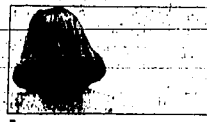




LOST ON THE RAILS

Idaho increases freight transports, while businesses struggle.

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LOST IN THE BOOKS

Students and parents find new ways to work with dyslexia.

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Good Morning

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Low: 64

Partly cloudy and breezy at times. Details: C9

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Fire manager a rock star in valley of celebrities

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — There's a new celebrity in Wood River Valley, and she's not a writer, movie star or artist.

It's Jeanne Pincha-Tulley, head of the national incident-management team tackling the Castle Rock Fire near Ketchum.

In a town known for its personalities, Pincha-Tulley is the reigning queen. The rock star. The darling.

She gets a standing ovation just for walking into town hall meetings, where residents smile and stare at her with a blank adoration often offered to presidents. In fact, the public meetings feel like political rallies: hype, handshakes and applause, whoops and whistles when she steps to the mike.

At one meeting last week, a resident suggested naming a ski run after her. Of course, she got another standing ovation — from folks whose homes are threatened by the fire she's supposed to put out.

"So what's with the gushing? Two things, residents say. She's charming, and this town of philanthropists loves to back a good cause."

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INSIDE: Castle Rock Fire should be contained by Monday, Forest Service says.
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Confession not what it used to be

By Stephanie Simon
Los Angeles Times

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. — In the hush of a warm afternoon, Father Larry Solan waits for sinners.

The veteran priest sets aside a half-hour every Saturday to hear the fallings of his flock at St. Mark Catholic Church. On a typical week, he sees two penitents, perhaps three. Some weeks, no one comes.

Today, Solan waits 10 minutes, 20.

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'Humbled' Craig to quit

Almost three decades of public service to end Sept. 30

By Patti Murphy
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, who has represented Idaho in Washington for nearly 27 years, surrendered to nationwide calls for his resignation Saturday, saying he will leave office at the end of the month.

Craig's announcement ended a startling week as the Idaho senator was embarrassed by revelations that he had pleaded guilty to a disorderly conduct charge stemming from a same-sex solicitation incident in a Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport men's room. Even though Craig maintained that he was in fact innocent, few Senate Republicans came to his defense while party leadership said he should go.

On Saturday, he bowed to the demands, saying he will leave the Senate on Sept. 30 to allow a smooth transition for his staff and the replacement to be appointed by Gov. CL "Butch" Otter.

About 250 people, half onlookers and half media, attended Saturday's news conference at the historic

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Idaho's senior U.S. senator, Larry Craig, takes a moment before he announces his resignation from the Senate on Saturday morning at the old Boise Depot train station prearranging downtown Boise.

Read more inside

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- Arresting cop of Craig had solid background, page A5
- Our view, page A14



Official announcement
Local reaction to Craig's resignation
MagValley.com

Risch, who stood in as governor in 2006, might be Craig's replacement

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Lt. Gov. Jim Risch has said he was interested in running for Sen. Larry Craig's seat, if the fellow Republican ever opted not to run again. Now that Craig has been forced to resign, some expect Risch could be appointed to the post.

It will be up to Gov. CL "Butch" Otter, a Republican,

to appoint someone to fill the remainder of Craig's term.

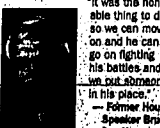
Otter said Saturday that media reports were "dead wrong" that his mind was already made up. "I haven't chosen a replacement," he said.

The governor wouldn't give a timetable for when he would name a successor to Craig.

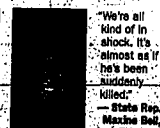
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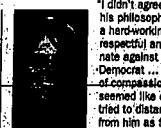
Lt. Gov. Jim Risch works at his desk inside the Statehouse in downtown Boise May 10. He has said he was interested in running for Sen. Larry Craig's seat, if Craig ever opted not to run again. Now that Craig has been forced to resign, some expect Risch could be appointed to the post.



