleman, R-Minn., the state where Craig was arrested, along with U.S. Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich.

The White House also said it was "disappointed in what's going on."

Judge Watch, a self-described conservative government watchdog group, called for Craig's resignation, as did conservative talk show host.

The Idaho Values Alliance, once a staunch supporter of Craig for his opposition to gay rights, called for his resignation Tuesday.

But Idaho's congressional delegation and state political figures remained supportive of Craig, though they have not actively defended him.

Gov. CL "Burr" Otter and state party chairman J. Kirk Sullivan joined other Republicans who have given encouragement or expressed a walk-and-see response to Craig's arrest.

"It is upsetting when a friend runs into trouble. But I have known Larry and Suzanne Craig for almost 40 years," Otter said in a statement. "As a public servant who has made mistakes in my private life, I

am mindful that you don't really know who your friends are until you stumble. I want Larry and Suzanne to know that Lori (Otter's wife) and I stand by them."

"He is an honorable man and I am confident that Larry Craig will do what is best for him, his family, and the state of Idaho."

Randy Stapiulis, a former journalist and longtime observer of Idaho politics, said the muted response from Craig's "close colleagues amounts to a political obituary more than it is a defense."

"A fully supportive (answer) would say, 'Of course, I don't think he should resign,'" Stapiulis said. "But I think there's a little bit reading between the lines there."

Even more telling, Stapiulis said, is total silence from many of the state's best-known Republicans.

"The norm with something like this, when a political is under attack is if you think this might be a salvageable situation you do tend to lean a little bit to their defense," he said. "If you look at the issue, what kind of defense Larry Craig is getting from his own party, I don't see very much."

Rep. Mike Simpson has declined comment and his spokeswoman said he has not yet spoken to Craig by phone.

Also quiet is Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, who entered the Idaho Senate in 1975 with Craig. Both men have said they may pursue the Senate seat if Craig does not.

Even former Gov. Phil Butte, who served in the state Senate with Craig, declined

comment when contacted by the Times-News.

"I'm saddened by the situation, other than that I have no comment," Butte said. "It's not up to me to decide what he should do."

Craig is officially on vacation and is not expected to return to Washington until Sept. 4. His spokeswoman, Sid Smith, conceded that his boss was not his usual self when he spoke with him Wednesday afternoon.

"It's been tough," said Smith. "It wasn't like he was a jester, joking, happy guy."

The crowding support is a stark contrast from his first term when Craig was elected as Republican Pulley Committee chairman, the No. 4 party position. He now sits on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee.

Smith said Craig, 52, is not worried about any pressure applied by national Republicans and will abide by whatever decision is made by the ethics investigation.

"It's not going to get into a shouting match over this," said

Smith. "The people who know him best are more inclined to believe Larry and take him at his word."

Craig has not said if he will seek re-election next year. On Tuesday he said he hopes Idaho voters would allow him to continue serving the state, but said he will not announce his election plans until next month.

Greg Smith, who was Craig's regional director for three years in Boise, said that expects Craig to run again.

"He sounded like a candidate to me," he said after watching Craig's television appearance.

Stapiulis said he doesn't expect Craig to seek a fourth term.

"I think he's going to have a hard time banging out in the Senate for very much longer when members of his own caucus are asking him to resign," Stapiulis said. "That's usually a step that's very close to the end."

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at 735-3204.



Forest firefighters stand in front of a home and face the Warm Springs side of Bald Mountain Wednesday as they watch plumes of smoke rise from the mountain.

Threat

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buildings and found nothing. Armstrong had sparked hysteria three days after a mass killing on a Virginia college campus.

Within 15 seconds, the man on the line had hung up the phone and not revealed any

more information to Brown. She immediately dialed "57 to trace the call and then she called 911."

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office Senior Investigator Kelly Hassan traced the call to a cell phone belonging to Armstrong, a driver for

Western States Bus Service, Inc.

Armstrong denied he made the call and then reversed his story, claiming a friend in Kansas sent a letter coaxing him to do it, Hassan testified.

A judge on Aug. 16 ordered Armstrong to undergo a psy-

chological evaluation in preparation for his sentencing hearing.

Cass Friedman covers crime and courts for the Times-News. He can be reached at cfridman@timesnews.com or 735-3241.

Weapon

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System gives people hit by the invisible beam the sense that their skin is on fire. They move out of the way quickly and without injury.

On April 30, 2003, two days after the first Tallulah incident, Gene McCall, then the top scientist at Air Force Space Command in Colorado, typed out a two-sentence e-mail to Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I am convinced that the tragedy at Tallulah would not have occurred if an Active Denial System had been there," McCall told Myers, according to the e-mail obtained by AP. The system should become "an immediate priority," McCall said.

Myers referred McCall's message to his staff, according to the e-mail chain.

McCall, who retired from government in November 2003, remains convinced the system would have saved lives in Iraq.

"How this has been handled is kind of a national scandal," McCall said by telephone from his home in Florida.

A few months after McCall's message, in August 2003, Richard Natonski, a Marine Corps brigadier general who had just returned from Iraq,

filed an "urgent" request with officials in Washington for the energy-beam device.

The device would minimize what Natonski described as the "CNN Effect"—the instantaneous relay of images depicting U.S. troops as aggressors.

A year later, Natonski, by then promoted to major general, again asked for the sys-

tem, saying a compact and mobile version was "urgently needed" particularly in urban settings.

Natonski, now a three-star general, is the Marine Corps' deputy commandant for plans, policies and operations. He did not respond to an interview request.

In October 2004, the commander of the 2nd Marine

Expeditionary Force "enthusiastically" endorsed Natonski's request. Lt. Gen. James Amos said it was "critical" for Marines in Iraq to have the system.

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Sharon Bryan, Deputy City Clerk.

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My husband and I consider ourselves to be very independent travelers. We seldom sign on for any kind of organized tour when traveling abroad. Instead, we have



BUENAS VISTAS
Karla Barnes

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found that by hiring a private guide for a portion of our trip we can enjoy an activity or destination that we might have had trouble accessing otherwise.

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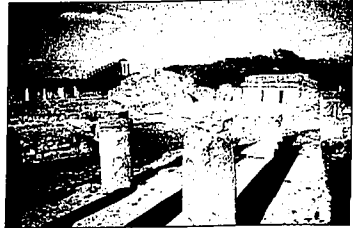
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tour, or just see the sights with someone that can show you things from a local perspective. My husband and I have hired a guide on nearly every trip we have taken overseas. Some have been with us for a couple of days, others for just a few hours. After a few dead ends and lost time searching for remote destinations, we discovered it is well worth the money to have a guide to show us around. I will never forget being in Tikal, Guatemala, and trying to communicate with the local police at the ruins. My husband and I wanted to stay

in the park after it closed, and watch the sun set. These police were very friendly, though they weren't about to allow us to re-enter the park after it closed, until we mentioned the option of hiring a local guide. Within 15 minutes, an English-speaking guide met us at the park. We had one of the best experiences of our life in the jungles of Tikal that night. Not only did we enjoy the sunset from Temple IV, we also watched as large groups parrots flew overhead, we studied a toucan enjoying his dinner, we sat in the main plaza and identified constellations in the dark and listened as howler monkeys roared out with an exuberance I will never forget.

Other guides in Mexico have been equally helpful. Translation was a key factor as we drove with our guide through the Zapatista region of Chiapas. Transportation skills were helpful the day we rafted down the Usumacinta



The El Rey ruins at Cancun, Mexico.

river and enjoyed a meal with the locals in the remote ruins of Yucelilan. All of these moments were made possible by local guides who knew how to work well in their own countries.

The next time you travel to Mexico, or any other foreign country, consider hiring a local guide to show you around. You will appreciate the expertise that these individuals have to offer and the enthusiasm that they have for their job.



Karla Barnes and Miguel Milvan, a licensed guide, at Tikal, Guatemala.

IOWA HISPANIC AND POLITICAL CLOUT



Marceline Merla Centeno works in her bakery, July 24, in Marshalltown, Iowa. Several Democratic presidential hopefuls have said they are focusing on Iowa Hispanics, arguing that the small but growing population could be a key in determining the top finishers in the state's precinct caucuses.

Comic Carlos Mencia to host Creative Arts Emmy Awards

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Carlos Mencia and his feisty brand of humor will be front and center next month at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards. The comic, who stars in Comedy Central's "Mind of Mencia," has been tapped to host the Sept. 8 event, the show's executive producers, John Moffitt and Lee Miller, announced Monday.

"Carlos will keep everyone in the audience on the edge of his or her seat —

especially the censor. We're thrilled to work with him," said the show's producer, Spike Jones Jr., in a statement.

Emmys in 75 categories, including art direction, costume design, makeup and guest acting, will be handed out during the ceremony at the Shrine Auditorium here.

The show is slated to air Sept. 15 as a two-hour special on the E! cable channel, a day before the Primetime Emmy Awards are broadcast live on Fox.

On The Net: <http://www.emmys.tv>

Colombia seizes private island and \$400 million in drug lord's properties

The Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — Colombia said Monday it has seized a private Caribbean island and hundreds of other properties allegedly used by powerful cocaine trafficker to launder millions of dollars in drug profits.

Juan Carlos Ramirez Abadia was arrested in a luxury condominium on the outskirts of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Aug. 7. He faces three U.S. federal indictments on drug and racketeering charges, and U.S. officials have said they plan to seek his extradition.

Colombian authorities

said they seized 300 properties across the country — including farms, apartments, empty lots, a hotel and gymnasium — worth about \$400 million.

They also seized a private island near the Caribbean coast city of Cartagena, four cars and 18 private businesses, among them a travel agency and real estate company. They gave no details on the island.

Ramirez Abadia, 44, said in an interview Sunday night with TV Globo's Fantastico news and entertainment program — Brazil's most popular — that his arrest will not affect drug trafficking.

Riding to the rescue in and out of the ring

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — During his long, sweaty career as a lucha libre wrestler and occasional B movie actor, El Hijo del Santo has grappled with horrendous outlaws, green-faced vampire assassins and such fearsome adversaries as Negro Casas and Heavy Metal.

Now he's battling opponents that are as hazardous and hard to pin down as any foe he has faced, including environmental pollution, child poverty and a system that he believes neglects the needs of many of his fellow stretchy-panted warriors.

El Hijo del Santo, "The Son of the Saint," is arguably Mexico's most famous living luchador, or freestyle wrestler. Born Jorge Guzman here 44 years ago, El Hijo del Santo is the youngest child of El Santo, a.k.a. Rodolfo Guzman Huerta (1917-1984), a lucha libre legend whom many Mexicans regard as a national folk hero mentionable in the same breath as Emiliano Zapata or Pedro Infante.

"I believe that the most valuable thing about El Santo as a person, as a human being, was that he was always a very humble man," says his son in Spanish, echoing the hagiographic tones that many countrymen use when speaking of the Saint. "He knew that when he put on the mask he turned into someone very famous, very beloved. When he took it off, well, he was a normal man."

Though some experts regard El Hijo del Santo as a technically superior luchador to his famous father, El Santo fils isn't yet equaled El Santo pere's silver screen accomplishments. El Santo made 58 movies, several of them camp masterpieces, with such titles as "Santo vs. the Diabolical Brain" and "Santo vs. the Zombies." But El Hijo del Santo is even more of a multi-media impresario, with a weekly radio show, a column in the Mexico City sports newspaper Record and a soon-to-be-launched Sears clothing line.

Since inheriting his father's silver mask in the early 1980s and transforming himself from the less-colorful El Korak into El Hijo del Santo, he has become the official keeper of his dad's legacy, along with the lucrative licensing and merchandising rights that go with it.

Today's lucha libre lacks some of the oversized, mega-marketable personalities such as El Santo and Blue Demon, who bestrode it like colossuses in decades past. But the pseudo-sport still draws large crowds in Mexico, as well as in Los Angeles and other U.S. cities.

It also has acquired a certain retro cachet among hipsters who relish its kitschy morality-play aspect of Good Guys (technics) vs. Bad Guys (rudos). Classic masks and other memorabilia from lucha libre's golden age sell well. A Cartoon

Network animated series inspired by El Santo's exploits continues in production, and some prominent directors have toyed with the idea of making a biopic about the Saint.

Initially, El Santo opposed his youngest child following him into the ring, wanting him to hit the books and go to college instead. El Hijo earned a degree in communication, but the glamour of donning leotards and a cape to the accompanying roar of the crowd was too much for him to resist. He inherited the El Santo mantle shortly before his father died, and at first, he admits, the inevitable comparisons stung him.

Remarried now, with young children to raise, he says that middle age agrees with him. "He dreams of opening more

coffee shops in Los Angeles and Tokyo. And he has taken up painting, which he regards as "therapy."

"In this moment in my life I am very proud of what I have obtained," he says. "And I know that El Santo, wherever he is, is very proud of his son because, yes, he has done many important things, not just in wrestling."

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NATION

New Orleans marks Katrina anniversary

By Mary Foster
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Prayers, protests and a lingering despair with the government's response to Hurricane Katrina marked the disaster's second anniversary Wednesday, with a presidential visit doing little to mollify those still displaced by the storm.

Clarence Ruse, 64, took a dim view of politicians' promises as he tried to put the finishing touches on his repaired home in the city's devastated Lower 9th Ward.

"There was supposed to be all this money, but where'd it go? None of us got any," said Ruse, whose house was the only restored home on an otherwise desolate block.

Not far away, President Bush visited a school. "We're still paying attention. We understand," he said before heading to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

But Gina Martin, who is still living in Houston after Katrina destroyed her New Orleans home, was unconvinced. "Bush

"Bush was down here again making more promises he isn't going to keep. The government has failed all of us. It's got to stop."

— Gina Martin

was down here again making more promises he isn't going to keep. The government has failed all of us. It's got to stop," she said.

Martin was among an estimated 1,000 people taking part in a protest march that started in the Lower 9th Ward. It was a uniquely New Orleans-style protest: There were signs accusing the Bush administration of murder and angry chants about the failure of government, but marchers also danced in the street accompanied by two brass bands.

Katrina was a powerful Category 3 hurricane when it hit the Gulf Coast the morning of Aug. 29, 2005, broke through levees in New Orleans and flooded 80 percent of the city. By the time the water dried up weeks later, more than 1,600

people across Louisiana and Mississippi were dead, and a shocked nation saw miles of wrecked homes, mud and debris from one of the worst natural disasters in its history.

In New Orleans, recovery has been spotty at best. The historic French Quarter and neighborhoods close to the Mississippi River did not flood and have bounced back fairly well. The city's population has reached an estimated 277,000, about 60 percent its pre-storm level of 455,000. Sales tax revenues are approaching normal, and tourism and the port industry are recovering.

But vast stretches of the city show little or no recovery. A housing shortage and high rents have hampered business growth. The homeless population has almost doubled since

the storm, and many of those squat in an estimated 80,000 vacant dwellings. Violent crime is also on the rise, and the National Guard and state troopers still supplement a diminished local police force.

Bells pealed amid prayers, song and tears at the groundbreaking for a planned Katrina memorial at a New Orleans cemetery.

"We ring the bells for a city that is in recovery, that is struggling, that is performing miracles on a daily basis," said Mayor Ray Nagin, who famously cursed the federal response in a radio interview days after the storm.

The memorial will be the final resting place for more than two dozen unclaimed bodies.

"The saddest thing I've seen here is that there are 30 human beings who will be buried here one day that nobody ever called about," said David Kopra, a volunteer from Olympia, Wash. "It says something to my heart. This city needs so much care, and that's why I'm here."

NASA official says evidence doesn't show astronauts impaired before launches

By Marc Kaufman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — NASA's safety chief said Wednesday that he could find no evidence of heavy drinking by astronauts before space launches — undermining but not wholly dismissing reports from an independent panel on astronaut health issues that said last month that at least two such incidents had come to its attention.

"I was unable to verify any case in which an astronaut spacecraft crew member was impaired on launch day," safety chief Bryan D. O'Connor wrote in the executive summary of his 34-page report. He also said he could find no cases where a manager disregarded a recommendation by a flight surgeon or other astronaut that a drunk

crew member should not fly.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said in a news briefing after the report was released that he did all he could to get to the bottom of the allegations of astronaut drinking and said he "couldn't find it."

"I just don't believe the stories are true," Griffin said. The review by O'Connor, a former astronaut and shuttle accident investigator, went back 20 years and included interviews with 80 astronauts, flight surgeons and other NASA officials. His report included an e-mail message from 20 flight surgeons saying they had never seen any drunken behavior by astronauts before a launch or training flight.

Nonetheless, the report did not rule out the possibility that such incidents had occurred. The earlier panel had said that

the two episodes of alleged drunkenness were troubling but unsubstantiated, and did not reveal the names of its sources to NASA.

In Wednesday's report, O'Connor said that he had not spoken with the sources of the original information.

The earlier report was commissioned to examine issues related to the emotional and physical health of the NASA crews after the much-publicized travails of former astronaut Lisa Nowak, who was arrested on Feb. 5 and charged with attempted kidnapping of a romantic rival.

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WORLD

Bhutto says Musharraf to step down as Pakistan's army chief

By Paisley Dodds
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Pakistan's President Gen. Pervez Musharraf has agreed to step down as army chief, exiled Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said Wednesday, a move that would be a key step toward a power-sharing deal aimed at resolving the U.S.-ally's bid for another presidential term.



Musharraf

Bhutto, who is expected to return to her homeland and conduct parliamentary elections due by January, also said corruption charges

would be dropped against her and dozens of other politicians as part of ongoing negotiations to restore civilian rule.

Musharraf and Bhutto have been in talks for months about a pact that would protect the general's re-election bid from legal challenges and public disenchantment with military rule.

"We're very pleased that Gen. Musharraf has taken the decision to leave the people of Pakistan by taking the decision to take off the uniform," Bhutto told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "I expect that he will step down (as army chief) before the presidential elections, but that is for the president to say."

There was no immediate reaction from Musharraf.

Al-Sadr orders 6-month 'freeze' of militia

By Bassam Mroue
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr took his Mahdi Army out of action for up to six months Wednesday to overhaul the feared Shiite militia — a stunning move that underscores the growing struggles against breakaway factions with suspected ties to Iran.

A spokesman for al-Sadr said the order also means the Mahdi Army would suspend attacks against U.S. and other coalition forces.

But it's unclear how much influence al-Sadr still wields over Shiite groups blamed for waves of attacks, including powerful roadside bombs that remain the chief killer of U.S. troops, American officials, meanwhile, reacted with skepticism and urged al-Sadr to show tangible steps to rein in his fighters.

The announcement by al-Sadr — who formed the militia after the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003 — appeared aimed at distancing himself from suspected Iranian-backed Mahdi factions he can no longer control. It also sought to deflect criticism for his followers' perceived role in this week's fighting in Karbala that aborted a Shiite religious festival and claimed more than 50 lives.

Thousands of pilgrims fled in terror as fighting erupted Tuesday between Mahdi Army members and security forces linked a rival Shiite militia, the Badr Brigade.

The battles are part of wider power struggles by armed Shiite groups for control of the Shiite heartland of southern Iraq, which includes major religious shrines and most of the country's vast oil fields.

The splintering of the

Mahdi Army has opened new fronts across the south.

In a statement, al-Sadr said he would "freeze" the Mahdi Army "for a period not exceeding six months."

The goal, the statement said, is to reorganize the force "in such a manner that would maintain and preserve the prestige of this symbol of the faith."

A spokesman for al-Sadr, Ahmed al-Shaibani, told reporters that the Mahdi Army also was "suspending the taking up of arms against occupiers as well as others."

Iraq's national security adviser welcomed al-Sadr's announcement and said the Shiite-dominated government was "waiting for concrete results on the ground."

"The contents of the statement as we heard it are good," Manuafik al-Faruqi told Alhurra television. "We welcome it and believe that if

implemented to the letter, it will have a big effect on the level of violence in Iraq."

But the effects of al-Sadr's announcement were far from clear, and it received a cooler reception in Washington and among military commanders in Baghdad.

"What really matters here is actions, and so those are the measures of merit that we'll be watching for," U.S. military spokesman Brig. Gen. Kevin Bergner said in an AP Broadcast interview.

In Washington, Defense Department press secretary Geoff Morrell urged al-Sadr and other militia leaders to "join the legitimate Iraqi security forces and be accountable to the central government" but said it was too early to determine the significance.

An Iraqi Army lieutenant colonel, however, described the announcement as a "tactical maneuver" by al-Sadr.

Taliban release 12 hostages in deal expected to free all 19 S. Korean captives

By Amir Shah
Associated Press writer

QALA-E-KAZI, Afghanistan — Taliban militants released 12 captives in a series of handovers Wednesday, part of a deal with Seoul to free all 19 South Korean hostages that one Afghan minister warned would embolden the insurgents.

The South Koreans, Christian aid workers who were kidnapped nearly six weeks ago, were turned over to the International Committee of the Red Cross at three locations in central Afghanistan. None of the 12 spoke to reporters.

The remaining South Koreans will be freed over the next 48 hours, Taliban commanders have said.

The first three women freed came to Qala-e-Kazi in a single car, their heads covered with red and green shawls. Red Cross officials quickly took them to their vehicles and set

out for the office of the Afghan Red Crescent in the town of Ghuzni, witnesses said.

Under the deal reached Tuesday, South Korea reaffirmed a pledge it made before the hostage crisis began to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan by year's end. Seoul also said it would prevent South Korean Christian missionaries from working in the staunchly Muslim country.

The Taliban — apparently backed down on demands for a prisoner exchange.

But the militant group, which killed two South Korean hostages last month, could emerge with enhanced political legitimacy for negotiating successfully with a foreign government.

"One has to say that this release under these conditions will make our difficulties in Afghanistan even bigger," Commerce Minister Amin Farhank told Germany's

Bayerischer Rundfunk radio. "We fear that this decision could build international pressure. The Taliban will continue trying to take hostages to attain their aims."