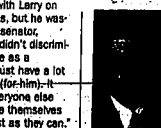
"It was the honorable thing to do, so we can move on and he can go on fighting his battles, and we put someone in his place."
— Former House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Swainy



"We're all kind of in shock. It's almost as if he's been suddenly killed."
— State Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome



"I didn't agree with Larry on his philosophies, but he was a hard-working senator, respectful and didn't discriminate against me as a Democrat ... I just have a lot of compassion (for him)—it seemed like everyone else tried to distance themselves from him as fast as they can."
—House Minority Leader Wendy Jacquot, D-Ketchum



"On balance it was the right thing to do ... I think there's a sign of relief collectively for the state. It's not how anyone wanted it to turn out. No one saw this coming, and no one wants to bring this kind of publicity to our state."
—State Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley

MORE REACTION ON PAGE A4

Estranged family reaches deal over gravesite for Nice children

All four will be buried together in Mackay, their mother's ancestral home

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Four Idaho children are now due to be reunited in death, after estranged family members have agreed to a plan that calls for a toddler

who drowned accidentally in 2004 to be exhumed from a cemetery and moved to a graveyard in their Rocky Mountain to be reburied with three siblings murdered by their father, the family said Friday.

"I'm grateful that they have decided to allow my request," Leslie Olsen, the mother of the children, told The Associated Press.

Many irrigation ditches. He's buried at Sunset Memorial cemetery in Twin Falls. Four days before Christmas 2005, Olsen's estranged husband, Jim Junior Nice, killed their three remaining children — 8-year-old twins, Justin and Spencer, and a 2-year-old Raquel — by poisoning their pudding and hot chocolate.

They are buried in the McCaleb Cemetery in Mackay deep in central Idaho's Rocky Mountains. Last month, Olsen sued to exhumate Jan's body and have it laid next to his siblings. Though Jimmy and Claire Nice, Jim Junior Nice's parents,

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Occasionally breezy with partly cloudy skies. High with highs around 90.
Tonight: The evening will remain very warm with overnight lows cooling into the mid 50s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., 54, 734-5084.

Wine from Stanley, live concert/radio show series with Charlie Sutton, 4 to 7 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, near Stanley, no cost, 494-9117.

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

BUSINESS

Halley's Main Street Antique Show, next to McDonald's, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., no cost, Halley, 312-4900.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Twin Falls County Fair and Western Rodeo continues with PRCA rodeo, livestock shows and exhibitions, carnival, musical and family entertainment and featuring the destruction derby, 7 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, admission to fair: \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$3 for children ages 6-12, 326-4398.

Bellevue Labor Day Celebration, with parade at noon and live music following, 1 to 5 p.m., in the park, Bellevue, 312-4900.

West Magic Lake Recreation Club Labor Day Celebration, with boat or ATV parade, noon to 1 p.m., barbecue and hot sale, 3 p.m., (bring donations after 8:30 a.m.), and raffle and auction following barbecue, at the club, West Magic Lake, proceeds to the building fund, 487-2734 or www.damfofos.com.

HEALTH

Five-day Taster's Table, team to help prevent disease through nutrition with tips and recipe samples, presented by St. Luke's Clinical Nutrition, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Merchant Building No. 3, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, no cost, 737-2943.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities, Junior Ranger "Wolves: Myths and Facts" and Rock Shooter Auto Tour, 1 p.m., "Sawtooth Valley Salmon" guided walk, 2 p.m.; and evening program "Legend of Red Lake," 8 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St., Filer, 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@magvalley.com or by fax, 734-5536; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon; four days in advance of the event.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

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Sept. 4 - "The Killmaster Collection: A 60-year Perspective" public reception for the artists' slide presentation at 8 p.m., 7 to 10 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center, CSI, no cost, 732-9655 or www.csi.edu/herrett.

Sept. 3 - 5 - Big sale at the Twin Falls Senior Center Bargain Shop, includes racks of clothing (four for \$1), skeins of yarn, puzzles, paperback books (10 for \$1) and many other items, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., (through Oct. 15), 530 Shoshone St. W., (across from Depot Grill), proceeds benefit the center, 734-5084.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Sept. 4 - The Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Blue Lakes Country Club, 2540 Blue Lakes Grade, \$12, 733-2082.

Sept. 5 - The Blues Flower and Garden Club meeting, annual fundraiser auction co-hosted by Marci Wetzig, 1 p.m., at the home of Ruby Jenkins, 352-4260.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Sept. 4 - Alzheimer's support group meeting, with open discussion, coping skills and preventive care for families, friends or caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease, 6 to 8 p.m., Rosetta Asablad Living, 1919 Hilland Ave., Burley, (if wish to bring affected family member, advance notice required), 677-5451.

Sept. 4 - *Coping with Loss* an eight-week series providing information and support for widowed men and women sponsored by Widowed Wellness Programs of Idaho, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Katz Conference Room, South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, \$40 suggested donation (no one turned away), 736-2122.

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HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Sept. 5 - The Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association meeting, members will play music for the public from 6 to 8 p.m., with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, 1800 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-4580.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Dealing with the frustrations of dyslexia

How do you measure a child that her brain works fine especially when you yourself don't know what the problem is? When one girl was again placed in the lowest-level reading group in third grade, her parents decided to follow a friend's recommendation and...

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Family settles dispute over child's gravesite

BOISE - Four Magic Valley children are now due to be reunited in death after estranged family members have agreed to a plan that calls for a toddler who drowned accidentally in 2004 to be exhumed from a cemetery and moved to a graveyard in the Rocky Mountains to be reburied with three siblings murdered by their father, the family said Friday.

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Hazelton man killed in motorcycle collision

EDEN - A Hazelton resident was killed late Friday night when his motorcycle crossed the line on a state highway and hit another vehicle, Idaho State Police reported.

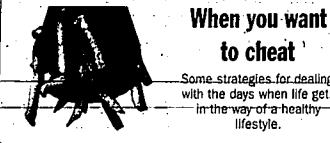
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- James H. Clayton, 74
Ashley T. Higley, 4
Elsie Helen Harvison, 84
Eva (Macfarlane) Metlich, 90
Robert C. 'Bob' Peterson, 93
Betty Frances (Jones) McCall, 89
George Parsons, 86
Gladys Wells Peterson, 88
Edna Choules Field, 96
John Ellsworth Starry, 73
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THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS

Monday in image



When you want to cheat

Some strategies for dealing with the days when life gets in the way of a healthy lifestyle.

Tuesday in Country Roads

Record-setting Russian Olive tree

That's what one Twin Falls man thinks he may have along the banks of Rock Creek.

Wednesday in Food & Home

Furnishing in the green

Twin Falls interior shop now sells Environment Furniture.

Thursday in TNT

Blues in Hagerman

Here comes Hagerman's fifth annual late-summer blues festival.

Friday in Outdoors

Hitching a ride

Shuttle system works well at Glacier National Park.

Saturday in Religion

God and 9/11

Six years on, has America's faith changed?

To our readers:

The planned feature on local Hispanic soccer players is not running in today's edition due to coverage of the resignation of Sen. Larry Craig.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- Actor Meinhardt Raabe (the Munchkin-coroner in 'The Wizard of Oz') is 92.
Dancer-actress Marge Champion is 88.
Jazz musician Horace Silver is 79.
Former 'Sen. Alan J. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 76.
U.S. Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth is 70.
Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 68.
Singer Jimmy Clanton is 67.
Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosseland Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 64.
Singer Joe Simon is 64.
Football Hall-of-Famer Terry Bradshaw is 59.
Actor Frank Harmon is 56.
Tennis Hall-of-Famer Jimmy Connors is 55.
Actress Linda Purl is 52.
Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 49.
Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 48.
Actor Keanu Reeves is 43.

SPORTS

CSI takes consolation in Utah tournament

SALT LAKE CITY - The Golden Eagles didn't let Friday's speed bump turn into a Saturday roadblock. One day after playing four of their worst matches of the young season, the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team regained form to win the consolation title of the Hampton Inn/Fairfield Inn SLCC Invitational volleyball tournament in Salt Lake City. The No. 12 Golden Eagles won 4-0 for the consolation title of the Hampton Inn/Fairfield Inn SLCC Invitational volleyball tournament in Salt Lake City. The No. 12 Golden Eagles won 4-0 for the consolation title of the Hampton Inn/Fairfield Inn SLCC Invitational volleyball tournament in Salt Lake City. The No. 12 Golden Eagles won 4-0 for the consolation title of the Hampton Inn/Fairfield Inn SLCC Invitational volleyball tournament in Salt Lake City.