A German engineer and four British colleagues kidnapped July 18, the day before the South Koreans, are still being held.

South Korea's government, which has been under intense domestic pressure to bring the hostages home, said it tried to adhere to international principles while putting a priority on saving the captives.

"I don't think we made a big deviation from the international community's principle and practice," said South Korean presidential spokesman Cheon Ho-sun. "Other countries, when faced with this kind of problem, resolve the problem through contacts with kidnapers. I think there is no exception to this," he said.

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Four nominated to fill vacant Idaho Supreme Court seat

Horton, Howard, Williams and Kerrick get nods

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press Writer

BOISE — The Associated Press has learned that the Idaho Judicial Council has nominated 4th District Judges Joel Horton and Darla Williamson, 3rd District Judge Daniel Kerrick and Court of Appeals attorney Kenneth Howard for the Idaho Supreme Court.

Two sources involved in the nomination process who requested anonymity confirmed the names Wednesday morning.

Now Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter will select one of the four nominees to fill the spot on the bench being vacated by retiring

Idaho Supreme Court Justice Linda Copple-Trot. Two of the nominees — Williamson and Kerrick — are women, easing concerns from some legal experts that Idaho could become one of only two states without a woman on its highest courts. The other state is Indiana.

"I think we're pleased with the work that the judicial council did in selecting what appear to be very qualified and high-caliber candidates," Otter's spokesman Jon Hanian said. "We're right now trying to figure out when in the schedule the governor can sit down and interview them, and he's looking very forward to doing that."

Peg Dougherty, the vice-president of the professional group called Idaho Women Lawyers, said she was happy to learn two women had been included in the short list.

"I would say that speaking on behalf of Idaho Women

Lawyers, we are very pleased that the Idaho Judicial Council recognized the importance of diversity and obviously made diversity a priority," Dougherty said. "Idaho Women Lawyers is going to continue to encourage women to apply for any openings available in the judiciary throughout the state. Now, I guess, it's up to the governor."

Two U.S. Magistrate positions are currently open in U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho, Dougherty noted. Otter has not yet set a timeline for picking Trout's replacement, Hanian said. The governor was busy dealing with the Castle Rock fire and other wildfires burning near communities in Idaho, he said.

"Obviously right now, we're kind of focused on fires so we're not sure when that will happen, but he's looking forward to talking to the candidates in the short-term future," Hanian said.

Idaho teen killers transferred to prison

POCATELLO (AP) — Two teens exchanged public conversation on their ride to prison just after being sentenced to life behind bars without parole for killing a classmate following trials where they attempted to blame each other. Corey Adamek and Brian Draper could have requested separate cars or a barrier to separate them in the Bannock County Sheriff's van during the ride to the Idaho State Correction Institution in Kama, near Boise, on Friday. Instead, they sat next to each other and chatted.

"They asked me a couple of times if I could let them go. 'We're just stupid kids. Can't you let us go?'" said Lt. K.G. Fomesbeck of the Bannock County Sheriff's Office, who drove them.

Draper and Adamek were convicted in separate trials of first-degree murder and 30 years-to-life for conspiracy to commit first-degree murder earlier this year in the slaying of 16-year-old Cassie Jo Stoddart.

They were arrested last Sept. 27, five days after investigators say Stoddart was stabbed as many as 30 times while bus-exit for relatives in northeast Bannock County.

All three were 16-year-old juniors at Pocatello High School at the time. Draper and Adamek are now 17.

The two hadn't socialized much with anyone since being arrested, said Fomesbeck.

"It was a little like a class reunion," Fomesbeck said. "Basically they told each other they had to minimize toward each other." He said Draper and Adamek talked about the events that have them spending their lives in prison.

"A comment they made is, who would have ever thought that three days out of their lives would have an effect on them the rest of their lives."

U.S. safety official hoping for mine 'miracle'

By Brock Vergakis
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Rescuers seeking any sign of six trapped men at the Granddall Canyon mine still are "hoping a miracle could happen," a federal official told lawmakers Wednesday while crews drilled a seventh hole into the central Utah mountain.

The hole, which could be finished Thursday, would be used to send a robotic camera more than 1,500 feet below ground for any glimpse of the men who have been trapped since the Aug. 6 cave-in.

More holes could follow, said Kevin Stricklin, chief of coal mine safety for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

"We're still hoping a miracle could happen. And we're going to keep doing it until we have no other alternative," he said.

Ultimately, though, Stricklin said mine co-owner Bob Murray will decide when the final hole is drilled.

"He's the one paying for it," he said.

Stricklin said it costs about \$1 million to drill each hole. He spoke to state lawmakers at the Capitol here, 120 miles north of the mine in Emery County.

"We're encouraged," Strick-

lin said of the camera, which is similar to one used to search the wreckage of the World Trade Center in New York in 2001. "We think it could work."

At the same time, he said it's possible the mine may become a tomb if the miners did not survive.

Three rescue workers were killed Aug. 16 during a second collapse that also destroyed all progress in tunneling toward the men. Because of repeated seismic shocks, the mountain has been declared too dangerous to resume the underground effort.

"There's a possibility that we may not be able to remove the miners from the mine," Stricklin said.

Meanwhile, in Nashville, Tenn., U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao spoke at a mine-rescue conference but did not discuss any specific issues

related to the Utah mine. MSHA is an arm of the Labor Department.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of the miners in Granddall Canyon," said Chao, who left the meeting without answering questions. No one knows whether the six miners survived the Aug. 6 collapse, which left reinforced roofs of mine tunnels mostly intact but blew out the walls, hurling chunks of coal like bullets and blocking passages.

Lowered into hole No. 3, the robotic camera was just 10 feet from getting inside the mine when it became stuck Monday night. It was withdrawn without any problems.

Stricklin said rescue workers would only continue searching for the men as long as there is a possibility they're alive, the likelihood of which decreases each day.

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Police seek identity of body found in Elko County

The Associated Press

RENO — Authorities were awaiting positive identification Wednesday to determine whether a body found in rural Elko County is that of a University of Nevada, Reno professor missing since Aug. 19.

Elko County Undersheriff Rocky Gonzalez said an unidentified motorist found the body around 1 p.m. Tuesday about 1.500 feet off old Highway 93, 40 miles north of Wells.

Gonzalez said no identification was

found but some characteristics of the body fit the description of Judy Calder, who was reported missing by her family on Aug. 19.

"We do have one or two items that do fit the description," Gonzalez told The Associated Press.

The body was found face down and appeared to have been in the desert for a few days, the undersheriff said.

"It's too early to say this is the person who has been missing from Reno-Sparks," Gonzalez said.

"We don't want to jump the gun until

there is positive identification."

Gonzalez said Sparks detectives were notified. Elko County detectives preserved the scene where the body was found overnight. The woman's remains were removed about midday Wednesday and were being taken to the Washoe County Crime Lab in Reno for identification and autopsy, Gonzalez said.

Calder, 61, was an associate professor in the department of Human Development and Family studies. She and her husband lived in Incline Village, but Calder was staying at John Ascuaga's

Nugget casino in Sparks the weekend she disappeared.

Sparks police on Tuesday said they confirmed Calder was seen leaving the Nugget around 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 18, and that she was seen by another faculty member on campus that day between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Police said Calder's brown 2000 Lexus was found near the university Aug. 19 in an area she would have no reason to be in. Police said a person described as a dark-skinned male may have been seen driving it earlier that day.

Victim identified in lake drowning

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office has identified a personal watercraft drowning victim in Murtaugh Lake as Sergio Gonzalez-Jimenez, 22, of Burley.

Gonzalez-Jimenez, 22, was driving a jet ski at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday on the lake with his cousin Rodrigo Gonzalez riding on the back. The fiberglass hull of the watercraft had two punctures and filled with water.

"That affected the attitude of the vessel," according to a report by Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Instead of maintaining an upright position as it turned, the vessel rolled over, casting the cousin into the water. Gonzalez-Jimenez was not wearing a life jacket and could not swim.

"Sergio couldn't swim and he drowned," Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey said. "Rodrigo went to the area where Sergio went down but couldn't find him."

Two hours later, divers from Twin Falls and Cassia County Search and Rescue teams pulled the body from the water.

Deputies met with other family members who had been on the shore when the incident happened.

"They said he had a life vest on earlier in the day but I don't know what happened to it," Tousey said.

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T.F. school board hears plea for activities code change

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The new Twin Falls School District activities code, designed over the span of one year, may need a couple more tweaks before it's perfect.

That's what the Twin Falls School Board heard Wednesday evening from athletic director Mike Federico, who said the code doesn't take into account homework initiatives fostered by high school coaches. Football players at Twin Falls High School now spend half an hour after school in a study hall before practice, Federico said, and other sports are following suit.

"We heard of," he said. But it may not be helping the players it needs to. A clause in the activities code prohibits activities that don't meet GPA requirements from participating in games and practice sessions. That includes the study halls, Federico said — something that may be the most help to struggling students. "If we turn them away now as sophomores — we're probably not going to get them back," he said.

Federico asked the board to consider removing the ban from the code, and possibly add a section making things more lenient on students who have one bad semester, but do well overall. He cited as an example one football player with a 2.9 GPA whose last semester GPA was 1.9. The student's parents, something that Federico said, disapproved that could have been avoided if the code factored in overall GPA as well as semester GPAs.

The board took no action on Federico's request, which was presented as an informational item. But board members said they'd look into the idea, something Federico applauded.

"We're just losing kids, and we don't want to lose them forever," he said.

In other actions: The board approved an emergency levy to cover extra classrooms and two extra teaching positions resulting from the district's second-day enrollment level. Twin Falls Superintendent Wiley Daniels said district enrollment went up by 125 students as measured on Tuesday, and only two schools — Vern C. O'Leary Junior High and Highlands Elementary — were down from this time last year. The levy will likely be close to the same value as last year's, he said, which was \$122,716.

The board notified the teachers' contract for the year, which 99 percent of the Twin Falls Educators Association voted in favor of Friday. Changes include slight modifications to health benefits, fund balance sharing with teachers if the district has more than \$90,000 extra in uncommitted funds and the endorsement of a pilot program reimbursing teachers who cover for each other. TFFHS Principal Ben Allen said the program gives students a replacement teacher with more experience than a substitute.

Reading on the road

C-SPAN book bus swings through T.F.

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's programming may not have the draw of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" or "Without a Trace," but that doesn't bother Rodex Schneider.

After all, funding for C-SPAN comes from the cable and satellite companies that carry it. So when Book TV takes over 40 hours of C-SPAN2 programming every weekend, the C-SPAN marketing representative said, he doesn't worry about staying on the air.

And he's always happy to meet viewers, as he did for two hours Wednesday when the Book TV bus stopped by the Twin Falls Public Library.

"We have a small but intensely passionate audience," Schneider said as he relaxed outside the library building.

The 45-foot-long bus has toured the United States since September 2005 and holds a mobile production studio, allowing Book TV staff to interview local authors and promote the channel's programming. Schneider said. The station airs discussions and inter-



Jacob Comer, 11, and his brother Steven, 4, tour the C-SPAN Book TV bus Wednesday morning at the Twin Falls Library. The bus makes several hundred stops across the nation as it tours the country 11 months out of the year.

views about non-fiction books that address U.S. history and public policy. A selection of which were out for display during the bus' visit.

The bus drew a constant trail of visitors Wednesday, said Annie-Laurie Burton, youth services supervisor for the library — though a class she was hoping to spot never showed. And the program-

ing was new to quite a few who stopped by.

Valerie Coffin of Twin Falls said she prefers to read the sort of recommended books the network highlights, and would definitely start watching the network over satellite.

"I think it's great," she said. Book TV staff didn't interview any Twin Falls authors during the bus' first pass

through southern Idaho — there just wasn't an author available who wrote on a national subject, Burton said. But two Boise authors were interviewed earlier in the week, and an interview is planned in Pocatello, where the bus will be until Friday.

For more information on Book TV and the bus, visit <http://www.booktv.org>.

Safety rules at the fair



Doug Sugden, a sergeant with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, patrols the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds Tuesday afternoon.

Some see T.F. fair rules as 'absurd'

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

FILER — Just before noon on Wednesday, before crowds of people flocked to the Twin Falls County Fair, carnival attendees, event staff and deputies from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office gathered around Sheriff Wayne Tousey for a briefing on safety and security.

For as long as anyone can remember, the briefing has been as much a rite of the fair as the livestock shows or the carnival rides.

"It's something we do each year to let them (staff) know about our policies on things such as alcohol, fire-arms and other dangerous weapons," Tousey said. "It's something that gets us ready before all the people show up."

But safety and security planning for the fair begins long before the event staff is briefed by Tousey.

In early August, the sheriff's office, event organizers,

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- Take a ride with the 'Ohli cam with Tristin Sawchin, until 6 p.m.
- Watch interviews about staying safe at the fair
- See a video story about free prostate cancer screening
- View a spotlight on fair food

Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo

Today's schedule

- Coca-Cola Day (\$4 gate admission with coupon) KHWIF Fall Day at the Carnival (Two pay one price)
- 7 a.m. Fair gates open
- 8 a.m. 4-H Quality Horse (including miniatures), followed by English equitation, followed 4-H Horse Performance, followed by Free Style, Zebarth (Arena No. 1)
- 8 a.m. 4-H Horse Trail, Zebarth (Arena No. 2)
- 9 a.m. Open Youth show, followed by Open Market Lamb show, followed by Pen of Two, followed by Pee Wee Showmanship, McCoy Sheep Show ring, Open Class Dairy Goat Sr. Doe show, goat show ring, 9:30 a.m. Jr. Division Market Steer show, followed by Best Pen of Five show, Southwick Beef Show ring
- 10 a.m. Fair buildings open; FFA Dairy Showmanship, followed by 4-H, followed by FFA 4-H Quality, Dairy Show ring
- Noon Drift Horse & mule performance, Shined Arena, Betting farm opens, Kiddie Land; Carnival opens
- 1 p.m. Jeff Martin, The Blonde Curly Haired Magician, Free Stage
- 1:30 p.m. Captain Zartou, bestidie, Free Stage
- 2 p.m. Michael Mezmer (Hypnotist), Free Stage
- 3:15 p.m. Jeff Martin, The Blonde Curly Haired Magician, Free Stage
- 4 p.m. Washboard Wily (Musician), Free Stage
- 5 p.m. Edges Wireless Text Messaging Contest, Free Stage area
- 6 p.m. Jeff Martin, The Blonde Curly Haired Magician, Free Stage
- 6:30 p.m. Captain Zartou, bestidie, Free Stage
- 7 p.m. Old Time Fiddlers, Free Stage
- 7:30 p.m. Maglo Valley Stampede/PRCA Rodeo, Shouse Arena
- 8 p.m. Michael Mezmer (Hypnotist), Free Stage
- 10 p.m. Fair buildings close
- Midnight Fair and carnival close

Naranjo charged with manslaughter

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A man charged with vehicular manslaughter — on the same day his old brother's killer was sentenced for another crime — has waived his probable cause hearing.

S a m N a r a n j o waived his preliminary hearing on Aug. 24 for vehicular manslaughter. His arraignment in district court is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 20.

Returning home from work in Twin Falls, police said, Naranjo, 22, was driving a Chevrolet Silverado with a blood alcohol level of over .20 — about 2½ times the legal limit of .08 — when he crashed into a van driven by Edward Coats, 48, of Boise, on the Hansen Bridge. Coats died at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center because of his injuries. Naranjo's mother had traveled from Burley to Twin Falls on June 8 to watch the sentencing of Johnny Shores, the second of two men convicted in the killing of her son, Jesse. She was at the scene of the accident, involving her other son Sam, as paramedics and rescue crews took Coats to the local hospital.

About Sen. Larry Craig ...

POST REGISTER

Craig should go

Larry Craig should quit. Days will pass before the shock of the veteran Idaho Republican's arrest and conviction this summer in Minneapolis fades. But we know this much: On June 11, a plainclothes cop arrested Craig at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The cop had been looking into reports of lewd conduct in the men's public restroom. Craig then pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct Aug. 8. He paid more than \$500 in fines and fees, was sentenced to 10 days in jail — which was stayed — and ordered to serve the next year on probation.

Craig said nothing about it. When Holl Call broke the story Monday, Craig issued the kind of self-serving statement you'd expect to hear from a local student body president trying to wiggle out of a shoplifting conviction than a respected 26-year veteran of Capitol Hill.

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

Give us steadfast denials to allegations of homosexual activity made against him last year by a gay rights activist, you'd expect an innocent man to stand his ground and go to

trial. Keeping quiet for two months and then issuing denials 19 days after pleading guilty to a crime is hardly persuasive.

It's not at all clear how the context of this story will play out in the days ahead. But this much is clear: Craig engaged in deception, and because of that, he can't be trusted.

Craig's credibility is shattered. He cannot seek another term in the U.S. Senate. And he can't serve effectively in the remaining 16 months of his term.

Craig should quit. Those supporters who begged him to run again now feel alienated and embarrassed.

Which of his fellow senators will want to be associated with him and his scandal? (In fact, Craig's already parted ways with the Mitt Romney presidential campaign.)

And where in his home state — or anywhere else — can Craig appear in public without this story dominating the discussion? It consumes all the oxygen in the room.

It's with no small amount of regret that this page asks for Craig's resignation. He's been a dedicated public servant — sometimes right, sometimes wrong. But this is no longer about Craig.

What matters here is what's in the best interests of the state. Not a lame-duck senator shaking off disturbing allegations. Idaho deserves a fresh start with a new senator.

Craig should quit.

COEUR D'ALENE PRESS Trust violated, there is no future, senator

The national headline "Today from The Associated Press" online said it well: "Arrest clouds Idaho senator's future."

A government watchdog group filed an ethics complaint against Sen. Larry Craig after he pled guilty early this month to charges stemming from allegations of lewd conduct in a men's bathroom. The group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, wants an investigation into whether Craig violated Senate rules by engaging in disorderly conduct.

We don't think that, at this point, it matters. We urge Sen. Craig to remove all the clouds and resign.

This is not a moral judgment, not in the sense that some want Craig ousted for alleged homosexual behavior that's been rumored for many years. Nor is it an indictment of his tepid stance in the Iraq war or his unpopular support of President Bush's proposed immigration reform.

It is a recommendation based upon the fact that the people of Idaho cannot trust their most powerful representative in the nation's capital.

On Monday, after the Capitol Hill newspaper *Holl Call* published the story of Craig's arrest June 11 in Minneapolis and his conviction Aug. 8, the senator did not even up to his misdemeanor crime. He did not apologize to his family, to the fabulous staff that has supported him for

more than a quarter century in Congress, to his constituents here in Idaho. Instead, he issued this remarkable statement:

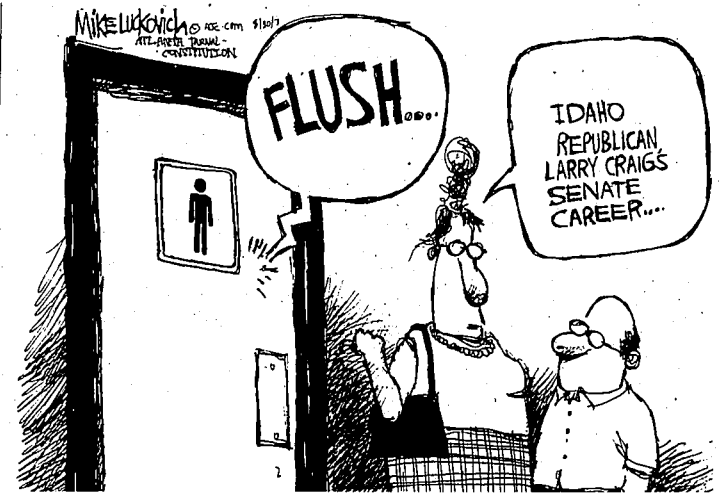
"At the time of this incident, I complained to the police that they were mis-constraining my actions. I should have had the advice of counsel in resolving this matter. In hindsight, I should not have pled guilty. I was trying to handle this matter myself quickly and expeditiously."

In hindsight, Craig did not handle it quickly. He had nearly two months to consider his legal options, and no matter what you think of Sen. Craig, the result is undeniable. He is extremely intelligent and fully versed in legal procedure. We cannot accept that, in a hurry, he made a bad call that has clouded his future — and the state's.

Worse, he tried to keep the whole thing secret. And by all appearances, he nearly got away with it. For 11 weeks, Craig's arrest was not made public.

We, his constituents, deserve better. The apparent contrite Sen. Craig appearing yesterday on national TV did nothing to convince us that he should remain in office.

Our thoughts today go out to the many people Sen. Craig has let down. He should give them solace by exercising, in his final act as a public servant, true leadership: recognizing and letting someone else complete the remainder of his term.



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The question on Craig: How much deception?

Larry Craig is kidding us, isn't he? Can Idaho's senior U.S. senator expect his constituents, even in ruby-red Idaho, to buy his story that he was arrested for soliciting gay sex in an airport toilet stall on the basis of a misunderstanding, and that even though he was innocent, he pleaded guilty two months later without ever seeking help from a lawyer?

That not only defies belief, it invites the assumption from those hearing it that the teller is a feeble-minded pube in the woods. Craig is neither.

He obviously took a calculated risk that his arrest and conviction in Minnesota would never be discovered, and now that he has lost, he has no coherent explanation for his conduct.

But he does have evidence to blame for his troubles: Tuesday, he lamely accused the state's largest newspaper, the *Idaho Statesman*, of conducting a witch hunt against him, although the paper refrained from printing any results of its months-long investigation of his sexual history until earlier the same day, after news of his arrest surfaced.