Appalachian State provides the drama

If I wasn't a geography buff I would have no clue where on earth Appalachian State University is, but I am, and I can Google, so I know that the Mountaineers play in Boone, North Carolina. I was on the edge of my seat Saturday afternoon, watching the mighty Michigan Wolverines fall by the wayside, lose all hopes of a national championship and earn the tagline title of 'Biggest Loser in NCAA Football History.'

The other end: Wolverines fall

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - What was supposed to be a tuneup turned into a stunner: Appalachian State 34, No. 5 Michigan 32. Julian Tavich's 24-yard field goal with 26 seconds left Saturday put the Mountaineers ahead of the Wolverines and Corey Lynch blocked a field goal in the final seconds, sealed one of college football's biggest upsets. The two-time defending champions from former Division I-AA were ahead of the nation's winningest program 28-14 late in the second quarter, then their storied comeback afternoon seemed to unravel late in the fourth quarter.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2007. There are 120 days left in the year.
Today's highlight: On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out, claiming thousands of homes.
In 1789, the U.S. Treasury Department was established.
In 1807, British forces began bombing Copenhagen for several days, until the Danes agreed to surrender their naval fleet.
In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.
In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the address: "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

IDAHO LOTTERY

Table with columns for Lottery Games: WILD CARD, 2D, 3D, 4D, 5D, 6D, 7D, 8D, 9D, 10D, 11D, 12D, 13D, 14D, 15D, 16D, 17D, 18D, 19D, 20D, 21D, 22D, 23D, 24D, 25D, 26D, 27D, 28D, 29D, 30D, 31D, 32D, 33D, 34D, 35D, 36D, 37D, 38D, 39D, 40D, 41D, 42D, 43D, 44D, 45D, 46D, 47D, 48D, 49D, 50D, 51D, 52D, 53D, 54D, 55D, 56D, 57D, 58D, 59D, 60D, 61D, 62D, 63D, 64D, 65D, 66D, 67D, 68D, 69D, 70D, 71D, 72D, 73D, 74D, 75D, 76D, 77D, 78D, 79D, 80D, 81D, 82D, 83D, 84D, 85D, 86D, 87D, 88D, 89D, 90D, 91D, 92D, 93D, 94D, 95D, 96D, 97D, 98D, 99D, 100D.

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Two little boys take a brech in the lobby, howing their heads over a bag of crackers as they wait for afternoon Mass. Their parents chat with friends. Still, Solari's confessional is empty. Confession is not what it used to be in the Roman Catholic Church; cultural and theological shifts have pushed the age-old sacrament aside. In the mid-1960s, 34 percent of Catholics said they went to confession at least once a month. These days, just 2 percent do. More than 40 percent never go.

Church leaders have tried to revive interest in the sacrament with tactics as varied as radio ads (in Washington, D.C.) and a strip-mall chapel dedicated solely to confessions (a few doors down from a tanning salon in Albany, N.Y.). The Vatican has even allowed priests to do away with the traditional wooden confession booth in favor of more relaxed, face-to-face encounters.

Outside the Catholic church too, the rite of confession is being reshaped, this time by Protestant mega-church pastors who see the ritual as a self-help tool for the lost and lonely — and a marketing opportunity for themselves.

Click over to IvesCrevedUp.com, and a black-and-white, Goth-tattoo-style graphic bursts onto the screen. You're invited to type in your e-mail address, along with your age and hometown. Click "send," and it's done: you've confessed — to the webmaster of Flamingo Road Church, a Florida megachurch affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. "I'm a pathological liar. About everything. To everyone."

"I have a compulsive shopping disorder. I spend way too much money on dresses."

"I constantly smoke marijuana while I am supposed to be looking for a job..."

"I've slept with 11 guys and only one of them I actually loved."

"Just been a jerk." The confessions are screened for obscenities or identifying information (but not for typos), then posted for all to read. They fill page after page. Some are wry; some are frightening; many are so sad. Some writers are curt and achingly precise. Others type out words as though pounding years of pain into their keyboards.

"A friend of mine was shot and killed last weekend, by a big guy. I've always been a bit nervous, despite the fact that I know a few very nice, caring, christian black people. But now that this has happened, I feel like I've just lost all respect for my race. I really need strength to be able to forgive."

"At hough they write anonymously, many sinners ask for help — from God, or from a sinner who might see their posting and pray for them."

"It does break your heart," said Flamingo Road pastor Troy Gramling. He and his staff pray over every confession.

"It makes you realize, even in line at Starbucks there are so many hurting people," Gramling said. "We all get real good at wearing masks."

Several other egnissional sites also laid out the promise of catharsis, with a vaguely religious gloss. The Universal Life Church, famed for do-it-yourself ordinations, offers an online "Absolution of Sins Application Form." A glossy secular site, DailyConfession.com, arranges sins by categories that mirror the Ten Commandments.

Catholics can try absolution online.com, which invites you to fill a shopping cart with your sins (choices include calumny, vainglory, disregard for the environment and use of Ouija boards). The site then calculates an appropriate penance — say, 2201 Holy Marys and 13 Our Fathers.

The two biggest church-sponsored Web sites are IvesCrevedUp and MySecrets.tv. Unabashedly voyeuristic, the sites allow readers to scroll through pages of angst from anorexic teens, abusive parents and non-addicted pastors; from a Christian who no longer can believe in God; from a student who feels guilty for dropping out of college; from a man who despises his mother-in-law.

It quickly becomes clear that there's no such thing as an original sin.

MySecret pushes the confession button even further. Anyone can comment on posted confessions, starting an anonymous dialogue with the sinner. "You need therapy, get it now." Or: "In the name of the Father, I pray for a break-through with this family and their pot problem."

The site refers sinners to a long list of self-help books and to the sponsoring church, a fast-growing, Oklahoma-based congregation named after its site, LifeChurch.tv.

Scott Thumma, who studies the sociology of religion, sees sites such as MySecret as marketing tools very much in keeping with modern megachurch philosophy. Such churches often serve as host to spectacular performances in Cirque du Soleil-style acrobatic play) and edgy Web sites (MyLameSexLife.org) to attract "unbelievers who otherwise would never darken the door of a church," Thumma said.

"Their strategy is not to go out, convert and bring (only) saved people into the sanctuary. The idea is to bring in the masses," said Thumma, coauthor of the new book "Beyond Megachurch Myths."

To keep the masses coming back, these pastors often turn sermons into self-help pep talks: how to build a good marriage; how to manage a hectic schedule; how to live debt-free. The brisk practicality of the online confession fits right into that culture.

The Catholic sacrament of confession, by contrast, is not about personal growth. It's about healing a ruptured relationship with God.

Fire

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"She's really good, personable," says Fred Turner, who's seen Pincha-Tulley an Alabama native, several times at the community meetings. "She got good public presence. She's like, 'I'm Eisenhower for this area, not the Patton. She's nice, but she can be strong' when she needs to be."

It's all very surprising, said Pincha-Tulley. "I was shocked the adoration from behind black sunglasses. 'It's overwhelming,'" she says.

Pincha-Tulley is no stranger to dealing with folks in the wake of disaster. Her team was in Mississippi a half-hour after Hurricane Katrina hit, and the Castle Rock Fire is the team's third major wildfire this summer.

She's the first and only woman to head one of 17 international disaster teams, and she's always calm, controlled and confident, says her team.

She's also good on her feet. When one resident asked about the risk of lightning starting another large fire, she said, without blinking, "It will stay small — because I'm here."

Pincha-Tulley, a stick of gum — perpetually in her mouth, is one part mom, one part general, one part diplomat. She has two sons, 17 and 20, and she says parenting prepared her for crisis management.

Ask about her new celebrity status, though, and she'll say it has nothing to do with her and everything to do with Ketchum. There's generosity here, she said, that's simply not typical.



Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha-Tulley of the U.S. Forest Service gestures to the River Run Lodge at the base of Bald Mountain where her team set up shop during the Castle Rock fire west of Ketchum.

Case in point: Scott Glenn, a Ketchum resident and a star in one of this summer's biggest movies, "The Bourne Ultimatum." Glenn could be jersetting with Hollywood elite, instead he's wearing a stinky red T-shirt, running errands for the U.S. Forest Service in downtown Ketchum. He didn't leave town when his home was evacuated last week; he volunteered to help Pincha-Tulley's firefighters.

"She's nice," he says. "And people respond to that." But people also respond to success, and Pincha-Tulley

said the expectations are a heavy load to bear. "The (admiration) really puts pressure on you," she said. "It's like, oh my God, I've got to get this fire put out. If you screw up, you're dead

meat. But I learned a long time ago, you've just got to be yourself."