Let's start at the beginning. Craig was arrested June 11 in the Minneapolis airport by a plainclothes police officer responding to complaints of lewd conduct in the rest room in question. If he was innocent, as he says, why did he not make the rest public immediately and denounce the airport authorities for jumping to an unwarranted conclusion? The acts of which he was accused tapping his foot, moving it into the next stall and showing his hand beneath the stalls' divider are hardly the kind of smoking gun that a good defense lawyer would give up on.

That question is all the

more pressing considering that Craig is in politics where everyone knows the best way to deal with embarrassing news is to put it out yourself and give it your own spin and that rumors have circulated in state political circles for more than three decades that Craig is gay.

He knew the arrest was political dynamite, and yet he now tells us he waited quietly for two months before pleading guilty Aug. 8. And never through his ordeal did he seek legal advice or representation.

The most charitable interpretation of that is that Craig is fibbing: He did talk to a lawyer and was advised, even if he was innocent, not to fight but to take his chances that the misdemeanor conviction would remain hidden.

If he isn't fibbing, and he did ask for a lawyer's advice while waiting two months to plead guilty, his protestations of innocence look mighty suspicious. It also raises the question whether he has fibbed about never engaging in gay sex with anyone. He repeated that assurance only a month before his arrest in an interview with the *Idaho Statesman*.

The sorriest thing about the situation in which he now finds himself is this: If Craig had not spent his career voting for every indignity heaped on homosexuals, while portraying himself as an exemplar of family values, he might be able to survive this revelation, provided he came clean with the electorate. Public opinion is moving rapidly on homosexuality and he could have helped move it.

As it stands, however, he has deceived his constituents. The only question is how many times. And it's impossible to see how he can remain long in office.

Craig has only himself to blame for this mess

During a brief — and largely defiant — public appearance Tuesday afternoon, Sen. Larry Craig apologized for bringing "a cloud over Idaho."

We're sorry, senator. This cloud does not belong to the people who have elected you for the past 27 years. It's all yours.

It stems from your mistakes. Now, in contemplating Tuesday's apology, Idahoans must also gauge the enormity of their senator's misjudgments.

Craig was arrested in a public restroom in a Minnesota airport, widely reputed as a hangout for men seeking anonymous sexual encounters. According to an undercover police officer, Craig made sexual advances toward him.

Nearly two months later, he entered a guilty plea, albeit to a lesser charge of misdemeanor disorderly conduct.

And for 11 weeks, Craig failed to mention the arrest to his family, his friends, his staff or his constituents.

Craig shed little new light Tuesday on his arrest and guilty plea; he did not provide Idahoans with the full account they deserve. Instead, a business-as-usual Craig indicated he planned to serve out his term. He said he would not deviate from his plan to announce, sometime next month, his plans on seeking re-election.

Idahoans have a lot to think about while waiting to hear what Craig says next. Including his rhetoric and record on social and gay-rights issues:

• In 1999, as one of the loudest Republican voices for President Clinton's impeachment, Craig dismissed the idea of censure. "It's a 'Bad boy, Bill Clinton. You're a naughty boy,'" Craig told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Jan. 24. "The American people already know that Bill Clinton is a bad boy, a naughty boy."

Three weeks later, when two counts of impeachment fell shy of the needed two-thirds majority, Craig said, "My state doesn't support Bill Clinton on many of his policies, and they have rejected his personal lifestyle choices. ... It was not a difficult vote for me to make."

• In July 2004, Craig voted for a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages, which failed in the Senate. A few days after the vote, in a guest opinion co-authored by fellow Idaho Republican Sen. Mike Crapo, Craig decried "a campaign by activists to use state and federal courts to force recognition of a constitutional right to same-sex marriages, and so override the people and their legislators."

• On Nov. 6, 2006, one day before the election, Craig released a statement saying he supported a state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages and civil unions. The amendment passed. Yet in a May 14 interview with the *Statesman*, Craig said he supported same-sex civil unions.

Does Craig's arrest and subsequent guilty plea contradict his public comments about infidelity and homosexuality? When Craig tells Idahoans, "I am not gay and never have been," will they buy it?

Craig's political mess is one of his own making. And the least of Craig's problems may be with the gay-rights activists who have taken to the blogosphere to call him a hypocrite. A bigger problem may be with the Idaho social conservatives who have been among the quickest to call for his resignation.

And when politicians try to turn social and sexual issues into fair political issues, they invite scrutiny of their behavior. Craig did not establish these rules of political engagement, but he operated under them. It's all part of your cloud, senator.

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Idaho's debate over power plants may start again

Our view: The Idaho Board of Environmental Quality's update on a review of Idaho's mercury rules today could be a first step in a renewed debate over coal-fired power plants.

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

Boards that regulate the agencies of state government often meet in Twin Falls, usually with little public participation. But this morning's session of the Board of Environmental Quality is one that could eventually end up affecting the average Idahoan in ways little and large.

The BEQ is scheduled to hear an update on a review of its current mercury rules when it meets at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, starting at 9 a.m. That review could be a first step toward Idaho applying into a federal mercury cap-and-trade program, which might in turn open Idaho to coal-fired energy production.

Power plants that burn coal emit mercury, and the federal program limits the

amount of mercury each state can produce. But it also permits states below the cap to trade their emissions allowances to other states.

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

That moratorium expires next April, when Idaho has the option of getting into the cap-and-trade system. The Department of Environmental Quality — overseen by the BEQ — could urge the Legislature to do just that.

Lawmakers might choose to ignore such a recommendation, but if they don't it certainly will touch off what's

likely to be a bitter debate. Democrats, and a few Republicans, want a state utility-siting team made up of local and government agency representatives that would approve or deny individual proposals. Many states, including Montana, Oregon and Washington, have such statewide authorities.

Most Idaho Republicans, however, prefer the current law that leaves siting decisions to county commissioners.

In any case, a favorable BEQ recommendation on cap-and-trade would reignite the wrangle over fossil-fuel plant siting that ended with the legislature's approval of the moratorium 17 months ago.

That moratorium, of course, was the result of Sen. Custer's aborted attempt to build a \$1.4-billion, 600-megawatt coal-fired plant in Jerome County.

Seniors won't be the last suitor seeking to sell Idaho on coal. Mountain

Island Energy Holdings, for example, wants to build a 400-megawatt plant near Soda Springs.

But plant-siting is an issue with impact beyond the neighborhood of a power plant. High levels of mercury in Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir — perhaps from airborne emissions from Nevada gold mines, maybe from water systems that feed the reservoir — and in other Idaho waterways remind us that there are always consequences to match the benefits of development.

The BEQ, whose members include Randy MacMillan, vice president of Clear Springs Foods in Buhl; Nick Parly, a Pieabo rancher; and Don Chisholm, a Burley lawyer — won't delve into those issues today, but it could begin a conversation over coal-fired energy in Idaho that will last well into the next decade.

So now's the time for the public to have its say about mercury cap-and-trade.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stay the course, Art!

In defense of Art Brown: In response to the recent article regarding the Jerome Planning and Zoning administrator Art Brown, I am compelled to rise to his defense.

I was planning and zoning chairman when Art first started working for this county. I will be the first to say he was pretty "green" in those first days. Over the years, I have watched him grow in this most difficult position, and I must say for Art, his continued to grow as well.

Has he made mistakes? Of course. I haven't met Art. Has he stepped on some toes? Of course. Any administrator worth his salt will cause some discomfort to those who would seek to have their way with county rules.

When it is all said and done, Art tries very hard to follow the county laws and rules as they are written without regard to whom might be involved. And, he does this thankless job very well!

To Art, I would say, stay the course. There are a lot of us out there who recognize and appreciate your efforts.

MARTIN LEE
Jerome

'have a cage, we put two animals (because the humans) in the cage and we watch them pound the crap out of each other. We get incensed when some big sports star (aka Michael Vick) puts dogs in a cage. Is this the best use we can make of the facilities at CSI?

Oh, I get it! There's money to be made. Never mind that we sacrifice a little humanity in the process. We ought to be better than this. Or is this where we get material to give the nursing school practice? Is the next step throwing a gladiator in with a lion? That ought to bring in a few bucks.

Where are we headed with this just wondering.

GARY LUTHER
Jerome

of pathogen "drift" we support, and leadership in Jerome County.

The Idaho Rural Council was formed 21 years ago to fight foreclosures on family farms and ranches. It has been "another voice" for them ever since.

Whether the issue has been country-of-origin labeling, but trade agreements, renewable energy or responsible public lands grazing, the organization continues to advocate for family farms and ranches. If that means challenging industrialized dairies that are poorly sited and not held accountable for their impacts, so be it.

Mrs. VanBeek's belief that supporting a study of pathogens means we want to run all cows out of Jerome

County is absurd. Pathogen "drift" incidentally happens with liquid wastewater from municipal and industrial sources. Does dairy lagoon wastewater behave differently? Besides, it is exactly the type of study "big dairy" says the dairy research facility intends to do. Why wait? A good study should verify whether or not Mrs. VanBeek's immunity to pathogens is not just the result of receiving milk checks.

Finally, Mrs. VanBeek's letter seems to be saying that any commissioner in Jerome

County who shows any willingness to ask questions and demand answers is in some groups' "pocket." Translated, that sounds like "if you're not with us, you're against us" or "if you're not in our pocket, you must be in someone else's."

That mentality stifles honest, open debate and leads to bad governance. Somehow Jerome County has to get past that if it's ever going to deal with its problems.

RICH CARLSON
Filter
(Editor's note: Rich Carlson is the legal counsel for the Idaho Rural Council.)

Pleased about Medicare act, but worried, too

I am a current dialysis patient and have been living my life on dialysis for one year. There are 20 million Americans with kidney disease and more than 300,000 who need life-saving dialysis treatments.

I was pleased to learn that the Child Health and Medicare Protection Act, legislation that recently passed the U.S. House of Representatives, included education and awareness programs needed to help prevent or delay that need for dialysis for many Americans.

However, I am concerned about the proposed cuts, also included in the legislation, to an already under-funded dialysis Medicare benefit. This legislation would remove \$3.5 billion from the End Stage Renal Disease Medicare (ESRD) benefit.

We need payment reform that adequately reimburses for dialysis services in order to improve quality and access to care for dialysis patients.

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Connecticut man has entered over 50,000 contests

By Erika Hayasaki
Los Angeles Times

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Jay Sokolow can fill out 100 online contest entry forms in an hour with the click of his auto-saved name and e-mail address.

He leaves the radio on at work, holding a phone to each ear during breaks, speed-dialing stations during giveaways. He won so many times on one show that its producers instituted a once-a-month win limit: They call it the "Jay Sokolow law."



Jay Sokolow has a colorful of winnings, including tickets to the Super Bowl XXXIV. Since he was a teen — when he won a bike after guessing the right number of half-dollars in a jar — he has entered more than 50,000 contests, he figures. His wife, Ina, halfheartedly accepts his contest-entering quirk.

Other husbands might spend their free time golfing or gambling. To his wife's aggravation, Sokolow enters contests. Grocery store drawings, sweepstakes, trivia games, raffles, he enters them every day, except on the Sabbath — Friday night through Saturday.

It is not so much the value of the prizes that entices him, but the probability of winning. There is a strange satisfaction, he says, in beating the odds, outsmarting the other players. Other sometimes outsmarting the contest promoters.

Sokolow's obsession began as a teenager, when he spotted a jar of half-dollars on display in a bank window. He guessed the correct amount of money in the jar, and won a 10-speed bike. He estimates that since then he has entered more than 50,000 contests.

Sokolow's wife, Ina, halfheartedly accepts his contest-entering quirk.

"It annoys me in the evenings," she says. "I try to have a conversation and instead he's sitting on the computer."

She has put up with many of the prizes that have accumulated in their house over the years: 14 T-shirts from Coors beer, a case of Oreo cookies, Furby toys, an autographed toy race car, Warrio Wrestling Entertainment posters, a jazz CD for lovers, a toy spy set, Bratz dolls.

But Sokolow has also won gifts that his wife and children didn't mind: two tickets to any Frontier Airlines destination, along with \$700 in American

Express cards, tickets to the American Football Conference Championships, a trip to a resort in Mexico, a family cruise to Jamaica, and two tickets to the Super Bowl.

He won a white-winter rafting trip but negotiated \$5,000 for it instead.

"Can you see him on a white-water raft?" asks his wife, glancing at her 5-foot-9, 230-pound husband, barefoot in an extra-large purple button-down shirt, with graying hair peeking from beneath his yarmulke.

Sokolow, 49, won a trip to a golf tournament in Scotland but forfeited because he couldn't get away from work. He won a trip to the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas and a lesson from professional poker player Annie Duke, but the Sokolows don't play poker, so they didn't go on that one either.

Recently he received a replica of the ring that Johnny Dupp wore in the "Hirates of the Caribbean" movie series. It was the lesser prize in the contest for a Disney vacation or a pinball machine, but good enough. He gave the ring to his 16-year-old daughter.

The list goes on and on. Ina, 49, talks in the kitchen on a Nokia cell phone, which Sokolow won. His daughter shows off a long-sleeve New York Yankees shirt she just

received in the mail. He won that, too. He has also won three iPods, two of which went to his 18-year-old son, the other he gave away as a bar mitzvah gift.

The red rotary phone near the couch, "The Incredibles" DVD in a stack near the wall, the CD player on the windowsill, the apple-shaped dandy bowl in the living room — he won them all.

"Most people come home and look at the mail, and they figure it's just bills," he says. "It's depressing. When I come home, I'm always eager to look at the mail because there might be something fun in there."

Sokolow is not a poor man. Nor is he a bored man.

He is a radiologist in private practice, and is president of his synagogue. He lives on a cul-de-sac in a leafy neighborhood in a town of 124,000, served by 30 city council members, one of whom is his wife, Ina. The home they share with their teenagers is two-stories and gray, with a yellow sprinkler on the lawn and a Toyota Prius parked in front.

Two 3-foot high cement planters sit near the front door, prizes that Sokolow won along with gardening tools after he filled out an online form for a gardening company that has since gone out of business.

FBI investigating string of bomb threats at stores nationwide; caller demands money transfers

By Eric Tacker
Associated Press writer

NEWPORT, R.I. — Large grocery and discount stores across the country have been targeted by a caller who threatens to blow up shoppers and workers with a bomb if employees fail to wire money to an account overseas, authorities said.

Frightened workers have wired thousands of dollars — and in one case took off their clothes — to placate a caller who said he was watching them but may have "been thousands of miles away."

The FBI and police said Wednesday they are investigating similar bomb threats at more than a dozen stores in at least 11 states —

all in the past week. At this point, there's enough similarities that we think it's potentially one person or one group," FBI spokesman Rich Kolko said from Washington.

No one has been arrested, no bombs have been found, and no one has been hurt, though the calls have triggered store evacuations and prompted lengthy sweeps by police and bomb squads.

Law enforcement officials say the caller claims to have a bomb and orders the store to send money to an account through an in-store money transfer service such as Western Union.

He often claims to be able to see inside the store, but officials believe he was

making it up. In Newport, employees at a Wal-Mart got three calls Tuesday morning and wired three payments totaling \$10,000 to an account out of the country. Sgt. James Quinn said.

A spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said the company was assisting in the investigation, but offered no further comment.

The first of the threats that federal investigators are aware of came last Thursday at a Safeway in Sandy, Ore. The caller initially said he had a gun and was watching the store, but after meeting resistance to his demands he claimed to have a bomb. Sandy police Chief Harold Skilton said.

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Wis. police: Legless man steered truck drunk while his buddy worked the pedals

ABBOTTSFORD, Wis. (AP) — Police cited a legless man and his friend with drunken driving — the third and second such arrests for the men, respectively — saying the disabled man was at the wheel while his friend worked the pedals.

Harvey J. Miller, 43, was steering the 1985 Chevrolet truck and Edwin H. Marzinske, 55, was operating the pedals

when they were pulled over Aug. 18, according to a police report.

Miller, who was sitting in the driver's seat, told officers he had too much to drink, but argued he wasn't really driving since Marzinske was on the brake and the accelerator, police said. Marzinske was arrested on the same charge.

Miller received a citation for a third drunken driving

offense, and Marzinske his second. Both also were cited for driving after their licenses had been revoked.

The two do not have listed phone numbers, and police and court officials could not immediately say Wednesday whether they had attorneys.

A third man in the truck, also drunk, walked himself home after the traffic stop, police said.

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It's game day: Broncos open season with Weber State

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — The day has come. All that waiting and anticipation and nervous compunction culminates in the kicking of a little pigskin this evening at Bronco Stadium.

The Broncos robbed the world of its preconceived notions defining power conferences and middle-major last season with an upset of Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

But in 2007 Boise State must start from scratch. The team is 0-0.

But it is searching for its sixth consecutive Western Athletic Conference championship. It owns the longest winning streak in the country at 13 games. It is the winningest program in the country since 1989 at 85-16.

But none of that matters tonight. This team plays just in front tonight (7 p.m., KTUV) on the Blue.

"I like Weber State," BSU head coach Chris Petersen said. "I know this. They are very well coached. Coach McBride has coached a long



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time and you can see it. You put that tape on and you'd like, oh, OK, these guys know what they're doing. They play fundamental football. They have good schemes. And they have some good players. So we're anxious."

Ron McBride's Wildcats finished the season 4-7 last year.

BSU currently owns a four-game winning streak over the Wildcats. The last meeting was a 24-13 Bronco win in 1998. Nate Sparks replaced an injured Bart Hendricks in that game at quarterback.

This season the Broncos will have

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Construction zone: Find your way to tonight's game

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — If there is one thing different Boise State fans need to know about attending games this season, it is this: get there early.

The west side of Bronco Stadium is undergoing massive renovation. Not only does this again limit the number of parking spaces available for football games (and school in general), but it also changes the way fans must enter the stadium.

The entrance to the west side of the stadium will actually be out in the parking lot, rather than the old spaces under the stadium eaves.

Following is a list of tips to make the game experience as convenient as possible.

• Come early. The construction will hamper your ability to quickly enter

the stadium. It is recommended to enter the stadium as early as an hour before the game. Otherwise, you might miss kickoff.

• Beware the changes on the concourse level. Many of the restrooms and concessions stands in the stadium have been moved or renovated. Look for Porta-Potties. The layout of the level is different. If you get lost or need help finding something, ask the staff.

• If you are disabled or need assistance, enter through Entry No. 1.

• Handicapped parking is now in the corner of Euclid Avenue and University Drive.

• Parking is going to be a pain to find. Prepare to walk, but there are a few options available. These include the BSU parking garages (there is a new one on the corner of Lincoln and University) and the downtown Boise

parking garages. There are a number of garages downtown which will have shuttle services taking fans to the game. They offer this service in hopes that folks might stay downtown and shop.

The grass lot along the Greenbelt is now reserved parking (you need a permit). Some of the spaces in the West Stadium Lot reserved for RV's have been moved to the East Stadium Lot (which is also reserved).

• There is no longer an entrance to the parking lots by the stadium by the Student Union Building. The SUB concession has closed that part of Bronco Circle. The only entrance to Bronco Circle will now be near Grant Avenue.

• There is other parking out there. You just have to look. Be prepared to walk. Use the shuttles. Come early. Cheer loud.

Burley starts fast, hangs on

Bobcats edge Tigers, stay unbeaten

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

JEROME — Carlos Gil, Pablo Marin and Jorge Rios each tallied goals in an 18-minute first-half span for Burley then the Bobcats hung on for dear life to the end as they opened their season record to 5-0 (2-0 Great Basin Conference West) with a pulsating 3-2 win at Jerome (4-2, 1-1) Wednesday.

Gil's header — his 10th goal in five games this year — in the 22nd minute got things started and Marin doubled Burley's lead 10 minutes later with a sensational drive from the right channel. Just before halftime Rios slipped in front of oncoming Tiger goalkeeper Roman Vasquez and redirected a biting left-wing cross to make it 3-0.

But the Bobcats had to hang on for dear life with the final 40 minutes essentially featuring one-way traffic toward the Burley net, though they had several half-chances interspersed with Jerome's second-half domination.

"I thought we'd have the advantage in the second half, with us going downhill," said a bemused Wes Nyblada, head coach for Burley. "Obviously not. We got up 3-0 and I think some of the players thought, 'Ah, we've got this,' and let down a bit. We can't do that against a good team like this. Jerome sent us a good lesson."

Burley's early barrage deflated Jerome, which had an attempt on goal ricochet off the post in the first half and carried a reasonable amount of play in the period. After the trio of goals, the Tigers became more direct in their approach, to great effect.

Down by three goals, Jerome started pumping the

"There was so much adrenaline flowing, I was just in the zone."

— Burley goalie Kace Redder on his late save against Jerome

ball over the top to let sophomore striker Fermin Martinez run onto it, and Martinez squared the Tigers with a goal just before the halftime whistle to get within 3-1.

Burley tried to take the sting out of the game and nearly dealt the killer blow when Gil sent Marin through on goal in the 43rd minute, but the forward lost the ball in his feet and it was cleared. After that saving challenge, Jerome started gaining momentum again, and it was only a matter of time before the Tigers netted again.

Martinez hit his second goal — and ninth in six games this year — from a corner in the 64th minute when his singling volley was blocked right back to him, and he punished Burley for giving him the second chance by lashing it home left-footed from eight yards out.

In the final 16 minutes and injury time Burley was under heavy pressure, and Jerome created seven golden chances to get the equalizer. They all went begging, most notably when Bobcat keeper Kace Redder palmed a rebound effort off the line, tipping it to safety instead.

"I got my palm on (Martinez's) second goal, Redder said. "There was so much adrenaline flowing, I was just in the zone (for the save)."



Jerome's Glynn Leon (22) passes the ball as Burley's Gustavo Sanchez (10) closes in Wednesday evening at Jerome High School.

Burley had to survive three more of Jerome's solid opportunities after Redder's save, but Glynn Leon blazed a shot over the crossbar, Tim Bowler's lob attempt hit the

crossbar and Sergio Mendoza's attempt to nudge the rebound home with a spectacular bicycle kick missed the mark.

"It just wasn't our day,"

Jerome coach Robert Garcia said. "We had two chances hit the post, and it was close. But Burley's a great team. I'm very happy with how our team is coming around."

T.F. hires former ISU star

Bengals MVP Jones takes over girls hoops

By Bradley Guinn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School has its third new head coach for the current school year, and this one is another familiar face to the community.

Nancy Jones was named the head coach of the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team Wednesday at a press conference in Baun Gymnasium.

Athletic Director Mike Federico introduced her to the Bruins players shortly after school. "I've had her before," he said.

It's not a surprise, Matkin said. "I'm excited. She's a great mentor."

Matkin, along with many other girls, played for Jones' O'Leary Junior High School ninth-grade team.

So they know what they're getting in a head coach, and Jones knows what she's getting in a program.

The Bruins have made the Class 5A state tournament four times in the past five years. They placed third with a record 22 season wins in 2005 and placed fourth at last February's tournament. Not to mention that Twin Falls swept its 2007 High School Conference schedule (10-0 plus three tournament wins) for the regular season and tournament championships.

"I'm not trying to reinvent the wheel," Jones said. "We'll complement what's already here."

Jones, originally from Hillsboro, Ore. (just west of Portland), has spent the past five years heading up that O'Leary team and prior to that she was an assistant for the Bruins varsity and junior varsity squads. Although this is her first head coaching job at the high school varsity level, Jones has extensive experience on the hardwood.

The former Nancy Imhoff was a player (1985-89) and later graduate assistant for the Idaho State University Bengals women's basketball team during the late 1980s. She was named Most Valuable Player of

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Wendell grad Yoder working hard for Bengals

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — You hear the terms "blue-collar," "hardhat," and "lunch pail" used to describe a certain type of football player. Generally it means the type of player who'll do anything no matter how small to help win a game. A guy who plays the game the way it's supposed to be played. A guy who respects the game, himself and his opponent.

Those words and those terms fit former Wendell line-backer Will Yoder perfectly. Yoder, a walk-on senior, has spent more than four years trying to get on the field. He hasn't been a starter, but is a reliable special teams performer, a guy who's earned the



Will Yoder

respect of his coach and his teammates regardless of how many times he takes the field. "He brings enthusiasm, he practices hard and he does

anything that he can to help his teammates get up and ready for a game," said head coach John Zambrini before practice Tuesday.

"I don't mind doing the little things," Yoder said after pushing himself on every snap at the two-hour workout. "If doing the little parts will help win a football game then I'm all for it."

At 5-foot-10, 225 pounds, the 2003 Wendell graduate wasn't blessed with the physical size needed to be a starter even at a Division I-AA (now called Football Championship Series) school, but the size of his heart and his love for the game are so big you can't contain it.

"I stay because of my teammates," he said after being asked why he stays in Pocatello when maybe he could have gone elsewhere and played regularly. "These guys aren't just friends, they're my brothers. That's why we run at 6 a.m. and work so hard, there's a bond here. I made a commitment to Idaho State and these guys when I walked on. I honor that commitment."

Sounds like the type of person any parent would be proud to call their son. But Yoder doesn't think he's anything special. "My parents brought my up right and I've had good teachers and coaches along the way," he said.



SPORTS

Declo outlasts Wendell in see-saw five-game match

By Ryan Rietkerk Times-News writer

WENDELL — Declo escaped the city of Wendell with a victory, giving first-year coach Kristi Darrington a win in her debut. The Hornets lost the first game 22-25, won the second and third games 25-15 and 25-18, lost the fourth game 22-25, and won the decisive game 15-5.

while we struggled with our serving," said Wendell coach Keller Jasper. "We just could not get our offense going without our passing game setting up the hitters." Despite Wendell's poor serving, Jasper did note Juliana Hoeloffs, and her "strong serves." Judy Lund (two) and Whitney Gines (four) combined for six kills in the loss.

"We missed serves in the first game, but the service game saved us," said Darrington. In the third game Wendell was able to eliminate many of the errors that plagued them in Game 2 while Declo slipped some offensively. The game was a draw early on, but the Hornets were able to settle themselves to take the game by seven points.

Wendell always held a slight lead throughout Game 4, despite a persistent Declo. Declo fell behind a few times, but were always able to claw back and draw even with the Trojans.

At one point, Judy Lund landed three straight serves allowing Wendell some breathing room at 11-11. From here Wendell never lost the lead, and finally won the game with an ace hitting Declo's back line. This would set up the fifth and final set for the two teams.

The Hornets expended to a 7-3 lead in Game 5 before Jasper took a timeout to regroup the team. The session did not have its desired effect for the Trojans as Declo closed out the match.

Burley girls get first win

Times-News

Sometimes, if you work hard enough, things start falling into place. Such was the case for the Burley Bobcats girls soccer team Wednesday as they took a 1-0 victory over the Jerome Tigers for its first victory of the season.



Burley's Kelsey Wasson (28) fights for the ball with a Jerome player Wednesday in Burley.

Twin Falls (0-2-2, 0-1-0) will host conference foe Idaho Falls Tuesday.

Boys soccer Aberdeen 4, Declo 1

DECLO — It probably comes as no surprise that the Aberdeen Tigers took a boys soccer victory over the Declo Hornets on Wednesday. What may be surprising, though, is the final score of 4-1.

"They came in, I think they had 19 goals and only two scored against them," Hornets coach Tim Henriksen said. "It's a good ball club, and they've been going to state. We played them tough."

The Hornets were able to hold the high-scoring Tigers to four goals, and given the caliber of team they were up against, Henriksen came away feeling pretty good about his team's efforts on the pitch.

"It was exciting to see them go," Bobcats coach Tom Schmitt said. "They were making things come together. Some of our snips stepped up to the plate." Cathia Rios scored Burley's first two goals, one off a penalty kick and another one just a few minutes later that was put in midfield on a Jenna Williams front-flip throw-in.

"We struggled the first couple of games, and now we see the team finally get together," said Rios. "And this victory is really getting us up. We've seen a lot of people shine, and those goals really got us going." Rios was referring not only to her two goals, which gave the Bobcats some serious momentum, but also Kim Ashton's first-half goal and Kelsey Wasson's goal in the second half.

Volleyball Pirates roll in conference opener

HAGERMAN — Breccia Mangum thumped 13 kills and scored 16 service points to lead Hagerman to a conference-opening 25-7, 25-11, 25-8 sweep over Hansen on Wednesday. The Pirates (3-0, 1-0) Magic Valley Southside Conference were also helped out by 10 service points and nine assists from Charlie Glesler.

Aberdeen 3, Declo 2

DECLO — The Declo Hornets girls fell 3-2 to Aberdeen Wednesday as Megan Turner and Holly Hamilton scored goals for the Hornets. Declo (1-2-0) hosts The Community School on Friday for a conference match.

Highland 2, Twin Falls 0

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins fell in their High Country Conference opener Wednesday, losing 2-0 to Highland.

"We did the two basic things you need to do in volleyball, and that's serve and serve receive," Hagerman coach Luanne Axelsson said. "I thought we did both well." Hagerman's junior varsity also swept Hansen.

The Pirates travel to Magic Valley Christian for their second conference match today, at the Jerome Recreation Center.

Coach Bad knee slows Nadal at Open; Federer, Williams sisters win

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the 1988-89 squad and is No. 6 on the all-time points list with 1,144. No. 5 for field goals (464). No. 10 for assists (218) and No. 5 for steals (164). For her contributions, she was inducted into the ISU Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.

NEW YORK (AP) — Playing on a taped-up knee so painful he almost pulled out of the U.S. Open, Rafael Nadal was hardly at his imposing best Wednesday.



Serena Williams waves to the crowd after her win over Maria Elena Camerin at the U.S. Open in New York, Wednesday.

"Our energy and passion that we can give is championship caliber," Moore said. "We have the time and desire to be the best." With the amount of talent coming back from last year's team plus potentially strong JV callups, the Bruins and their new coach are plotting how good a championship banner would look hanging from the rafters of Baun.

To improve on that, Nadal will need to recover quickly and perform better than he did over his consecutive earnings of 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 first-round victory over Australian wild-card entry Alun Jones, whose claim to fame is a bit part in the film "Wimbledon."

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The only real fight Capdeville put up was directed at the chair umpire, who wouldn't let him challenge a call at the end of the second set because the replay request came too late.

"It's his good?" Inser asked with a knowing laugh. "I'm going to believe," Inser said later. "I'm not saying I'm going to win, but I'm going to believe. That's what I have to do." Like Federer, other past U.S. Open champions in action won in straight sets: Venus and

the twins. In his first-round opponent is John Isner, the 6-foot-9 American who only a few months ago was playing college tennis in Cooper's With fans barking for their favorite Bulldog, Isner followed up his first-round upset of No. 26 Jarkko Nieminen by beating Rik de Voest of South Africa 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Federer said he's only seen Inser play a few games and called him a "new kid on the block." During an on-court interview, Isner was asked to look ahead to the matchup with Federer.

So "he spent" Monday and Tuesday getting treatment on the knee from a doctor and a trainer. That helped, but Nadal acknowledged he might not have been on court Wednesday were this any other tournament.

The Williams sisters know all about dealing with injuries, and they also know a thing or two about winning major singles titles. In all seasons them.

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Angels finish sweep of Mariners

Times-News

SEATTLE — Jered Weaver won for the fourth time in five decisions, Garret Anderson had four hits and the Los Angeles Angels swept the Seattle Mariners 8-2 on Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep and open a five-game lead in the AL West.



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez, left, had a chat on the mound with pitching coach Rafael Chaves against the Los Angeles Angels in Seattle Wednesday.

Wladimir Guerrero homered and went 8-for-14 in the series as the Angels improved to 11-4 against Seattle this year. Los Angeles, seeking its third division title in four years, outscored Seattle 24-8, outpitched the Mariners 43-23 and opened its biggest lead since before the first time in seven starts since July 22. He allowed six runs and a season-high 13 hits in seven innings.

Yankees 4, Red Sox 3

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens shut down his original team, allowing only two hits and outpitching a much younger ace in leading the Yankees past Josh Beckett and the Red Sox.

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Hannahan hit a game-ending single with two outs in the 11th inning to help Oakland snap a five-game losing streak.

Tigers 5, Royals 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Esteban German hit a go-ahead triple in a five-run first inning against Andrew Miller, and the Royals handed the Tigers only their second shutout this year.

loaded double during a four-run seventh inning. With just their fourth win in the last 15 games, the Brewers made their 13th game of the first-place Cubs in the NL Central.

Dodgers 10, Nationals 9, 12th inning

LOS ANGELES — Shea Hillenbrand hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning and a sacrifice fly in the 12th as Los Angeles rallied from a five-run deficit to finish a three-game sweep.

Jones Lonney drove in four runs for the Dodgers, who also got an important win from Russell Martin and Matt Kemp.

Astros 7, Cardinals 0

HOUSTON — Roy Oswalt allowed four hits and struck out nine in seven dominant innings as the Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-0 on Wednesday night.

Devil Rays 5, Orioles 4, 12 innings

BALTIMORE — Dioner Navarro singled in the tiebreaking run in the 12th inning, and the Devil Rays took advantage of another meltdown by the Baltimore bullpen in handling the Orioles their eighth straight loss.

Braves 7, Marlins 4

MIAMI — Matt Diaz homered twice and Atlanta beat Dontrelle Willis to salvaged a win at the end of a disappointing Atlanta rookie Yul Escobar homered leading off the first inning for the first time, and he scored three times.

Reds 8, Pirates 0

PITTSBURGH — Aaron Harang threw a two-hitter for his fourth career shutout and Ken Giffity Jr. and Brandon Phillips homered for Cincinnati.

National League Phillies 3, Mets 2

PHILADELPHIA — The Mets' Marlon Anderson was ruled out on a game-ending interference call at second base, negating a possible tying run and giving the Philadelphia Phillies a 3-2 win over New York on Wednesday night.

Brewers 6, Cubs 1

CHICAGO — Ben Sheets came off the disabled list to give significant Milwaukee a lift and Ryan Braun hit a bases-

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 4, 11 innings

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jack

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball scores: Boston Red Sox 7, Tampa Bay Rays 2, Cleveland Indians 5, Minnesota Twins 5, Chicago White Sox 4.

Minor League Baseball scores: Portland Sea Dogs 5, Kentucky Generals 3, Carolina League 15, Tampa Bay Rays 15.

WFL-NFL

WFL-NFL scores: Tennessee Titans 14, New York Jets 14, Cleveland Browns 14, Dallas Cowboys 31, Pittsburgh Steelers 14.

GAME PLAN

Local High School Soccer: Twin Falls at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.; Wendell at Gooding, 6:30 p.m.; The Community School at Gooding, 6:30 p.m.

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NATIONAL AND MAGIC VALLEY BRIEFS

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and very warm. Highs low 90s. Tonight: A gusty thunderstorm may surface early then mostly dry. Lows low 60s. Tomorrow: Patchy sunshine and continued warm temperatures. Highs low 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Warm with building afternoon clouds, but little in the way of wetting rainfall. Highs low 90s. Tonight: A slim storm threat exists. Lows upper 50s. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a gusty thunderstorm possible. Highs upper 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for Sun Valley, Boise, Northern Utah, and Southern Idaho. Includes text about sun and clouds in Boise and a mix of sun and clouds in Northern Utah.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count. Includes historical and current data.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Sept 4, 11, 18, and 25. Includes Last Old, New Moon, First Old, and Full Moon.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Friday and Saturday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello with their respective forecasts.

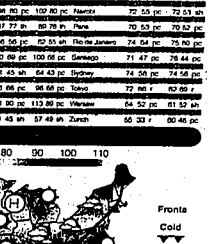
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Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and Denver with their respective forecasts.

THE WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like London, Paris, Tokyo, and Sydney with their respective forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal with their respective forecasts.

Reloading BYU ready to defend MWC title

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The preseason Utah (AP) — The preseason indicator that Brigham Young's reputation as a college football power hasn't been completely restored. Despite 10 straight wins and an unbeaten run through the Mountain West Conference, the Cougars enter this season unranked. Being a perennial power, BYU once was, takes more than an 11-2 season. "In our minds we're back, but we've still got to prove that we're back. One year doesn't mean anything," defensive lineman Ian Jorgensen said. "I think we have to come out and show the fans and show the country that we're going to sustain that every single year like BYU used to do," he said. Last season was reminiscent of so many autumns in Provo, with the Cougars dominating their conference with their conference with a simply overwhelmed opponents. BYU averaged nearly 37 points per game and 465.5 yards of offense. The Cougars started the season unranked and finished at No. 16. Each Bronco Mendenhall, in his third year, is out to prove that last season was more of the norm after four straight years without a winning record. But in order to do that, the Cougars will have to show that a tradition of strong quarterbacks stays intact. John Beck, second only to Ty Detmer in BYU passing history, is a Miami Dolphins player, and Max Hall has taken over a position limited to running the second team fullback. Hall hasn't played in a game since high school — four years ago. Hall transferred from Arizona State after redshirting in 2004. He served a Mormon church mission in 2005 and, under NCAA transfer rules, didn't play practice with the Cougars in 2006. Hall was named the starter after spring practice and has known all summer he was going to follow Detmer on a list that includes Detmer, Tim McMahon and Steve Young. "When you play at BYU, you've got to follow a bunch of great quarterbacks. And John was another great quarterback," Hall said. "If I don't put up the same numbers as John, it's not going to be like it's complete failure. That's just not how it is. I just want to win games," Hall said. "We will have plenty of experience around him when the Cougars open at home Sept. 1 against Arizona. BYU has five

BYU schedule

Table with 3 columns: Date, Opponent, Time. Lists games from Sept 1 to Nov 24, including opponents like Air Force, New Mexico, UNLV, Colorado St., Wyoming, and Utah.

mammoth linemen up front, including four starters, and plenty of depth at running back and receiver. The most significant departures were Beck and running back Curtis Brown. BYU's all-time leading rusher, another missing star: Tight end Jonny Harline, who capped the Cougars' Mountain West championship by cradling a desperate pass from Beck for a touchdown as time expired in BYU's 33-31 win over rival Utah. Even without the three offensive leaders, scoring isn't expected to be a problem, despite Hall's lack of experience. Running backs Pat Yakupovic, Harvey Unga and Manase Tonga all weigh more than 220 and can wear down a defense with their receiving also appear ready to contribute. Starter Michael Reed and sophomore Austin Collie, who was the Mountain West freshman of the year in 2004 when he caught 53 passes for 771 yards and eight touchdowns. Collie was serving a church mission in Argentina the last two years but returned in time for spring practice. He said any rookie needs Hall should go away quickly. "He's extremely confident and that's exactly what we need in a quarterback," Collie said. "He knows where to go and he can read the defenses well. And he's not afraid to put the ball in a tight spot." On defense, the Cougars lost linebacker Cameron Jensen, the co-captain who led BYU with 107 tackles. Kelly Poppinga has moved from outside linebacker to take that spot. Poppinga and Jorgensen, who led the team last season as a freshman with five sacks, are among the five returning starters on a defense that has already been hurt by injuries. Linebacker Russel Smith (knee) and defensive backs David Tafuna (foot) and Dustin Gabriel (foot) are out for the season.

Name game: I-A and I-AA out; FBS and FCS in

NEW YORK (AP) — Division I-A and I-AA football no longer exist. In an effort to make the schools formerly known as I-AA feel less like second-class institutions, the NCAA has divided Division I football into two categories: Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), which uses bowl games as its postseason and the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), which uses a playoff and actually crowns an NCAA champion in the postseason. So when Louisville beats Murray State by about 40 Tennessee night, remember the Cardinals aren't playing an I-AA team, they're playing an FCS team. Same goes for Ohio State vs. Youngstown State; Michigan vs. Appalachian State (the defending FCS champ); Texas vs. Western Kentucky; Florida A&M vs. Montana State; and Boise State vs. Weber State. As for the competitive games in this opening weekend of college football, No. 12 California hosts No. 15 Tennessee in a Pac-10/Southwestern Conference matchup Saturday. On Monday night, the Bowden family gets together for No. 19 Florida State at Clemson.

The picks:

Thursday: No. 2 LSU (minus 27.5) at Mississippi State. Tigers have won seven straight over Bulldogs ... LSU 42-14. Murray State (no line) at No. 40 Louisville. New Cardinals coach, some potential offense ... LOUISVILLE 50-10. Buffalo (plus 32) at No. 18 Rutgers. Scarlet Knights used to lose games such as this ... RUTGERS 42-7. Weber State (no line) at No. 24 Boise State. Broncos begin first starting QB Hays Tharp ... BOISE STATE 55-14. Saturday, Sept. 1: Idaho (plus 45.5) at No. 4 Southern California. All the USC tailbacks get into the end zone ... USC 60-9. Western Michigan (plus 23.5) at No. 3 West Virginia. WVU ranked fourth in national ranking in '06 ... WEST VIRGINIA 40-14. Arkansas State (plus 39) at No. 4 Texas. Texas WR Lmas Sweed (wrist) will play ... TEXAS 65-2. Appalachian State (no line) at No. 5 Michigan. First IAA, whoops, FCS team to visit Big House ... MICHIGAN 44-20.

Western Kentucky (no line) at No. 6 Florida.

QB Tim Tebow's first start for Gators ... FLORIDA 53-10. Washington State (plus 14) at No. 7 Wisconsin. Badgers 7-11 in last nine vs. Pac-10 ... WISCONSIN 30-17. North Texas (plus 40.5) at No. 8 Oklahoma. DeMarco Murray could be Sooners' next star TB ... OKLAHOMA 54-10. East Carolina (plus 28) at No. 9 Virginia Tech. Should be emotional opener for Hokies ... VIRGINIA TECH 39-7. Youngstown State (no line) at No. 11 Ohio State. Coach Jim Tressel faces his former school ... OHIO STATE 35-13. No. 15 Tennessee (plus 6) at No. 12 California. Vols beat Bears 35-18 in Knoxville last season ... CALIFORNIA 35-18. Oklahoma State (plus 6.5) at No. 13 Georgia. Bulldogs have won 25 straight regular-season nonconference games ... GEORGIA 34-28. No. 14 UCLA (minus 17) at Stanford. Bruins blanked Stanford in two of last three meetings ... UCLA 28-6. Florida International (plus 38) at No. 17 Penn State. First game against Big Ten for

Golden Panthers ... PENN STATE 45-13. Kansas State (plus 13.5) at No. 18 Auburn. First meeting since 1979 ... AUBURN 27-16. Nevada (plus 21) at No. 20 Nebraska. Huskers haven't lost home opener since 1985 vs. Florida State ... NEBRASKA 46-20. Troy (plus 24) at No. 22 Arkansas. Daren McDadden's Heisman campaign starts with bang ... ARKANSAS 50-17. Baylor (plus 20.5) at No. 22 TCU. Big 12 lineup-up for Horned Gears with Texas next week ... TCU 38-7. Northern Colorado (no line) at No. 23 Hawaii. Colt Brennan throws five TDs for Warriors ... by halftime ... HAWAII 60-14. Montana State (no line) at No. 25 Texas A&M. Montana State upset Colorado last season ... TEXAS A&M 42-13. Monday: No. 13 Florida State (minus 3.5) at Clemson. Tigers have won three of last four Bowden Bowls ... CLEMSON 24-21. Last season record (including bowl): 228-70 (straight); 149-122 (overall). Season record: 247 (straight); 16-15 (points).