Contact staff writer Matt Christensen at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.

Advertisement for Physicians. Text: "We are open Labor Day!" "Physicians" logo. "Immediate Care Center". Hours: "Open 8:00am-7:00pm • 7 days a week". Address: "Across From CSI on Falls Avenue". Phone: "736-7422".



Actor and volunteer firefighter Scott Glenn writes on the 'Thank You!' boards as fellow Ketchum resident Rod Tatsuoka looks on Friday morning outside Ketchum City Hall.

Advertisement for Southern Idaho Medical Center. Text: "Did You Know?" "Treatment of varicose veins with VNUS Closure is covered by insurance." "www.vnus.com". "Southern Idaho Medical Center". "Vascular Institute".

Burial

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own the plot in Twin Falls where Ian is buried, Olsen argued she has custody of the child's body.

Though Jim and Claire Nice had originally opposed Olsen in 5th District Court, they now say they want stand in the way of their former daughter-in-law's plan, which she says is meant to reunite her kids in a single location in the town her family calls its ancestral home.

Since Ian Michael Nice's death and the divorce of Leslie and Jim Junior Nice in 2004, the Olsen and Nice families have been divided by friction, which has contributed to the conflict over what to do with Ian Michael Nice's remains. Jimmy and Claire Nice had originally filed paperwork to opt to stop the disinterment, but opted to withdraw their opposition last week.

"We didn't want to fight it," said Jimmy Nice, in a telephone interview.

Olsen has already received a disinterment permit from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and has found a funeral home to do the work. Jim Mesary, Olsen's lawyer in Jerome, said he expects to receive paperwork by early next week from the Nice family, allowing the disinterment from the plot they own at Sunset Memorial. Olsen said she was uncertain when her son's body would finally be

moved to the Mackay cemetery, where in addition to her three murdered children her grandfather is also buried. Jim Junior Nice is serving a life sentence at a state prison in Oroville. After he killed his three children, he told police that "didn't want the kids to suffer through the divorce." Leslie Olsen, now a student at the College of Southern Idaho, says he killed them in part to retaliate against her, because she declined to reconcile their marriage.

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RESIGNATION REACTION



"My head's still kind of spinning. In his mind, what he has to do for his own family and his own well-being is foremost. He's been a good senator, and he's done a lot for us (in agriculture). Obviously he didn't deal with (the case) very well."

— State Sen. Chuck Coloso, R-Twin Falls



"Our thoughts and prayers are with them on this difficult day, a day in which we should also remember Larry's 27 years of dedicated public service to Idaho and to the nation."

— Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, a former Idaho governor and senator

"Senator Craig's resignation, though regrettable, is clearly the right thing for his family, Idaho, and the nation ... For the Idaho water user community, this represents the loss of an extraordinarily effective, and tireless supporter of sovereignty and state control over Idaho's water."

— Norm Semanick, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association

"Certain special interests will certainly suffer. He represented certain interests, and that doesn't happen to be Idaho's outposts. But for logging, mining, agriculture, he was a very strong representative ... But that part of Idaho's economy isn't what it used to be. There's really an economy to common sense conservation that he wasn't part of."

— Rick Johnson, executive director for the Idaho Conservation League



"For more than two decades, Larry Craig has consistently put Idaho first in his public service career. Today, he'd do so again in announcing his decision to resign his position as U.S. senator from Idaho."

— Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho



"Senator Craig made the right decision for himself, for his family, his constituents and the United States Senate."

— White House spokesman Scott Stanzel

"It kind of seemed sad that this has happened. I'm kind of torn ... I don't know if this (incident) is worth 30 years of service."

— Daniel Alderman, president of the College of Southern Idaho's gay and straight Alliance Club



"Senator Craig and Suzanne deserve our gratitude and I hope that Idahoans and the nation will allow them the time they need to recover after this week's unimaginable turmoil."

— U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson

GOP forced resignation with threat of hearings

By Carl Hulse
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Within hours of the disclosure of Sen. Larry E. Craig's arrest and conviction after an undercover sex sting, Republican Senate leaders concluded that the exploding political scandal needed a fast resolution, one that necessitated the Idaho Republican's prompt resignation.