Broncos

Continued from page B1 Taylor Tharp under center. Tonight will be his third career start for BSU. "I'm just focused on Weber State," Tharp said. "I got the nod for this Tuesday. Weber is a good team. They are going to play really hard. We have a bulls-eye on our back. We'll get through Weber and we'll go from there." As far as a game plan goes, the Broncos are pretty much. So much of their game is about adjustments and calling plays for every game. "This is the second year in a row that the Broncos have opened at home against a I-AA (now called Football Championship Series) team. Last year they lambasted the go-go BSU struggled against a stout Portland State team. "I don't like to compare them to past teams that we have played, but I think they are well coached and they have good players. The Wildcats will start University of Alabama transfer Jimmy Barnes at quarterback. Barnes (6-foot-5, 240 pounds) played spring-soft at Alabama. He threw for 37 touchdowns and only 10 interceptions his senior season in high school.

Raiders-QBs have final test vs. Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Maybe he's just fortunate, but Mike Holmgren has never faced the situation in front of his own stadium crowd. "It's a new down for me, being an assistant in San Francisco to his head coaching days in Green Bay and Seattle, Holmgren has always gone into the final preseason game set on his starting quarterback. "Lucky," I prefer the coaching, Holmgren cracked. "The quarterback debate is at the forefront for Kliff Kingsbury, who will have a tight preseason finale before the Raiders' Sept. 9 season finale (but for who will get the starting job when Oakland opens the regular season against Detroit on Sept. 9). "The competition begins with Lance Quinn — all down to John McCown and Darin Culpepper. Quinn said Thursday that Andrew Walter, who started eight games last season for the Raiders, would be the No. 3 quarterback. "When both quarterbacks put up this thing, it is everybody for that matter, but at the same time, I just go out and work. McCown said of him and Culpepper: "I don't see any chips on my shoulder or anything. It's just a 'who's the best' kind of thing." McCown will get the start against the Seahawks with Culpepper getting about an equal number of snaps. Although Quinn didn't see how long either would hold onto the starting quarterback position, Kingsbury said he'll have to watch the start after the first game or two. "A preseason competition of this nature likely could have been avoided if there wasn't a competition for the starting job. There wasn't a competition for the starting job because we had to hold out all summer."

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U.S. troops release members of Iranian delegation to Iraqis

By Bassem Mroue
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Eight Iranians, including two diplomats, were released by U.S. forces Wednesday after being detained because unauthorized weapons were found in their cars, the U.S. military said. An adviser to the top U.S. general in Iraq called the detentions "regrettable."
The incident Tuesday came as tensions between Washington and Tehran were already strained by the detention of each other's citizens as well as U.S. accusations of Iranian involvement in Iraq's violence and alleged Iranian

efforts to develop nuclear bombs.
Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zbarbi told the British Broadcasting Corp. the Iranians were released after Iraqi officials intervened and told the Americans they were part of an official delegation on a legal visit to discuss electricity cooperation.
In Tehran, the Foreign Ministry on Wednesday summoned the Swiss diplomat representing U.S. interests in Iran to protest the detentions. Switzerland hopes after the U.S. interests in Iraq in the absence of formal diplomatic relations between Tehran and Washington, Foreign Ministry spokesman

Mohammad Ali Hosseini said the Iranian delegation was in Baghdad to hold talks with Iraqi officials on building a power plant.
"These actions are contrary to the responsibilities of foreign forces in Iraq and is another mistake in the erroneous behavior of the Americans," Hosseini was quoted as saying by state-run television.
Four cars carrying the Iranians, as well as seven Iraqis, were stopped at a checkpoint Tuesday evening and then allowed to proceed to the nearby Sheraton Iqbal hotel, where they were later taken into custody and questioned, the military said.

Saudi Othman, an adviser to Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. general in Iraq, told British Broadcasting Corp. television that the detentions were "regrettable" and had "nothing to do" with President Bush's remarks on Tuesday, when he lashed out at Iran for meddling in Iraq's affairs and fomenting instability here.
Zbarbi, the Iraqi foreign minister, said the detentions were a result of "miscommunication and misunderstanding, and some misinformation."
The group was here to discuss Iran supplying Iraq with electricity, Zbarbi said.
"These Iranians were part of an offi-

cial delegation visiting the Ministry of Electricity in Baghdad by invitation and they were staying in one of the hotels in Baghdad when an American force arrested them," he told the BBC.
"After we intervened with the embassy and explained the situation, that they were here on legal grounds on a legal basis and they have their visas, their credentials were established, then they were released this morning."
He added that it had nothing to do with Bush's speech.
"What happened in Baghdad with the arrest of the seven Iranians, there was no linkage, no connection whatsoever," he said.

Study sees minimum risk in getting almost all troops out of Iraq and to Kuwait in a year

By Barry Schmeid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Most U.S. troops can be withdrawn safely from Iraq in roughly one year and the Bush administration should begin planning the pullout immediately, according to a study released Wednesday.
With the exception mostly of two brigades of about 6,000 troops who would remain in the touchy Kurdish region in the north for a year to guard against conflict with Turkey, the U.S. troops would be moved to Kuwait initially, says the study by the Center for American Progress, a self-described "progressive think tank" headed by John D. Podesta, a former chief of staff to former President Clinton.

A brigade and an air wing of some 70 to 80 planes would remain in the Persian Gulf country indefinitely. Meanwhile, the withdrawal would give the United States leeway to add 20,000 troops to the 25,000 in Afghanistan trying to counter Taliban and al-Qaida forces.

How fast the troops depart from Iraq and go home depends largely on how much essential equipment goes along with the withdrawal, according to the study.
The troops could be out of Iraq in no more than three months if the equipment is left behind, a cost not proposed in the study.

On the other hand, "if the United States does not set a specific timetable, our military forces and our overall national security will remain hostage to events on the ground in Iraq," the report said.

Even worse, an all-out withdrawal could impact a civil war, which would force leaving valuable equipment behind and pre-

venting control of an orderly exodus, the report said.
The Bush administration is expected to disclose next month how large a withdrawal it contemplates and over what period of time. No consensus on when to begin and how deeply to cut has developed.
Lawrence Korb, a former Pentagon official who specialized in manpower and logistics there from 1981 to 1985, said in an interview: "It is essential that the military begin planning for a phased withdrawal from Iraq now so it can be safely completed within 10 to 12 months."

Korb, one of the authors of the report, said withdrawal proposals have varied from three months to four years. The center's recommendation for withdrawal over a period of 10 to 12 months is based on consultation with military planners and logistics experts, the report said.

It proposed removing two combat brigades from Iraq in a month while simultaneously reducing a proportional number of non-combat support personnel.
If the plan is adopted and U.S. combat units deployed in Iraq were not replaced as they went home the Bush administration could conclude the withdrawal by the end of next July "and with much more care than they did the invasion and occupation," the report said.
"The time for half-measures and expediency is over. It is now time for a logistically sound strategic redeployment," the report concluded.

At a news conference Wednesday, Korb said more than 100,000 Iraqis who helped the United States during the occupation should be taken out of the country, as well.

Their evacuation is a "moral responsibility," he said, and "there is no reason they cannot be resettled in the United States easily."

Fireballs and a moon bathed in reddish glow: The Greek wildfire tragedy

EDITHORS Note — Athens correspondent John Hest spent five days covering the wildfires in Greece. This is his first-person account.

By John E. Ross
Associated Press writer

VARVASAINA, Greece — Columns of yellow-brown smoke billowed from behind a mountain and flames shot from a high ridge before leaping toward us.

This Greek village was in a ring of fire and was 1 — racing away from the blaze and approaching it to snap pictures, trapped with panicky townspeople and drenched by a welcome curtain of foamy, salty liquid dropped by a firefighting plane.

Varvasaina was at the middle of a vast series of fires burning out of control in the country's southern Peloponnese peninsula. Nearly all the 64 people who died in the blazes that began late on the evening of Aug. 23 perished in this region.

Just a half-hour drive to the southeast lies the village of Artemida, where 24 people including a mother and her four children perished in a single afternoon. To the east is Olympia — site of the ancient Olympic Games — where firefighters on Sunday battled a blaze that nearly destroyed the World Heritage site.

Before the fires, Olympia was a place of solemn lushness surrounded by pine and cypress groves. Afterward, the hills around it emitted a lurid glow from countless embers.

Just after midnight on the night — even the waning moon was bathed in a reddish glow.
Greeks were stunned by the swiftness of the conflagration.

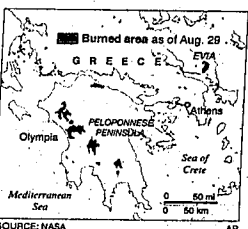
"It came down from the north in just 10 minutes, burning everything," a fire official from Olympia told me. "All the beauty that Olympia had, it's gone."
Everyone in Varvasaina knew about the wildfires, but few were prepared for the inferno



A police officer watches a fire burning on a hillside near the village of Kato Kotlii, Peloponnese, Greece, about 155 miles southeast of Athens, Wednesday. Winds rained throughout Greece Wednesday, enabling thousands of firefighters in six days of the massive fires that killed at least 64 people and obliterated record swaths of field and forests.

Fires nearly contained

Cooler temperatures and wind allowed firefighters to contain almost all the fires in western Greece since Aug. 23. At least 64 people have died and an estimated 485,000 acres have burned.



that burst so violently into their lives.
"There it is! It's coming!" shouted a group of townspeople gathered Sunday in a dirt clearing at the town's edge, as they stared at the blaze snaking up the road.
Suddenly a tree about a football field's length away burst into a fireball and a whirlwind of ash and grit whipped our

faces. Panic gripped us as we realized what had happened: We'd been engulfed in the backdraft of an exploding firestorm.
The swirling gale was being pushed by the wall of flames shooting into the sky and tearing through the rugged, forested countryside. The blaze hissed and crackled and roared, spewing acrid smoke.
"We ran down the road toward

the village, shielding our stinging eyes as flames burst from the back of a nearby house.
I jumped into my car to escape the fumes and flying ash, negotiating a tight U-turn while trying not to hit villagers floating on foot.
"We're burning! We're burning!" an aged woman in a dirty orange scarf shouted.
People poured from their homes, holding their heads and running down the road. One young girl was in flip-flops. A pair of snarling dogs raced past in the opposite direction toward the flames.

I stopped abruptly near a group of villagers standing in the road trying to wait a distant firefighting airplane our way: "Help the houses, not the forests!" one man shouted skyward.
Varvasaina's fire was extinguished and no villagers were killed. But the devastation conjured up only one image.
"It's hell, everywhere," a villager said.

Military jury reprimands only officer charged in Abu Ghraib scandal for disobeying order

By David DiSessa
Associated Press writer

FORT MEADE, Md. — A military jury recommended a reprimand Wednesday for the only officer court-martialed in the Abu Ghraib scandal, sparing him any prison time for disobeying an order to keep silent about the abuse investigation.
The jury had acquitted Army Lt. Col. Steven L. Jordan a day earlier of all three charges directly related to the mistreatment of detainees at the U.S.-run prison in Iraq.
Those acquittals absolved Jordan, 51, of responsibility for the actions of 11 lower-ranking soldiers who have already been convicted for their roles at the camp. The allegations surfaced after the release of photographs showing U.S. soldiers grinning

alongside naked detainees held in humiliating positions at the prison.

Jordan was convicted of a single charge: disobeying a general's order not to discuss the abuse investigation. The defense conceded that Jordan e-mailed a number of soldiers about the investigation after meeting with Maj. Gen. George Fay in spring 2004.

"We believe that for Col. Jordan, the vindication arises out of the 'not guilty' findings on the Abu Ghraib abuse charges, and we view that as very much a victory," said Maj. Kris Poppe, his attorney. Jordan could have been sentenced to up to five years in prison, though prosecutors had recommended a reprimand and a fine of one month's pay, \$7,400.
The reprimand was the lightest sentence the jury

could have recommended. Whether it will become part of Jordan's permanent service record is up to the court-martial convening authority, Maj. Gen. Richard J. Rowe, commander of the Military District of Washington. He will make the final sentencing decision after reviewing a written summary of the trial.
Poppe said Jordan would remain an active duty with the intelligence and Security Command at Fort Belvoir, Va., through February, then consider retiring from a military career spanning 28 years.

Jordan, a reservist from Fredericksburg, Va., never appeared in any of the inflammatory photos, but as director of the prison's interrogation center and the highest ranking officer there at the time, he had been accused of fostering a climate

conducive to abuse.
The prosecution had suggested that it wasn't about what Jordan did at Abu Ghraib but what he didn't do.
The nine colonels and one brigadier general who made up the jury, however, found him not guilty of the three abuse-related charges: cruelty and mistreatment for subjecting detainees to forced nudity and intimidation by dogs; dereliction of a duty to properly train and supervise soldiers in humane interrogation rules; and failing to obey a lawful general order by ordering dogs used for interrogations without higher approval.
The acquittal suggested that criminality went no higher than former Staff Sgt. Ivan L. Frederick, a military police reservist from Buckingham, Va., who is serving an eight-year sentence.

Richard Jewell, former security guard erroneously linked to 1996 Olympic bombing, dies

ATLANTA (AP) — Richard Jewell, the former security guard who was wrongly linked to the 1996 Olympic bombing and then waged a decade-long battle with news organizations to defend his reputation, died Wednesday. He was 44.
Jewell was found dead in his west Georgia home. An autopsy was scheduled for Thursday.
"There's no suspicion whatsoever of any type of foul play. He had been at home sick since the end of February with kidney problems," said McRutther County Coroner Johnny Worley.
Jewell was diagnosed with diabetes earlier this year and later had a few toes amputated. He had recently been on dialysis, the coroner said.
Lin Wood, Jewell's longtime attorney, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that he was "devastated" by the news.

He described Jewell as "a dedicated public servant whose heroism the night of the Centennial Olympic Park bombing saved the lives of many people."

The Jewish episode led to soul-searching among news organizations about the use of unattributed or anonymously sourced information. His very name became shorthand for a person accused of wrongdoing in the media based on scanty information.

Jewell, who was working as a sheriff's deputy as recently as last year, was a security guard in 1996 at the Olympics in Atlanta. He was initially hailed as a hero for spotting a suspicious backpack in a park and moving people out of harm's way just before a bomb exploded.
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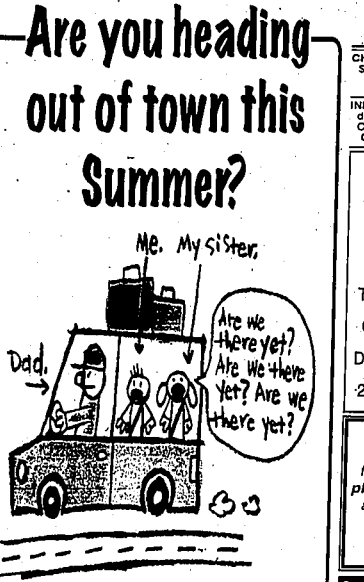
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Putting the brakes on

Teamsters will ask court to block plan to let Mexican trucks into US

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Teamsters Union said Wednesday it will ask a federal appeals court to block the Bush administration's plan to begin allowing Mexican trucks to carry cargo anywhere in the United States.

The union said it has been told by officials in the Transportation Department's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that the first Mexican trucks will be coming across the border on Saturday.

Teamsters leaders said they planned to seek an emergency injunction Wednesday from the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

"What a slap in the face to American workers, opening the highways to thousands of trucks on Labor Day weekend, one of the busiest driving weekends of the year," said Teamsters President Jim Hoffa.

Joining the Teamsters in seeking the emergency stay were the Sierra Club and Public Citizen. "Before providing unconditional access throughout the country to tens of thousands of big rigs we know little to nothing about, we must insure they meet safety and environmental standards," Sierra Club executive director Carl Pope said.

A call to a spokeswoman at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration was not immediately returned. The Bush administration said last week it would start the cross-border program once the Transportation Department's inspector general certifies safety and inspection plans.

Leslie Miller, a Teamsters spokeswoman, said attorneys for the federal truck safety agency advised the union's lawyers that they expect to get that certification on Friday. She said the Teamsters also were told by the agency attorneys that limited authority for trucks to begin crossing the border will be approved Saturday.

Supporters of the plan say letting more Mexican trucks on U.S. highways will save American consumers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Labor and driver-organ groups have been fighting the measure — part of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement — since it was first proposed, saying the program will erode highway safety and eliminate U.S. jobs.

The future of feed



Eric Nelson, a fourth-generation rancher and farmer from western Iowa, shows off his cattle at one of his feedlots near Merville, Iowa. Nelson uses wet distillers grains bought from a nearby ethanol plant for his feed.

Ethanol byproduct offers farmers and ranchers high-protein livestock feed

By Dick Lammers
Associated Press writer

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — The rising demand for corn to make renewable fuel might be hurting some dairy farmers and beef ranchers, but others are finding advantages to staying close to ethanol plants.

Converting corn into ethanol produces a byproduct called distillers grains, which can be used as high-protein livestock feed. Most are dried so they can be shipped across the country and overseas, but cattle ranchers within 50 miles or so from an ethanol plant can save money by buying wet distillers grains.

Pacific Ethanol, the largest West Coast-based marketer and producer of ethanol is building a 50 million-gallon ethanol manufacturing plant near Burley.

The plant will produce wet distillers grains, however, it is unknown what the plant plans to do with the byproduct.

Dairy farmers in south-central Idaho, who spoke with the *Times-News*, said they are unfamiliar with wet distillers grains because it has not been widely available in the region.

But Eric Nelson, who operates two feedlots in western Iowa, buys modified wet distillers grains from Little Sioux Corn Processors ethanol plant, which is just down the road from his Marcus, Iowa, feedlot.

Nelson said he started using the

Cash for crops

Rice, cotton and peanuts received higher per-acre payments than cheaper-to-grow crops like corn in the past three years.

Average commodity payments per harvested acre, FY 2003-2006	
Rice	\$270
Cotton	213
Peanuts	192
Corn	66
Other feedgrain	36
Wheat	22
Soybeans	10
Other oilseeds	4

SOURCE: Congressional Research Service AP

grains for 20 percent of his rations but has since upped his mixture to 30 percent. It has worked well for his operation, and the cattle seem to like it, too, he said.

Drying wet distillers grains involves separating the "liquid" from the mash, partially dehydrating that liquid into a syrup and adding it back into grain. That costs money, so plants can pass the savings and lower shipping charges to farmers and ranchers, said Don Endres, chairman and chief executive officer of Brookings-based VerSus

Energy Corp. Endres said dairy farms and feedlots are building or expanding around VerSus plants.

"They can buy feed more economically if they're located near an ethanol facility," Endres said. "You take the transportation out."

Wet distillers grains are cheaper than dried distillers grains, but they also have a short shelf life. The grains will begin to grow mold within 5-7 days in the summer unless they're in bunkers or silo bags, said Ken Kalscheur, an associate professor at South Dakota State University.

Dairy farmers typically use wet distillers grains for about 10 percent of the feed mixture, although some research has shown that it could be used for up to 20 percent, Kalscheur said.

When ethanol plants turn corn into fuel, the process uses only the starch, which is about 70 percent of the kernel. The protein, fiber and oils left behind are concentrated into distillers grains.

Endres said a recent study found that ranchers' No. 1 reason for not using distillers grains are the product's lack of availability.

"The market works, so as we bring on additional supply of product, the livestock producers are stepping up and taking advantage of it, as well expect them to do," Endres said.

Times-News writer Joshua Palmer contributed to this report.

Bernanke suggests help for troubled homeowners

By Jeannine Arves
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is suggesting that policymakers look for ways to encourage a wider range of mortgages geared for low income and other borrowers who have been hurt by the housing slump and credit crunch.

Bernanke, in a letter to Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., that was released Wednesday, said the Fed is keeping close tabs on financial markets and is "prepared to act as needed" to ensure spreading credit problems that have rocked Wall Street in recent weeks don't hurt the economy. It's a message the central bank has been sending as the markets have grown more turbulent.

Foreclosure and late payments have spiked especially for "subprime" borrowers with blemished credit histories or low incomes. Higher interest rates and weak home values have made it impossible for some to pay or to keep up with their monthly mortgage payments. Some troubled homeowners can't afford to refinance or even sell their home.

"(Mortgage) products could be designed to avoid or mitigate the risk of prepayment shock and to be more transparent with respect to their terms."

— Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke

Bernanke said the development of "a broader range of mortgage products which are appropriate for low- and moderate-income borrowers, including those seeking to refinance" might help the situation. Such products could be designed to avoid or mitigate the risk of prepayment shock and to be more transparent with respect to their terms," Bernanke wrote in the letter, which was dated Monday.

Mortgage foreclosures and late payments are expected to worsen in the next year and a half as low "rescue" rates that lured in borrowers reset to higher rates, socking homeowners. Some 2 million adjustable rate mortgages are expected to reset to higher rates this year and next.

Going once, twice... sold!

Home buyers combing real estate auctions for bargains

By J.W. Eplushoe
Associated Press writer

TRENTON, N.J. — As the housing market slows and foreclosures spike, people who have to sell quickly or lenders that need to unload properties they took back at sheriff's auctions are turning to the fast-talking spectacle for quick sales. Even some homebuilders and condo developers are using auctions to reduce their inventory.

These auctions differ from sheriff's sales, trustee's sales or court-foreclosure process and are conducted by the county. Often, the lender wins the property at these sales and then tries to resell it by auction.

Last year, revenue from housing auctions grew 12.5 percent to \$15 billion from \$14.25 billion in 2005, according to the National Auctioneers Association. From 2003 through 2006, residential real estate was the fastest expanding auction sector, the trade group reported.

Auctions represent only a sliver of the overall housing sales market, just less than 1 percent of the \$1.74 trillion in existing home sales last year.

But those in the real estate auction industry are hoping the current market conditions will contribute to boost business. Already, states that never hosted many housing auctions are seeing demand jump as home prices plunge and more

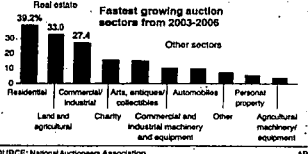
borrowers find themselves trapped in unmanageable mortgages.

"Until six months ago, we were only selling assets in California periodically, now we're selling dozens and it could get into the hundreds," said Dean Williams, chief executive of auction firm Williams & Williams Marketing Services Inc. "Some thing in Massachusetts, New York, Maryland and Virginia. Places where volume has been light but probably doubled since last year."

Offsite auctions are risky because many buyers have never seen the same that they are bidding on, however, auctioneers say smaller crowds attend offsite auctions, which generally leads to lower bidding prices on homes.

Residential real estate auctions up

In the past two years, residential real estate auctions have risen as foreclosures increased.



SOURCE: National Auctioneers Association AP

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Lithia Motors	17.93	▲ .57	Micron	11.24	▲ .24
Idacorp	32.29	▲ .54	Supervalu	41.92	▲ 1.23

COMMODITIES

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Sept. gold	666.7	▲ 1.8			(Light sweet crude by barrel)

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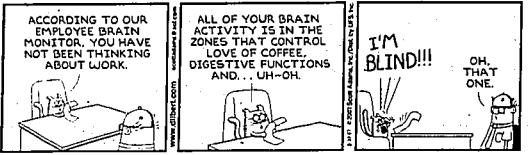
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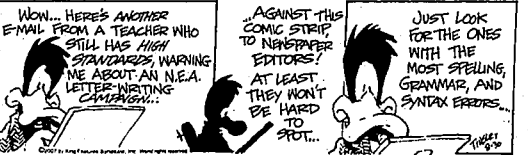
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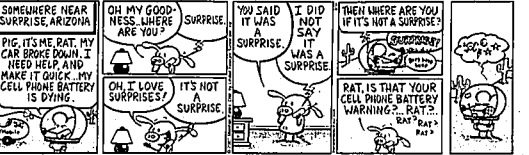
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Horoscope
Jeraline Saunders

Don't let generous instincts overpower your intelligence. You may make mistakes of judgment or an expensive change based on a false assumption.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Philosophy doesn't always fit the facts. To get along with certain factions of groups you may need to ignore pertinent details. Those who run in herds could get their toes trampled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Certain statements may be presented in a highly laudable form but contain little substance. It isn't wise to gamble with your funds, as your high hopes might not be based on solid facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take the news or a message with a grain of salt. Be particularly alert for flowery statements that use many words to say little. Remain flexible when dealing with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Easy come, easy go. New faces might replace old ones as you jump on the holiday merry-go-round. Your excitement is contagious, but sudden attractions might not stand the test of time.

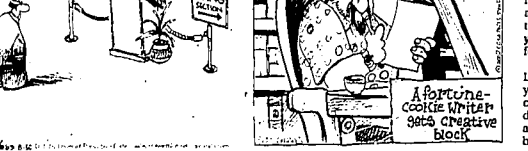
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money can't grow on trees.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Logic escaped through the side door when you weren't looking. It isn't that you can't see the solution; it is that you can't see the problem. You may be blind to certain inconsistencies.

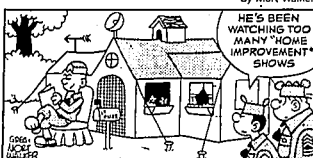
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What seems new and exhilarating to you might be run of the mill to others. You rustles run to fads and fancies — so unless you control impulses, you may spend money you regret later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hope for the best. You can afford to be generous and upbeat as long as it isn't your money that is spent up. It is easy to be odds with someone who thinks you are being too analytical.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Group dynamics sometimes cause group dysfunction. Trying to lead others in a discussion or forum can seem difficult as herding cats. Put off important decisions that require detailed logic.



Beetle Bailey



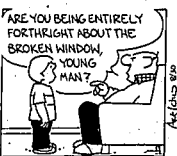
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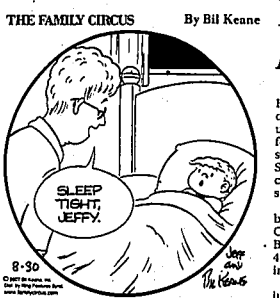


By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Dennis the Menace



By Hank Ketchum



By Bill Keane

School year never ends in teen's recurring dream

DEAR ABBY: I am one of your male readers, and I'm going into my second year of high school. Last year was the best year ever. Ever since school ended, though, I keep having this dream that I'm in the last days of the year, and I feel this sense of stress and urgency.



DEAR ABBY: I read one of your "pennies from heaven" columns more than a year ago. I thought the idea was quaint, but didn't pay it much mind because I've always felt that when someone's life ends—that's it! I never believed in an afterlife. Well, I do now.

Alan, my best friend of 12 years, recently took his own life. It was a devastating loss for me. One I am still dealing with. However, one thing has been a huge help—the pennies he leaves for me.

Alan used to give me any pennies and spare change he filtered in his desk and pockets. He knew I was saving all the money I could get my hands on for my new kitty, and it was his unobtrusive way of helping.

After Alan's death, I didn't associate the "pennies from heaven" letters in your column with him...until the day before his funeral.

It was the morning of the last workday of the week. I just couldn't face going to

work, knowing Alan's funeral was the next day. I sat crying in my car for 10 minutes, feeling nothing but anguish as I watched people pass through the parking garage to the high-rise elevator. More than 20 people must have passed by as I sat crying in my car.

After the last person was gone, I dried my eyes and walked slowly toward the elevator. As I pushed the button, I cast my eyes to the floor, feeling utterly hopeless and depressed. I saw a new penny staring face-up with this year's date on it. Suddenly I felt as if I wasn't alone any more. I picked it up and called out Alan's name, as if I expected him to answer. He didn't, but I felt him "with me," and now he was telling me I was going to be OK.

I have found several other pennies since then. Each felt like a sign from Alan, urging me to get on with my life. I framed the first penny with a photo of Alan and me. Whenever someone asks me what the penny means, I tell them Alan left it to me. And I smile.

— KELLI IN ALABAMA

DEAR KELLI: Alan left you more than a penny. He left you the knowledge of what it means to be a supportive friend. Lucky you.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 30, the 242nd day of 2007. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

Ten years ago, on Aug. 30, 1997, come reports of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul. The crash occurred in the Champs-Élysées, a major thoroughfare in Paris. The crash occurred in the Champs-Élysées, a major thoroughfare in Paris. The crash occurred in the Champs-Élysées, a major thoroughfare in Paris.

On this date:

In 1797, the creator of "Frankenstein," Mary Shelley, was born in London.

In 1820, Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's order was overturned a day later by President Lincoln.)

In 1862, Union forces were defeated by the Confederates at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Va.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won 5-3.)

In 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, Gulton S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space, blasting off aboard the Challenger.

In 1987, a redesigned space shuttle booster, created in the wake of the Challenger disaster, roared into life in its first full-scale test-firing near Brigham City, Utah.

In 1991, Azerbaijan declared its independence, joining the stampede of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

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Ten years ago: Phillip Noel Johnson, an armored car driver who had stolen \$18.8 million, was arrested at the Texas border. Johnson was later sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Five years ago: With just hours to spare, baseball averted a strike. It was the first time since 1970 that players and owners had agreed to a new collective bargaining agreement without a work stoppage. Movie director J. Lee Thompson ("The Guns of Navarone") died in Sooke, British Columbia, at age 88.

One year ago: Hurricane John lashed tourist resorts with heavy winds and rain as the dangerous Category 4 storm marched up Mexico's coast. Actor Glenn Ford died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 90. Naguib Mahfouz, the first Arab writer to win the Nobel Prize in literature, died in Cairo, Egypt, at age 94.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Country singer Kitty Wells is 88. Opera singer Regina Resnik is 85. Actor Bill Daily is 80. Actress Elizabeth Ashley is 68. Actor Ben Jones is 66. Cartoonist R. Crumb is 64. Skier Jean-Claude Killy is 64. Actress Peggy Lipton is 60. Comedian Lewis Black is 59. Actor Timothy Bottoms is 56. Actor Michael Chiklis is 44. Music producer Robert Civillini is 43. Actress Michael Michele is 41. Country musician Geoff Firebaugh is 39. Country singer Sherrie Austin is 36. Actress Cameron Diaz is 35. Rock musician Leon

Caffrey is 34. TV personality Lisa Ling is 34. Singer Rick Cronin (LFO) is 32. Rock musician Matt Thul (Theatric) is 29. Rock singer-musician Aaron Barrett (The Dig) is 27. Tennis player Andy Roddick is 25. Rock musician Ryan Ross (Panicle at the Disco) is 21. Actor Cameron Finley is 20.

THOUGHT

"Only great men may have great faults."

— French proverb

Hike up those drawers: Shreveport and Alexandria ban pants that don't cover

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Hike up those pants. Droopy drawers that bare skin or underwear might soon be forbidden fashion on the streets of Alexandria and Shreveport, and violators could be forced to part with some cash.

"I'm tired (of) looking at behinds," Shreveport Councilwoman Joyce Bowers said after Tuesday's 4-3 vote to ban fanny-flaunting trousers.

Nobody can be arrested just for violating the ordinance, but they could be fined or required to perform

community service. The maximum fine for a first offense is \$100.

Alexandria's City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to ban the baring. Its ordinance allows some sag, but 3 inches or more can bring a fine of \$25 to \$200 and a requirement for community service.

If the mayors of Shreveport and Alexandria sign the ordinances, they will bring Louisiana's total to at least six, with at least two more cities considering bans.

Elsewhere, Atlanta's City Council has held a hearing on

a measure to outlaw saggy pants that reveal shorts or underwear.

A similar proposal in Stratford, Conn., was soundly rejected this week after critics argued it would be unconstitutional and unfairly target minorities.

Some opponents cite other objections.

"Are you going to have a 'sagging' court?" Michael Williams asked Shreveport's council. "The police have more important things to do than chase young boys and girls and say 'pull your pants up.'"

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Los Angeles Times

Kenny Ortega, front, who directed 'High School Musical,' says he's found his niche. Clockwise from front: Ortega, Lucas Grabeel, Ashley Tisdale, Zac Efron, Vanessa Anne Hudgens, Corbin Bleu and Monique Coleman. They're all back for 'High School Musical 2.'

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- "America's Got Talent," NBC.
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- "Singing Bee," NBC.
- "Hell's Kitchen," Fox.
- "So You Think You Can Dance" (Thursday), Fox.

— From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

- "Superbad," Sony.
- "Rush Hour 3," New Line.
- "The Bourne Ultimatum," Universal.
- "The Simpsons Movie," Fox.
- "The Invasion," Warner Bros.

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HOT FIVE

- "Beautiful Girls," Sean Kingston. Beluga Heights/Epic/Koch.
- "Big Girls Don't Cry," Fergie. will.i.am/A&M/Interscope.
- "The Way I Are," Timbaland feat. Karl Hilton. Mosley/Blackground/Interscope.
- "Hey There Delilah," Plain White T's. Hollywood.
- "Umbrella," Rihanna feat. Jay-Z. SVP/Def Jam/UMG.

— From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

- "Underground. Kingz," UGK. UGK/3rd/Zomba.
- "The Real Testament," Pile. Big Gates/Slip-N-Slide/Atlantic/4.
- "NOW 25," Various Artists. Universal s a i / e M I / S o n o / BMG/Zomba/UMG.
- "Hannah Montana 2 (Soundtrack/Meet Miley Cyrus)," Miley Cyrus/Walt Disney/Hollywood.
- "Jonas Brothers," Jonas Brothers. Hollywood.

— From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

- The Police.
- Kenny Chesney.
- Tim McGraw/Faith Hill.
- Roger Waters.
- Cirque Du Soleil — "Delirium."

— From Pollstar

VIDEO SALES

- "Harry Potter: Years 1-3," Daniel Radcliffe/Rupert Grint. Warner Home Video/Warner Home Video.
- "Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed," Freddie Prinze Jr./Sarah Michelle Gellar. Warner Home Video.
- "Yoga Conditioning for Athletes," Rodney Yee. Galam Video.
- "Mr. Deeds," Adam Sandler/Wilona Ryder. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
- "Tom and Jerry: Whiskers' Away (Animated)," Warner Family

Entertainment. Warner Home Video.
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VIDEO RENTALS

- "Gerard Butler/Lena Headey," Warner Home Video.
- "Hot Fuzz," Simon Pegg/Nick Frost. Universal Studios Home Video.
- "The Number 23," Jim Carrey/Virginia Madison. New Line Home Entertainment/Warner Home Video.
- "Pramentation," Sandra Bullock/Julian McMahon. MGM Home Entertainment/Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
- "Pathfinder," Karl Urban/Moon Bloodgood. 20th Century Fox.

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- "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," J.K. Rowling, art by Mary GrandPré (fiction/hardcover).
- "Eclipse," Stephanie Meyer (fiction/hardcover).
- "The Secret," Rhonda Byrne (non-fiction/hardcover).
- "High School Musical 2: The Junior Novel," M.B. Grace (fiction/paperback).
- "A Thousand Splendid Suns," Khaled Hosseini (fiction/hardcover).

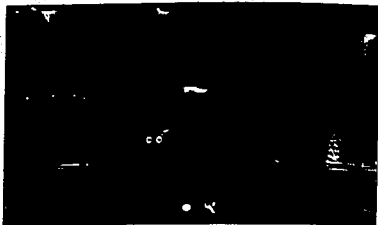
— From USA Today

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

- "S.O.S.," Jonas Brothers
- "Crank That," Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
- "You Are the Music in Me," Gabriella & Trey
- "Beautiful Girls," Sean Kingston
- "Gotta Go My Own Way," Gabriella & Trey

— From Apple Computers Inc.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



A Boog character named Bubba gets funky in the rhythm video game 'Boogie' for the Wii.

Music video games thrive, but 'Guitar Hero Encore' disappoints

BY LOU KESTEN
 The Associated Press

Musical games have long had their niche in the video-game industry. Fans of "Dance Dance Revolution" or "Pump It Up" like to show off their footwork; "SingStar" and "Karaoke Revolution" attract "American Idol" wannabes. Such games can be fun at parties and they're always had a devoted audience, but they never really attracted the masses.

That changed with the 2005 release of RedOctane's "Guitar Hero." Suddenly, every gamer had a fake Gibson connected to his PlayStation, and plenty of music lovers who don't usually play games got hooked as well.

The creators of "Guitar Hero" are now developing "Rock Band" — which adds drums and vocals to the formula — for Electronic Arts and MTV Games. Activision is preparing "Guitar Hero III" for the holidays. And plenty of other studios have music games in the works. Fans of the genre are no longer a cult; today, it seems every gamer wants to be a pop star.

"Guitar Hero Encore: Rocks the 80s" (Activision, for the PlayStation 2, \$49.99): During the 1980s dozeNs of excellent guitar bands, from the Minutemen and the Meat Puppets to

Van Halen and R.E.M., roamed the earth. And yet, "Guitar Hero Encore: Rocks the 80s" inflicts Asia's "Heat of the Moment" and 3B Special's "Hold On Loosely" on us.

The latest edition of the "Guitar Hero" series has the worst set of tunes by far. Instead of endearingly silly nonsense like Black Sabbath's "Iron Man" (from the original game), it offers unlistenable sludge like Dio's "Holy Diver." It has a few new wave and pop metal gems (the Vapors' "Turning Japanese," Billy Squier's "Lonely Is the Night") that are fun to play, but most of the tracks are things you probably never wanted to hear again.

More disappointing: "Encore" includes only 30 tunes — less than half the content of "Guitar Hero II," and it's just as pricey. The core gameplay remains solid and enjoyable, even with lousy songs, so I can't be too harsh. But Activision really needs to step up its game if "Guitar Hero III" is going to compete with "Rock Band."

• "Boogie" (Electronic Arts, for the Wii, \$59.99): The premise of "Boogie" is appealing enough, combining a karaoke game like "SingStar" with a rhythm game like "Dance Dance Revolution."

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—Kenny Ortega, director of "High School Musical 2"

'High School Musical,' Inc.

It's not just a TV show; it's a franchise

Los Angeles Times

When Kenny Ortega was a high school student in Redwood City, Calif., his counselor told him he had to choose between his two extracurricular passions: track and drama. He couldn't do both. It was policy.

Now 40 years later, that dream-squashing counselor has been paid back — big time.

"High School Musical" — the Disney TV movie Ortega directed and choreographed using kids who are true to their dreams — has been seen by more than 160 million people around the world. The little \$4.2 million project has morphed into a \$100 million-plus franchise of chart-topping CDs and DVDs, concert tours, live stage performances, even an ice show.

A sequel, the logically named "High School Musical 2," premiered earlier this month on the Disney Channel. A deal is nearly finalized for a trilogy-completing feature film, aimed for release next year.

While enthusiasts sometimes describe the movie's transformative effect on youngsters in Lourdes-type imagery — they'll tell you it makes even the frail ones come alive — "High School Musical" also rejuvenated Ortega's career. What had been a long and bountiful path (choreographing "Dirty Dancing," "Pretty in Pink," the opening sequence at the 2002 Winter



From left, Kelli Baker, Tanya Michelle, McCall Clark, Lucas Grabeel and Ashley Tisdale in "High School Musical 2."

On TV

• "Disney High School Musical 2" airs regularly on the Disney Channel, Cable Channel 40 in Twin Falls, Kimberly, Hansen Jerome, Gooding, Wendell, Piler, Burley, Roper, Paul and Heyburn; Channel 43 in Ketchum and Sun Valley, and Channel 19 in Buhl and Shoshone. Check listings in the *Times-News* TV Weekly, which is published on Sundays.

On Ice

• "Disney High School Musical: The Ice Show" will perform at EnergySolutions Arena in Salt Lake City on Nov. 14-18. Call (801) 325-SEAT for times and details, or log on to <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

Olympics) now has the glow of a legacy.

Ortega first heard about a "High School Musical Project," the script's working title, two years ago, when he was directing episodes of the "Gilmore Girls" and looking for a way to return

to feature films. He thought the small project would be a good way to brush up his feature-film skills.

"This has become bigger than any movie could become," Ortega said recently after a presentation for television critics in Beverly Hills. "It's like everything I was preparing for with 'High School Musical.' It has become for me," he said.

Looking sharp and friendly in a crisp shirt and flip-flops, Ortega was ebullient despite a long day and a painful ear infection. Known for being uncynical and enthusiastic, he gestured freely to illustrate his points.

"High School Musical," he said, is all about choices. "You shouldn't be forced into making a decision about 'Do I want to be an athlete?' or 'Do I want to sing and dance?' You should be able to have options. You should be able to let all of them blend and balance into your life."

In the Disneyfied East High School, unlike Ortega's real life

quoin High, basketball star Troy Bolton (Zac Efron) ultimately gets to lead his team to victory and sing and dance in the school's winter musical with his girlfriend, Gabriella Montez (Vanessa Hudgens). But not before battling prejudice and stereotypes from East High's rigid cliques and misbegotten adults. "High School Musical 2" follows the kids into summer, where they all join at a country club and confront Jealousies, opportunities and torn loyalties.

The sequel is "just a deeper, richer version of what it was" in the original, Ortega said, and since the players are close to their characters' ages, Ortega doesn't worry about their getting *Too old* for the sequels. (Cast members Efron and Hudgens have deflected questions about rumors they are romantically involved, a friendship ring he wears came from "a friend." Efron recently told *Rolling Stone*.) The film will presumably take up where the sequel left off

and follow them in their senior year.

At first, some critics denounced the show and its spin-offs as thin and formulaic. Theater critics tended to be less enthusiastic than music and dance critics. But no one argued with their success. The simple, satisfying view of high school is exactly what Ortega believes kids want. "I think they're saying they'd like high school to be more like that than perhaps the way it really is. They'd like things to lighten up, to be safer, to have more hope at the center," he said. "It be more fun."

The basic script had been developed by executive producers Bill Borden and Barry Rosenbush and writer Peter Barsocchini before Ortega was brought in. "Having never done a full-blown musical before, we were looking to find an inspired choice for director," said Gary Marsh, president of entertainment at Disney Channel Worldwide. They were particularly impressed with Ortega because "his palette is different from other directors." He's a choreography-driven rather than a song-driven director. He pains with motion and movement, not just the words. For us, that was vital," Marsh said. From the beginning, the material touched Ortega. 57. "In a way he hadn't paid attention to in years," Marsh said.

Barsocchini said he and Ortega immediately connected over emotional high school issues as they started talking over and enacting the musical numbers in Ortega's Los Angeles home. Barsocchini had been a star basketball player growing up in San Mateo, Calif., but withdrew from social and athletic life in his senior year after his father died. They agreed that the movie would be about the emotional life of high school rather than the literal reality.

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Movies

What's playing

TWIN FALLS

Twin Cinema

"Bats of Fury"
"Becoming Jane"
"The Bourne Ultimatum"
"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"

"I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry"
"Harry Diaries"
"No Reservations"
"Ratatouille"
"The Simpsons Movie"
"Star Trek"
"Superbad"
"Transformers"

Odyssey Theatre

"Hairspray"
"The Inevitable"
"The Last Legion"
"Rush Hour 3"
"September Dawn"
"We"

The Orpheum

"Halloween"

Grand-Vu Drive-In

"The Bourne Ultimatum"
"Rush Hour 3"

Motor-Vu Drive-In

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"
"Hot Rod"

HAILEY/KETCHUM

Magic Lantern

"Becoming Jane"
"The Bourne Ultimatum"
"Death at a Funeral"
"Razee Dawn"
"Sunshine"

Big Wood Cinema

"Becoming Jane"
"The Bourne Ultimatum"
"Mr. Bean's Holiday"
"Star Trek"
"Superbad"

SKTime Cinemas

"La Vie en Rose"
"The Harry Diaries"

BURLEY

Century Cinema

"Bats of Fury"
"The Bourne Ultimatum"
"Hairspray"
"Halloween"
"The Harry Diaries"

Burley Theater

"Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"

JEROME

Jerome Cinema

"Bats of Fury"
"The Bourne Ultimatum"
"Halloween"
"Rush Hour 3"

'SUNSHINE'



Cillian Murphy leads a band of astronauts out to save the sun in 'Sunshine.'