Although Craig had only pleaded guilty to a misde-

meanor infraction of disorderly conduct in an airport bathroom, it involved allegations of homosexuality and put Craig's party in an awkward, possibly hypocritical position, given that Republican strategists had often employed antigay rhetoric on issues that agitated their party's base voters.

With corruption having weighed on some of their congressional candidates in the House and state elections, Senate Republicans saw Craig

as inviting even heavier political damage, especially on the heels of messy ethics cases involving two other Republican senators: David Vitter of Louisiana, who was the client of a dubious escort service, and Ted Stevens of Alaska, who faces a widening inquiry into whether he traded official favors.

So Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky on Wednesday sent Craig a blunt message that he would face consequential public hearings into his conduct.

On Wednesday, Craig appeared intent on trying to serve out his Senate term despite the leadership's decision to call for an ethics inquiry and strip him of his committee leadership posts.

On Friday, Craig told McConnell he was resigning. In Idaho, a person close to Craig did not say exactly what drove Craig's decision, but that the veteran lawmaker had been stunned by the party's response to his predicament. "Larry was shocked by the

deafening silence by some and rush to judgment by others, even in his own leadership," said the person, a confidante and adviser who said he was not authorized to talk about the behind-scenes deliberations.

The adviser said that none of the Republican senators who called for his resignation, including John McCain of Arizona, sought out Craig's version of events. In the end, the associate said, "It may have been the silence rather

than the noise" that was the tipping point. "On Wednesday, the leadership — including Sens. McConnell, Trent Lott of Mississippi, Jon Kyl of Arizona, John Ensign of Nevada, and others — agreed to strip Craig of his committee posts and call for an inquiry."

When McConnell telephoned Craig with the news, the Idaho senator was said to have expressed some hope of finishing out his term — a plea that met no response.

If Simpson left for the Senate, Idaho would lose valuable House seniority, analysts say

By Rebecca Boose
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Sen. Larry Craig took several powerful Congressional committee assignments with him when he resigned Saturday.

And that makes the role of Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson, more important than ever, political analysts say.

"Simpson's position on the House Appropriations Committee is especially important for a small state like Idaho," said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "My guess is that's the most important argument weighing against him running for the Senate or being appointed to the Senate."

Simpson, a Blackfoot resident who has served five two-year terms as Idaho's 2nd Congressional District representative, is one of 29 Republicans on the appropriations committee. He's not the ranking member. That leadership post belongs to Rep. Jerry

Lewis of California. But with Craig's departure — and the state's loss of his seat on the Senate appropriations committee — Simpson's role on the House committee is even more crucial to the state, said Jim Weatherby, professor emeritus at Boise State University.

"If we in one fell swoop lost both seats on the House and the Senate appropriations, that would be devastating for Idaho," Weatherby said. "Losing the Senate is bad enough, but losing the House would be awful. Simpson's spot is key for bringing money into the state."

"Simpson has been mentioned as a possible successor to Craig, along with Lt. Gov. Jim Risch. But analysts say there is no guarantee that Simpson, if appointed, would get Craig's coveted seat on the Appropriations Committee."

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is responsible for appointing someone to fill out the remainder of Craig's term, which

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expires in 2008.

Otter spokesman Mark Warbis acknowledged that Otter and Simpson had a brief conversation Friday. And Warbis said the governor is keenly aware of Simpson's value in the House now that Craig is gone.

"The discussion he had with congressman Simpson is the same he's had with a number of people. It was in general terms," Warbis said. "His clear congressman Simpson has done great work and continues to do great work for Idaho ... and would be effective in any role that he had on behalf of the people of Idaho."

As a ranking member on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Craig took credit for

billions of dollars in federal money directed to Idaho during his tenure, including many appropriations during his final term: \$2.2 billion for the Idaho National Lab, \$122 million for research at Idaho's universities, \$107 million for transportation infrastructure, and \$17 million for community development projects.

But some of what he brought in was a result of a joint effort, aided in the House by Simpson. So far this year alone, Simpson has claimed credit for securing millions of dollars in funding approved by the House for Idaho, including nearly \$236 million in energy and water projects, more than \$9 million in funding for the airport control tower in Boise

and more than \$17 million in agricultural funding. That money must still clear the Senate before it flows to Idaho. During his political career, Simpson has blended conservative and moderate positions. For example, he supported right-to-work measures banning union membership as a condition to keep a job, but opposed what would have been the nation's most restrictive abortion law in 1990.