The dark side of the sun

BY DESSON THOMPSON
The Washington Post

'Sunshine'

Starring Cillian Murphy,
Michelle Yeoh, Chris Evans
Rated R for violence and profanity.
Starts Friday at Magic Lantern
in Ketchum

Danny Boyle, creator of cool anxiety-fests like "Shallow Grave," "Trainspotting" and "28 Days Later," doing a space movie? The mind performs excited, gravely-free somersaults at the possibilities: Ewan McGregor — once a zoned-out heroin addict in "Trainspotting" — now floating through the starry heavens in a Chagall-like fever dream? The zombies of "28 Days Later" running amok through spaceship corridors?

Well, not exactly. "Sunshine" reprises the basic scenario of most of Boyle's films — a subset of youthful characters caught in a rapidly descending spiral. And it unfolds with the same imaginative economy, crisp editing and cinematic chutzpah Boyle has brought to all his films.

Cillian Murphy and Michelle Yeoh play astronauts on a mission to revive the dying sun by firing a nuclear device into it in

the powerful space-age thriller "Sunshine," set 50 years into the future.

But this time around, Boyle goes one better. Working from a script by Alex Garland ("The Beach," "28 Days Later"), he has created a darkly eloquent sci-fi fable. Boyle gives us a spiritual sense of wonder about the cosmos, and the consoling thought that, no matter how far we venture from home, we never lose our deep-seated humanity.

Where the hallowed classics of the genre — Stanley Kubrick's 1968 "2001: A Space Odyssey" and Ridley Scott's 1979 "Alien," for example — told their stories with more impressive spectacle, Boyle pulls off an equally powerful ex-

perience. He relies on craft, with visual sleight of hand rather than big-budget effects, moving us with an inspired fusion of space-age thriller and spiritual vision, putting "Sunshine" squarely in the arty company of films like Andrei Tarkovsky's 1972 "Solaris."

The movie, which stars Cillian Murphy, Chris Evans (the "Fantastic Four" stud), Michelle Yeoh and a rainbow coalition of others, is set 50 years in the future. The sun is dying. We are aboard Icarus II, a space vessel with a wildly romantic mission: to fire its nuclear payload, which, we're informed in Murphy's softly purposeful voice-over, has a mass equivalent to Manhattan, directly into the fading orb to jump-start the light — and life.

Yet when the eight crew members get a chance to discover what happened to the doomed crew of Icarus I, they take an increasingly terrifying detour.

"Sunshine" unfolds with a fractured quality, with fast-paced, sometimes staccato editing and

deliberately restricted views. Like the crew, we can see things only on computer screens, or through visors. And our vision is further obscured by sealed doors, hallway corners and metallic walls. We feel the crew's helpless vulnerability as these sequences provide a typically compelling striptease of exposition that also delivers, with nuance, Boyle's metaphor of man's smallness in the face of eternity.

Beyond the sci-fi conventions of the story, and even the awesome eye candy, humanity remains this movie's irreducible element. When the crew votes on whether to proceed or head for Icarus I, they are really choosing between soul and mind, heart and logic. And for all the cool gizmos and infra-structure around the characters (including an imaginatively rendered greenhouse garden that supplies the ship's oxygen), the audience realizes what truly matters in this world, and any other.

Movie nuggets

• "Balls of Fury"/C+

Primarily a goof on the tinace Lee classic "Enter the Dragon," with some martial arts business but, mostly, table tennis. The film stars Dan Fogler, the latest and least of this summer's chubbier-than-leading dweebs. He's not a bad actor, but his role here as disgraced former Ping-Pong prodigy Randy Daytona doesn't give Fogler much to do beside act in-severe and whack a lot of balls. With Thomas Lennon, George Lopez, Christopher Walken. PG-13.

• "Becoming Jane"/No rating Based on an incident in the life of writer Jane Austen, "Becoming Jane" follows the real-life romance that inspired "Pride and Prejudice." Like many of her heroines, Jane (Anne Hathaway) is bright, strong-willed, and unwilling to marry merely for money, even though her family is struggling financially. Though many of her friends wish her to pair up with the nephew of a rich woman (Maggie Smith), Jane wants something more. When she meets the Irish rogue Tom Lefroy (James McAvoy?), she initially can't stand him, but their romance blooms. PG.

• "The Bourne Ultimatum"/A-Matt Damon returns as amnesiac action hero Jason Bourne in the third installment of a smart, taut spy trilogy based on novels by David Levens. Director Paul Greengrass, who helmed "The Bourne Supremacy," delivers a kinetic adventure with political dissonance, as Bourne finally discovers the origins of his memory loss. Jon Allen and Julia Stiles reprise their roles as allies while David Strathairn and Albert Finney join the cast as villains. 1 hour, 51 minutes. At metro theaters. PG-13.

• "Death at a Funeral"/C

A comedy about dying, especially a British fare, requires a specifically light, deft touch, which director Frank Oz achieves only

About the rating system

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about half the time. As the absurd situations build to a crescendo at a supposedly proper funeral at an English country estate, Oz can't help but push it to the extreme with a scatological gag that will make you cover your eyes, it's so uncomfortable to watch. With Matthew Macfadyen, Keeley Hawes, Rupert Graves. II.

• "Hairspray"/A-Pure fun, from the moment a role-poly teenager named Tracy Turnblad (Nikki Blonsky) bounces out of bed and serenades the neighborhood with "Good Morning, Baltimore!" Circa 1962, she dreams of getting on the local TV teen dance show, but on her way there she gets indignant about how the show is all-white except for one day a month. Based on the 1988 movie and the 2002 Broadway musical; still fresh. With John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer, Queen Latifah, Christopher Walken. 1 hour, 55 minutes. PG.

• "Halloween/No rating Filmmaker Rob Zemeckis' remake of John Carpenter's 1978 horror classic steps back in time to examine the childhood events which shaped one of cinema's most memorable psychopaths, Michael Myers (Tyler Mane). With Sheri Moon Zetter. Smart Taylor-Compton, William Forsythe. R.

• "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"/B-The moodiest Hogwarts movie yet takes our young wizard down another long, dark path. The movie is at times brilliant with a powerhouse performance by Imelda Staunton, as Hogwarts' deliciously prim, proper and predatory new teacher Dolores Umbridge, she deserves to land the series' first Oscar nomination for acting. But "Phoenix" also has its dull moments. Actually, quite a few. There are scenes with bloody special effects (the giant intro-

duced in this film and the returning centaurs look particularly bad). And the long-awaited Potter kissing scene with Cho Chang arrives with the barest of plot setups. Most fans probably won't care. Though "Phoenix" feels longer than its 2-hour, 18-minute running time, it has involving action sequences, a few interesting twists and, like "The Empire Strikes Back," a penchant for the unerving dark side. 2 hours, 18 minutes. PG-13.

• "Hot Rod"/No rating "Saturday Night Live's" "Lazy Sunday" star Andy Samberg plays an Evel Knievel-like stuntman who plans to jump 15 buses to save his abusive stepfather's life, so he can then fight him. With Isla Fisher, Steve Speack and Ian McShane. Sissy Spacek by Pam Brady, Samberg, Jorma Klepac and Akiya Schaffner. Story by Pam Brady. Directed by Schaffner. PG-13.

• "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry"/C In order to ensure domestic partners benefits, two firefighters decide to get together. A funny premise turns into an uneven and choppy cinematic ride. The hearts of the filmmakers are in the right place; but it's a shame they didn't try harder to make this funny. With Jessica Biel, Steve Buscemi and Dan Aykroyd. 1 hour, 35 minutes. At metro theaters. PG-13.

• "The Invasion"/C The fourth, and the least, of the movies made from Jack Finney's classic science fiction novel, "The Body Snatchers." Nicole Kidman stars as a mom fighting off alien spores for herself and her son. A great story born to be creepy, but the movie churns through it like a road company production. 1 hour, 35 minutes. PG-13.

• "The Last Legion/No rating Fantasy/action-adventure set against the fall of Rome and its last emperor, 12-year-old Romulus Augustus (Thomas Sangster), the boy who would rule for a day before losing his family, his home, and an empire. Imprisoned on the island fortress of Capri, Romulus searches for a

means of escape. He discovers instead "oxalidaburnus," the legendary sword of Julius Caesar, and embarks on a quest to save Rome. Aided by the clever strategies of his teacher, Ambrosius (Ben Kingsley), and the heroic skills of his loyal legionnaire, Aurelius (Colin Firth) Romulus escapes the island and travels to Britannia in search of the last Roman Legion. PG-13.

• "Mr. Bean's Holiday"/C A pleasant-enough trifle, a collection of amiable sketches strung together, as the most-silent king of British twists takes a prattful-filled road trip from rainy London to the sunny beaches of the French Riviera. 1 hour, 30 minutes. G.

• "The Nanny Diaries"/C Based on the 2002 pulpy-pleasure read by former New York nanny Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, the film has a strong cast (Scarlett Johansson, Laura Linney, Paul Giamatti) and fleeing moments of dead-on satire. It remains essentially true to the book with a few tweaks here and there, until it loses its bite and suddenly goes all soft and gushy at the end. PG-13.

• "No Reservations"/C Catherine Zeta-Jones and Aaron Eckhart co-star as rival chefs who fall for each other, but eventually they're drawn together, thanks partly to the matchmaking of her sister's orphaned child (Abigail Breslin). Also, the characters seem to feel more passion for food than for one another. Remake of the 2002 German film "Mosely Martha." 1 hour, 44 minutes. PG.

• "Ratatouille"/B-Sure, children will probably enjoy watching the animated adventures of Remy (voiced by comedian Patton Oswalt), a plucky Parisian rat who leaves the colony to pursue his dream of becoming a gourmet chef. There's some slapstick physical comedy, and writer-director Brad Pitt keeps things going at a lively, engaging clip. But there's nothing silly or childlike about this story. This latest from Disney-Pixar is also visually won-

drous in ways that are both lush and intricately detailed. In ways that seem to have been tailored more toward grown-up tastes and sensibilities. It would seem that computer-generated technology couldn't get any better, but wow — it just does. Yet "Ratatouille" just feels paltry compared to "The Incredibles." Bird's Oscar winner about a family of superheroes trying to live quietly in suburbia, which worked beautifully both as pure entertainment and as a film with something to say. 1 hour, 50 minutes. G.

• "September Dawn"/No rating Director Chris Cain's retelling of the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre, in which Utah Mormons disguised as Indians massacred a wagon train full of California-bound settlers. With Michael Biehn, Terrence Stamp and Trent Ford. R.

• "The Simpsons Movie"/C+ Nothing special and certainly not the creative spark necessary to jumpstart what for years has been a sugging TV show. At best, 20th Century Fox can offer a cumulative sigh of relief: The film isn't awful. Hoary. It's occasionally funny, incessantly quippy and, thankfully, written well enough to hold together. The plot finds the Simpson family at odds with the good folk of Springfield after Homer, in his haste to make it to a doughnut sale, dumps waste in the town's already toxic lake, mixing it, well, super-duper toxic. The Environmental Protection Agency steps in and, in theory, helps and hilarity ensues. 1 hour, 26 minutes. PG-13.

• "Stardust"/C+ A shooting star (Charlie Dunsen) falls into a forbidden kingdom, and Charlie Cox enters the kingdom to get it for his love (Sienna Miller). Also fighting for the star/romance is a wicked witch (Michelle Pfeiffer) and a dying king (Peter O'Toole). Robert De Niro turns up as a cross-dressing pirate in an airship. This fantasy is cluttered and too busy; funny, not boring, but "The Princess Bride" it's not. 2 hours, 2 minutes. PG-13.

Feature

New Orleans, an echo of its former self

The Washington Post

NEW ORLEANS — In a funky, crowded, smoke-filled room, in the French Quarter, locals are passing a tip bucket 'round the room, while singer John Boutte whoops and hollers, banging on his tambourine, crooning tales of regret and rage over the haze weakened by that witch Katrina. And on his own spin to an old fiddle New-Orleans song, "Louisiana 1927":

"President Bush flew over in a airplane ..."

"President Bush said, 'Great job, good job!'"

"When the levees have done to this poor Creole's land ..."

Backstage, in between sets, the Virgin Mary gazes down from her perch on the wall while the bar's managers count the proceeds, every single, every five, every 10-spot, counting aloud, one, two, three, four ... \$147. They count again ... \$147. And then hand the log to Boutte, the son of seven generations of music-making New Orleans Creoles.

"I'm rich," Boutte says sardonically, fanning out the bills in his hands like a deck of cards.

Two years post-Katrina, it's like this for the city's musicians: New Orleans may be the music mecca, the birthplace of jazz, the place where you go to get your juke, but it's no place to make money.



Washington Post

"People tell me I should get ... out," says New Orleans singer John Boutte. "Hell no. Why should I leave? This is my home. My ancestors' bones are here ..."

"People tell me I should get [the explosive] out," says Boutte, at a 40- and 5-foot-3, a bronze-skinned, hellcraze, curly-haired Pan.

"I tell 'em, 'Why should I leave? This is my home. My ancestors' bones are here ..."

"They've squashed my joy, but I'm not extinguished yet."

Nearly 4,000 New Orleans musicians were sent scattering after Hurricane Katrina hit on Aug. 29, 2005. Many of them have been trying to return ever since. Today the soul of the city — its rich musical legacy — is at risk.

"Everything is shrinking," says David Freedman, general manager of WWOZ-FM, a public radio station in the city. "In the clubs, you get the impression that all's

back to normal. When you start scratching the surface, it's smoke and mirrors ..."

"So many musicians have not come back. How many can we lose before we lose that dynamite? To what degree do we just become a tourist theme park?"

By industry insiders' estimates, a third of the city's musicians, like Boutte, have found a way back home for good. Another third, like Lamar LeBlanc of the brass band Soul Rebels, are doing what he calls "the double Zip code" thing, parachuting into town for gigs and then heading back to temporary homes in Houston, Atlanta, Los Angeles.

The final third, like indie New Orleans member Henry Butler, stuck in Denver, have yet to find it.

Among the double Zip-coders is Ivan Neville, singer, songwriter, keyboardist, son of Aaron. His mom's house was washed away. She passed in January. His dad settled near Nashville, Neville relocated to Austin, jetting in and out of New Orleans a couple times a month. As for making a permanent move back home?

"I don't see it," Neville, 48, says between sets at the Maple Leaf in the city's Uptown section. "I'm in the near future. The spirit of New Orleans is alive. But it will never be the same again."

How do you measure loss? So much is gone now, so much will never come back. There are tan-

"They've squashed my joy. But I'm not extinguished yet."

— New Orleans musician John Boutte

gle bytes, of course: High schools lost their caches of musical instruments. Fifty public schools remain shut; school enrollment is down 40 percent. With the loss of schools comes the loss of teaching jobs, work that musicians counted on to pay the rent between gigs. With the loss of students comes the loss of a future generation of musicians. (This year, the state passed legislation requiring that art and music be taught in the public schools.)

"Is New Orleans' music scene coming back?" says Bill Summers, 59, a percussionist and vaudeville artist who's played with Herbie Hancock, Quincy Jones, Sarah Vaughan, Madonna and Sting. "Yeah. And no. Baby ... it's very sad."

Says Deacon John Moore, 66, an 18& sings and president of the local musicians' union:

"We've been reduced to beggars in the streets. Begging for food from the tourists ... The competition is so keen among musicians, they'd do almost anything for exposure."

Life was always tough for New Orleans' musicians: Decent pay was scarce, with musicians desperate to make a buck, scrambling for whatever they could get, underpricing other musicians.

The waters rushing in from Lake Pontchartrain obliterated already fragile support systems. Non-profit-based Social Aid & Pleasure Clubs, once the backbone of New Orleans society, helping their dues-paying members with burial and hospital expenses, have been displaced. Eighty percent of the city food-

ed; more than 200,000 homes were destroyed in the process. Rents have come to doubled since the storm: a one-bedroom apartment that once could be had for \$500 a month now goes for more than \$800.

The upside to calamity, if there is one, may be artistic. "Post-Katrina, everybody is getting in touch with their New Orleans roots," says singer-songwriter Paul Sanchez, co-founder of the country-rock band Cowboy Mouth. "We all lost more than we can ever articulate. And as artists, it's our job to articulate that loss."

Deprivation still abounds. You see it in the FEMA trailers parked outside Katrina-ravaged houses. You feel it in the bulldozed lots of the Lower Ninth Ward, where homeowners have scrawled on the handful of remaining homes: "DO NOT RENT. WORK IN PROGRESS."

You hear it in the music, from trumpeter Terence Blanchard's funeral "A Taste of God's Will: A Requiem for Katrina" to Cowboy Mouth's CD, "Voodoo Shoppe"; to Boutte's melancholic cover of Anne Lennox's "Why ..."

You read it in the death notices.

There are, of course, programs created to help musicians and to "preserve" the legacy of New Orleans, efforts both private and public. There's the Musicians' Village, where native sons Harry Connick Jr. and Branford and Eliii Marsalis partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build 70 single-family houses in the Upper Ninth Ward. There's Sweet Home New Orleans, a collective of 14 not-for-profit agencies serving New Orleans native sons. Harry Connick Jr. and Branford and Eliii Marsalis partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build 70 single-family houses in the Upper Ninth Ward. There's Sweet Home New Orleans, a collective of 14 not-for-profit agencies serving New Orleans native sons. Harry Connick Jr. and Branford and Eliii Marsalis partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build 70 single-family houses in the Upper Ninth Ward. There's Sweet Home New Orleans, a collective of 14 not-for-profit agencies serving New Orleans native sons. Harry Connick Jr. and Branford and Eliii Marsalis partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build 70 single-family houses in the Upper Ninth Ward. There's Sweet Home New Orleans, a collective of 14 not-for-profit agencies serving New Orleans native sons.

"We have to think big," says Irvin Mayfield Jr., artistic director of the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra. "Build an institution that's going to survive any hurricane. The country needs to get behind something audacious."

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"Blades of Glory" PG-13

In the outrageously funny ice-skating farce "Blades of Glory," Will Ferrell does to figure skating competition what he did to NASCAR in "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby." That is, surround himself with a bevy of gifted clowns and enlivenate the sport's rituals and clichés without ever making fun of either fans who like to watch cars go around in circles or see grown men in spangled tights gliding across an ice rink.

Jimmy MacElroy (Jon Heder) and Chazz Michael Michaels (Ferrell) are vicious rivals on and off the ice. Dubbed "Skating's Little Orphan Awesome," Jimmy is a blond-haired, blue-eyed glibly-man with a peacock feather pasted on the butt of his powder-blue outfit. His fans typically shower him with teddy bears and flowers. Chazz is "Skating's Outlaw," a crutch-grabbing macho-man who's routinely described as "sex on ice." His fans tend to toss him their panties.

After a brawl erupts between the two at the World Championships awards ceremony (somehow the event's mascot is set on fire), they're both stripped of their medals and banned for life from competing in the men's singles competition.

Three and a half years later, a drunken, cursing Chazz is stumbling through a kiddie show called "Grublets on Ice." Meanwhile, Jimmy is scoring ice skates and frightening little girls with his perfectionist approach.

They can't compete in the men's singles, but nobody said anything about pairs. Reluctantly, they team up as the first same-sex skating duo.

It sounds formulaic, but it's formula done right. Written by first-timers Jeff and Craig Cox, "Blades of Glory" is sort of dumb-and-dumber comedy that keeps topping itself.

Their gruff coach, Craig L. Nelson, desperately wants them to try an impossible routine that depicts a skater the last time it was performed.



Will Ferrell is Chazz Michael Michaels, 'sex on ice' in the comedy 'Blades of Glory.'



Bobby Lee and Jamie Kennedy best a movie in 'Kickin' It Old Skool.'

"How many times do you have to make the same mistake?" demands an appalled colleague. "Till I get it right," Nelson growls.

Taking over for Sacha Baron Cohen of "Talladega Nights" as the movie's over-the-top villains are Will Arnett and Amy Poehler as a brother-sister pair whose sibling relationship seems a little, um, unnatural. Feverishly plotting to shatter Chazz and Jimmy's ice-casade dreams, they even dispatch their nice-girl little sister ("The Office's" wonderful Jenna Fischer) to steal the male duo's routines.

Near the end, the movie gets a little too silly and some of the funny stuff feels forced. But by then, the film's built up so much good will. It hardly matters. And you really do have to see Arnett and Poehler in their final number, gliding across the rink as JFK and Marilyn Monroe.

—Atlanta Journal-Constitution

"Kickin' It Old Skool" PG-13

The whiny comedian Jamie Kennedy does more of his idiotic back-story stuff in "Kickin' It Old

Skool." He's just as harmless here as he was in 2003's "Malibu's Most Wanted," but the movie is scarcely as bold, even though it makes similar attempts to send up the limits of razz. All "Old Skool" wants to be — being good or, more crucially, being funny are merely incidental.

Kennedy plays a man-child named Justin. After a 20-year coma following a break-dancing accident, he's awake and ready to resume his 1980s adolescence. But it's 2006. Time to discover Internet porn and that some African-Americans use the N-word as a term of endearment. The movie never gets around to playing with the idea that the '80s are still with us, and it's not because the filmmakers are pressed for time. This is an eternal 108 minutes, full of gags about vomit, urine, and indecent exposure, but no useful satire.

There is a goal, though. To keep his parents from losing everything to pay for his outstanding medical bills, Justin rounds up his old movie-bustin' crew and enters a televised dance contest with a \$100,000 prize. Like Justin, these three are in their 30s and a little pathetic, although Ak1 (Bobby Lee, who is pretty amusing) has a good cubicle job.

The boys show their newly non-vegetative pal how to be with a woman: The tubbiest one (Aris Alvarado) simps on a bra and endures a group fondling. This is in preparation for getting Justin back together with his girlfriend (Marla Menounos) from two

decades ago. She's engaged to the spiteful host (Michael Rosenbaum Lex Luthor of "Smallville") of the dance contest.

"Kickin' It Old Skool" is probably as tolerable as it can be for a comedy with no obvious creative aim.

—Boston Globe

"Year of the Dog" PG-13

"Year of the Dog" would appear to have all the trappings of a typical romantic comedy, the kind in which our underdog heroine bursts from her shell and finds love, friendship and (most importantly) herself in the process.

While all that does indeed happen, it does so through the uniquely skewed prism of Mike White, who previously wrote the darkly intriguing "Chuck & Buck" and the sly funny "The Good Girl" and directs here for the first time. What could have been predictable is instead refreshing. And what could have been a feel-good performance from Molly Shannon is instead delicate, poignant, and an unexpected display of dramatic mastery from an actress who's made her name with comedy.

The "Saturday Night Live" alum stars as Peggy Spade, a mouse of a secretary whose life changes completely after the death of her

beloved henge, Penell. White really gets the culture of dog people, and doesn't merely cut away to the canines looking cute for a cheap laugh, another rom-com staple. She is not his owner and he is not her pet — they're friends and loyal companions, and White depicts the moment she finds him collapsed on the ground with simple, palpable anguish. (Bring tissue.)

It's not that Peggy is a shy person. On the contrary, she's exceedingly pleasant and accommodating to everyone around her — probably too much so — including a self-absorbed co-worker (Regina King) who's angling for an engagement ring from her player boyfriend, and her pushover brother (Thomas McCarthy) and know-it-all sister-in-law (Laura Dern, subtly singing), who only talk about the job. But Peggy hasn't been living her life for herself, for her own happiness. And it's only when her warm, furry secretary blanket is taken from her does she try to begin doing that. Shannon is funny and sad and ultimately heart-breaking in the role who knew she had this in her? It's very different from the broad comedy of her Mary Katherine Gallagher character, and a joy to watch.

—The Associated Press

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Holistic thinking in the kitchen

Teacher-turned-restaurateur opens Twin Falls eatery

BY VIRGINIA S. HUTCHINS
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Today's asparagus cooking water is tomorrow's soup stock. The sandwiches feature ingredients from yesterday's lunch specials. And today's entrees? Whatever looks good to Tori Wakewood.

"If the salmon's good and it's fresh, we go with salmon," said Wakewood, a retired teacher and architect from Southern California who opened a restaurant on Addison Ave. East on Aug. 7.

All perfectly good reasons, of course, that there's still no printed menu at Tori's Eatery Gourmet Food & Coffee.

On Monday, with three \$5.99 lunch specials on Wakewood's chalkboard, I opted for salmon steak with a side of soup.

The farm-raised salmon, pan-fried in olive oil and seasoned with lemon juice, garlic and herbs, was finished with fresh cilantro and sun-dried tomatoes.

Wakewood fried the fish only to a soft flake. Similarly, the zesty fries served on the side retained a great firmness. They're locally grown potatoes fried in organic olive oil and seasoned with Wakewood's mix of chili and herbs — but no salt.

The salmon plate was proportioned right, with more asparagus than fries. But the asparagus — in Wakewood's standard vegetable preparation of no-salt organic butter, lemon juice and a touch of soy sauce — arrived overcooked. Too much pulp, and no crunch.

I pushed up the salad (with some regret, as I noticed fresh



About Tori's Eatery Gourmet Food & Coffee

1824 Addison Ave., E., Twin Falls — Breakfast pastries, omelets, sandwiches, made-daily soups, steaks and lunch and dinner specials; it's a changing menu, with fish and chicken as staples. Lunch specials up to \$5.99; Sunday

pineapple and strawberries on the salad bar) and opted for a side of chicken-and-wild-rice soup, a staple on the evolving menu at Tori's Eatery. The chicken that day was Wakewood's chipotle-heavy Southwestern chicken (yes, the provolone day's special), and the rice was a mixture of brown and organic wild varieties. Wakewood added red beans and fresh tomatoes, carrots, celery and onions, then topped the soup



At Tori's Eatery Gourmet Food & Coffee on Monday, this \$5.99 daily special featured salmon steak with sun-dried tomatoes, zesty fries, asparagus, soup and whole-wheat bread.

Tori Wakewood — a retired teacher and architect from Southern California who put herself through school working in restaurants — catches up after a long week in the kitchen of Tori's Eatery Gourmet Food & Coffee in Twin Falls. Wakewood's mission for customers: "When you leave, you can be 50 percent sure that you've seen or been invited to entertain all the food groups."

Photos by VIRGINIA S. HUTCHINS

brunch, \$10; dinner entrees up to \$10. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays through Fridays; 8 to 10 p.m. Saturdays. Tori and Ken Wakewood, and Lucille Wakewood, owners. 733-1860.

Tori Wakewood is having a steam table and an ice board constructed so that her eatery can add server-youself brunches. She plans special events for holidays; after she secures a beer and wine license, she'll do evening catering jobs.

bowl with shredded pepper Jack cheese and two hefty slices of avocado.

With two slices of Wakewood's Parmesan- and herb-topped whole-wheat bread, the soup could have been a meal in itself. As part of the \$5.99 lunch special, it was an excellent value.

I nibbled on a slice of Wakewood's chocolate cheesecake and was pleased to find its sweetness subdued. She goes easy on sugar, as well as salt.

If diners linger to listen, Wakewood talks about her low-carbohydrate, high-fiber menu choices; the real maple syrup and real butter that accompany her homemade French toast; her philosophy of mealtime as step-and-catch-up time.

"We try to stay real authentic stuff here. Nothing's out of a can," she said, quickly acknowledging an exception: canned stewed tomatoes. "We try to do organic where we can."

Lamplight and classy table settings make it easy to linger at Tori's Eatery, and a line of hanging flower baskets helps screen its porch seating from busy Addison Avenue.

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A visual feast from an Idaho original

KARAOKE CORNER

BY WILLIAM STUDEBAKER
Times-News correspondent

Opens Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — "Every day is a visual feast," says John Killmaster, whose work will be on exhibit at the Jean B. King Gallery from Tuesday through Oct. 13.

As he recalls, his first feast was when he was 8. He visited his mother's flower garden where vibrant and subtle colors randomly mixed, and he was struck by the unashamed colors.

Raised in Allegan, Mich., near Lake Superior, he was also surrounded by a wooded world of greenery and broken hillsides, a landscape he alludes to often.

Color may be one of the elements that bind his art, but he wasn't always a colorist.

His early art, when he was in grade school and junior high school, consisted of cartoons. He drew cartoons because "We (his family and his generation) didn't have TV," he says, so that (cartooning) was his way of experiencing things — through my characters."

Killmaster went from cartoons to commercial illustrations. For years, still as a teenager, he worked drawing people in automobiles, illustrating automobiles (the Studebaker Golden Hawk, for one) with alternating and illustrious glamour.

He said, "Getting folks to buy cars in the 1950s was a big deal." By 10, "I could draw realistically. I drew airplanes in 1945." (He was born in 1934.) Drawing and draftsmanship support his work. "If they are not the filigree. For Killmaster being a draftsman was the imagination to construct forms, perhaps wholly unlike anything we might see, and to let color be a personal phenomenon are the foundations of fine art.

After what might be perceived as a career in commercial art, Killmaster earned a bachelor of art degree from Michigan's Hope College in 1968 and a master of fine art degree in 1969.

Normally it takes two years to earn a master's. Killmaster abbreviated this time by taking senior and graduate classes at

"The Killmaster Collection: A 60-Year Perspective" opens at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Jean B. King Gallery of the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

About 50 pieces featuring oils, watercolors, acrylics, prints and enamels will be installed for the show, which can be viewed through Oct. 13. To date, John Killmaster has donated 600 pieces of his artwork to CSI.

Killmaster is best known as one of Idaho's celebrated landscape painters, but he is also internationally recognized for his work in large-scale enamels, a medium in which he is regarded as a pioneer and innovator.

The Killmaster show will kick off with a free public reception for the artist from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. At 8 p.m., the artist will give a slide presentation on his works.

The Jean B. King Gallery is open, free of charge, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; and from 1-9 p.m. Saturdays. The Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences is located at the North College Road entrance to the College of Southern Idaho. For more information, call 722-6855 or visit www.csi.edu/herrett

the same time while he taught as well. (See much for being a poor student.)

From other artists with whom he worked in the "early days," he says, "I learned a lot about composition, and figure drawing." And he learned a few tricks or techniques from the older and experienced artists. "I learned the skills that he passed on to his students at Boise State University where he taught from 1970 to 1997.

"As a teacher teaching a variety of techniques," he says, "I'm better for the students. Because they don't think they have to paint like you do."

Years before Killmaster began teaching and while he was still drawing cartoons, he drew a work he titled "A Bear on Thunder Bay Island." This rather simple work filled with pines over a mountains-cape was, "My first



Self-portrait of the artist, 1960, painted by the artist at 20.

work which I drew from my imagination," he said.

It was this rendering from the creative impulse that triggered an impressive collection of art, foremost his porcelain-enamel impressionist sculptures.

In 2001, Killmaster was awarded the International Enamelist Society Lifetime Achievement Award and the Woodrow W. Carpenter Award; both awards are covered by artists who work in this difficult medium.

But like many artists of his generation, he explored various media. He painted and his paintings (and similarly style works) have been sold or permanently borrowed. "A student of mine took off with a piece from a show," says Killmaster. "I have a photo of it. That's it."

"And one time a lady came to Boise State to look at my work. She borrowed a piece to see how it would look her house. She never brought it back, and I didn't get her name."

It isn't the palting of drawing that Killmaster wants but a copy of the image so that he has a record of what he has done.

"I want copies because I collect those images so much, and at my age I don't want to repaint those (images)."

Killmaster's body of work is extensive. He has given the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at

the College of Southern Idaho more than 600 pieces for permanent storage.

"(Boise State) doesn't have collection space. They aren't interested in that sort of thing. I'm a painter and also a teacher and I want to share my work. I want to keep things together so artists and students can get an overview of my work."

"We saw this as a chance to have a body of work by one of Idaho's best artists, an artist with multiple talents," said Mike Green, a CSI art professor and a former Art Department chairman. "An artist like Killmaster has provided the college with one of the finest teaching tools: an art department can have Art that can be studied from sketch to finished product."

"Students can witness one man's imagination at work, and maybe it will inspire them to trust their creativity. The most important element in developing artists is to get them to have faith in their creative processes."

Killmaster is on the short list when it comes to naming an Idaho artist and university professor who practices what he preaches.

Write to Times-News correspondent William Studebaker at lstude@pmt.org

DAILY

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main Ave. N.

DAILY (except Sunday)

Burley

Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at The Steakhouse and Convention Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Kroozers Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Burley

Kroozers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$1. The Riverside is at 197 W. Highway 30.

Dravo

Karaoke by Lou Brown will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

Twin Falls

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

Rupert

Wanna-be-a-Star Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont.

Kroozers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar.

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Local KARAOKE CORNER

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No cover charge. Melody Bar is at 502 Sixth St.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. The Riverside is at 197 W. Highway 30.

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

Rupert

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont.

Declo

Miler Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. Big Kahuna is at 9 E. Main.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Colfax Room at Woody's. No cover charge. Woody's is at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Colfax Room at Woody's. No cover charge. Woody's is at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. No cover charge. Cheers is at 163 W. Highway 30.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Bellevue will celebrate Labor Day, as scheduled

Times-News

BELLEVUE — Labor Day is on — for now.

Bellevue's annual Labor Day celebration will proceed as planned, according to City Administrator Tom Blanchard's office. That could change, though.

If the Castle Rock Fire burning north and west of Ketchum worsens.

The two-day event starts Sunday morning with a "shootout" at 11:30 on Bellevue's Main Street.

The parade follows at noon, running south on Main from

Birch Street to Walnut Street. Following the parade, an afternoon of live entertainment is scheduled for the park, starting at 1 p.m. Artists will include Muzzle Braun, School of Rock, the Jeremiah James Gang and Cosmic Beans. There will also be arts and crafts booths, kids'

rides, games and food for sale. On Labor Day, a bluegrass music festival is slated in the park from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring Mark and Kimberly Holt, Public Radio and Steam Powered Airplane. There will be music, food, arts and craft booths and games all day.

Castle Rock Fire snuffs out Wagon Days in Ketchum

Times-News

KETCHUM — There will be no 49th annual Wagon Days.

On Monday, the city of Ketchum canceled its Wagon Days celebration because of the Castle Rock Fire burning north

and west of town.

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

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

Wagon Days evolved from a two-wagon parade organized

by Bud Hegstrom and former Ketchum Mayor George Venable, showcasing 1980s ore wagons. It was started to give the Ketchum economy a shot in the arm following the closure of the nearby Triumph Mine.

Musical *Continued from page 3*

Ortega said he had always been drawn to the MGM-style, break-into-song musicals such as "An American in Paris" and "On the Town." But by the time he had obtained the training to direct such films, no one was making them, he said.

In 1980, he met his idol, Gene Kelly, while working on the film "Xanadu." The film was a turning point for Ortega when Kelly showed him how to design choreography for a camera instead of a theater audience, fitting the dancing into a drastically shortened production time.

Kelly also told him a story that would become relevant later. "He got a call from one of the studios saying, 'We've got this guy named Sinatra. We want to put him in the movies, but he says he has two left feet.' The first thing Gene said was,

'Ask him if he can play any sports. Because there's a connection. They belong in the same body.'"

On a baseball diamond in Beverly Hills, "Gene goes out with a couple of gloves and a bat and a baseball and shows Frank Sinatra the connection," Ortega said.

That theme gets reprised in a highlight of "HSM2" — a number called "I Don't Dance," an unusual mix of swing and hip-hop in which athletes and dancers are pitted against each other on a baseball diamond, each side showing off its dual talents to drive home the point that they aren't mutually exclusive.

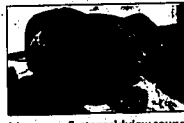
For his part, Ortega credits the success of the franchise to his young cast's "spirit and soulfulness and generosity."

Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE

Yung Joc
"Hustlenomics"
(Bad Boy South)

When Atlanta rapper Yung Joc emerged from under R. Diddy's wing last year, he came across like a more affable Young Jeezy, while Yung Joc mimed similar coke-slinging terrain as Jeezy on tracks such as "Dope Boy Mag," "Joc's good-time hits — 'It's Goin' Down' and 'I Know You See It' — featured catchy hooks, a Southern drawl (lazily mumbled), and his endearing casual coolness.

His sophomore album, "Hustlenomics," hews close to that formula but with fewer memorable moments. "Coffee Shop" with newcomer Gorilla Zoe attempts to recapture the magic of past hits, with its cutesy-sounding chorus and bold lyrics. But it is underwhelming, particularly for that reason. Plus, Joc's rhymes about his own worth and



his money-first worldview sound less than inspired. On the track "I Know You See It," he quips: "You can call me Malcolm X / I hustle, by any means." How clever.

Even his rap peers who make cameos to boost Joc's profile work against him. The Game, Jim Jones and Block on the assuredly menacing "Cut Throat" and Bun B and Young Dro on the banger, "I'm A G," all have a more resonant vocal presence than Joc's laidback flow. But Joc's connections have gotten him this far, so there's no reason to think he's going anywhere soon but up the Billboard charts.

— The Associated Press

TF County Fair heats up in Filer

Times-News

FILER — The 91st annual Twin Falls County Fair and Magic Valley Stampede continues its six-day run at the Twin Falls County fairgrounds.

Highlights include the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned Stampede on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., a destruction derby on Sunday at 7 p.m., and Extreme Freestyle Motocross on Labor Day at 7 p.m.

The 4-H Future Farmers of America Junior Market Animal Sale is scheduled for Monday at 10 a.m. in the Wallace Brown Sale Barn. The Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Sale is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the same location.

The fairgrounds will be open from 7 a.m. until midnight daily, and the carnival will run from noon until midnight.

Fair admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$3 for kids 6 to 12.

Tickets to the rodeo, the destruction derby and Extreme Motocross are available at the fair office or by phoning 326-4396.

Reserved rodeo tickets are \$5.30 Thursday through Saturday. General admission on Saturday only is \$3.18. Destruction derby tickets and Extreme Motocross tickets are \$5.30 for reserved seats and \$3.18 for general admission.

The fairgrounds are located on the east end of Filer off U.S. Highway 30.

Guitar *Continued from page 2*

You make your character dance by swinging the Wii remote midway through a tune you may not be picky up a microphone and sing a few bars.

The soundtrack is a predictable mix of karaoke favorites like "We Are Family," "Y.M.C.A." and "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun." Add the graphics are vivid and colorful, with appealing, well-animated characters.

The problem with "Boogie" is that the onscreen dancing really doesn't jibe with the controller movement. To score points you just have to wave the remote in time with the music, trying to match a metronomic beat, but you never feel like you're in charge of the action and there's no real skill involved. "Boogie" deserves credit for trying something different on the Wii, but EA should have spent more time tightening up the controls before releasing it.

"High School Musical: Makin' the Cut" (Disney, for the Nintendo DS, \$29.99): I have one word for the zillion-selling "High School Musical" soundtrack: Blechh. Then again, I'm not a 13-year-old girl. And despite my limited appreciation of the "HSM" songbook, "Makin' the Cut" is actually fairly entertaining.

It's essentially a knockoff of last year's "Elite Beat Agents." As Troy, Gabriella and the rest of the East High Wildcats perform in a nationwide talent hunt, you keep the beat by tapping icons as they fill up on the DS touch screen. Sometimes you may need to trace a letter or shoot a basketball, but the basic goal is to stay in rhythm.

"Makin' the Cut" features 12 tunes from the original Disney Channel movie and its recently aired sequel.

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All integrity

Nashville adds some gloss, but McKenna retains her style

BY JOAN ANDERMAN
The Boston Globe

Lori McKenna's life story — now a company-sanctioned, Oprah-certified backstory — is a hard one: a 36-year-old plumber's wife and mother of five from Stoughton, Mass., is discovered by country superstar Faith Hill, who records three of McKenna's songs for a chart-topping album. Hill then takes her out as opening act on a massive concert tour and enlists her husband, Tim McGraw, to co-produce the major-label debut, Warner Bros. Is milking it! In the glossy press materials, McKenna's minivan — loaded with 150,000 carpool-ferrying miles — is referred to with something comically close to reverence.

But the fairy tale only takes you so far. McKenna's superb new album, "Unglamorous," released earlier this month, will take her the rest of the way.

Not a few folks were concerned that the Nashville machine would douse McKenna's curthy charms with slick, radio-friendly production; that she'd be primped and groomed for a Faith-Hill-style crossover. But McKenna hasn't sacrificed a shred of integrity on "Unglamorous." It's a little more country, for sure, and a lot more authentic, thanks to the stable of



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seasoned session players McKraw and veteran co-producer Byron Gallimore brought in to lay down tracks. The subtle twang that crept into the smart folk and finely wrought Americana on McKenna's four previous albums (which, according to Nielsen Soundscan, have sold a combined 54,000 copies) has been shined up and sharpened, but the endeavor still feels natural.

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tween the cracks of country, folk and rock, and they're as graceful as they are unflinching. McKenna's flanked by mandolin, pedal steel, and McGraw's husky harmonies on "Drinkin' Problem," a familiar-seeming tale of hangovers and sick days that turns poignant with the revelation that "I never touch the stuff/But honey, I'll tell you what/You can't count all the ways it touches me." Hill pitches in with powerhouse backing vocals on "Falter," an ode to the town lover, and Kelly Willis adds a dulcet layer to "I'm Not Crazy," a gentle defense of "the dull sweetness in

this life of ours."

The title track is an ebullient, guitar-stroked celebration of jolly glasses of wine and wool socks on the bedroom floor: "No frills, no fuss, perfectly us/Unglamorous." McKenna sings in her unvarnished voice. Thankfully, before the joys of simple domesticity wear out their welcome, the artist moves on to "Your Next Lover," a brilliantly cleareyed sketch of a woman waiting for her man to move on, and "Zenfetti," where McKenna isolates the fallout of a relationship that has turned cold: "All of the bright colors that lived inside of me/Are now just tiny little pieces of who I used to be."

"Ozelle and Harriet it's not. Wine, warm, and wonderful to listen to it is. You have to wonder if it's a mistake to market McKenna so single-mindedly as a stay-at-home mom who hit the Nashville jackpot. She's much better, and "Unglamorous" is far deeper than that.

Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE



McLoud Records

The New Pornographers "Challengers" (Maldor)

Every album by the New Pornographers has raised the profile of indie-pop. The eight-member band's fourth, "Challengers," is no exception.

Following 2005's "Twin Cinema," "Challengers" is a streamlined melange of the group's expert harmonies and interlaced melodies, and continues a pared-down direction the band has undertaken since 2000's feisty power-pop debut "Mass Romantic."

Recorded in both Canada and New York, the album was inspired by front-man Carl Newman's move from Vancouver, British Columbia, to hipster Brooklyn two years ago, and reflects his own personal and musical growth. Politically minded "My Right Versus Yours" includes a French horn, with deep, vibing guitars versus a staccato beat.

Newman's wry lyrics, paired with the gorgeous vocals of alt-country singer Neko Case, and new member Kathryn Calder, are what makes the New Pornographers such a force.

Case, whose solo albums have gained her a hefty following, lends all the right soulful notes on the track about impaired love.

"Unguided" is Newman's lengthy paean to New York, poetically intellectual: "The heat wave humming in the house of cards."

With a '60s Kinks lilt, and mandolin and piano replacing forewent guitars, "Challengers" highlights the New Pornographers' steady hooks with a shimmer instead of a jolt.

—The Associated Press