In 2005, Simpson sponsored legislation that would protect 300,000 acres in central Idaho while opening another 130,000 acres of federal land for logging, off-road vehicles and other development.

Opponents said the bill didn't go far enough in protecting land in the Boulder and White Cloud mountains. Still, Simpson kept pushing for support, reintroducing the bill each year. The bill, known as the Central-Idaho-Economic Development and Recreation Act, has long been controver-

sial. Craig initially opposed it, but came around last December. Nevertheless, the measure died in last-minute Senate negotiations. This year, Craig said he would wait to see if the bill makes it to the Senate again — and if so, how Democrats change it — before deciding whether to back it.

Simpson was elected to the Idaho House of Representatives in 1984 and was easily re-elected in the next election. In 1998, he won a four-way primary for the U.S. House seat vacated by current Sen. Mike Crapo. Simpson defeated former Congressman Richard Stallings by 8 percentage points in the general election. Stallings is now the chairman of the state Democratic Party.

Simpson easily won re-election to the House in 2000, 2002 and 2004, each time earning around 70 percent of the vote. In the 2006 election Simpson beat Jim Hansen with 62 percent of the vote.

Risch

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Risch also played down speculation. "I have not been promised the job of U.S. senator, nor has there even been a hint that the governor would appoint

me to that position," he said. Idaho Democratic Party officials said a move by Otter to choose a man who had already expressed interest in running for Craig's job in 2008 would be

a "crass and low attempt" to take advantage of Craig's downfall for political gain. The governor should appoint somebody with "unimpeachable credentials" whose first goal was to restore Idaho's dignity in the U.S. Senate, not win the '08 election, they said.

Craig resigned Saturday, bowing to pressure from fellow Republicans over his disclosure that he pleaded guilty to a reduced charge following his arrest during a sex sting in a Minneapolis airport men's room.

Democratic Party Chairman Richard Stallings suggested three possible "placeholder" appointees: — former Republican state House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, a rancher from Burley, former Gov. Phil Batt, whom Otter has often praised as a

champion of fiscal conservative government and former Democratic Idaho governor and former U.S. Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus.

"All three would restore honor and respect to Idaho's damaged reputation," said Chuck Oles, a spokesman for the state Democrats party.

Former U.S. Rep. Larry LaRocco has already said he would run for the seat in 2008. He and Risch are old rivals; Risch beat LaRocco last November for lieutenant governor, winning 58 percent to 39 percent.

"This changes the dynamics of the race, and in my favor," LaRocco said of Craig's resignation. "Obviously, change is in the air."

Risch, a lawyer, businessman and rancher from Boise, landed a temporary stint as governor last year when President Bush named Dirk Kempthorne secretary of the Interior. He filled the office until Otter took over in January.

During his seven months at the helm of the third-fastest-growing U.S. state in 2006, Risch won praise from both parties, passing property tax reform during an extraordinary August legislative session, overhauling Idaho's U.S. Forest Service roadless-area management plan and signing off on rules that prevented coal-fired power plants from being built in the state.

"His seven-months performance was extraordinary, and changed a lot of minds about Jim Risch," said Jim Weatherby, a Boise State University professor emeritus of political science.

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Craig

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Boise Depot. Amid both applause and catcalls, Craig, his wife Suzanne, and two of his three adopted children, Mike and Shae, walked to a lectern placed to give onlookers a panoramic view of the city with the Capitol in the distance.

Behind Craig stood Otter and his wife, Lori; Congressman Bill Salt; Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, and Kirk Sullivan, director of the Idaho Republican Party. Craig's statement took less than five minutes, during which time he thanked those who stood with him, and acknowledged, "For any public official, at this moment in time, to be standing with Larry Craig is in itself a humbling experience."

He continued: "To Idahoans I represent, to my staff, my Senate colleagues, but most importantly to my wife and my family, I apologize for what I have caused. I am deeply sorry."

Saying that "my name is important to me, and my family is so very important also," Craig also acknowledged that pursuing future legal options in the case would be a "distraction" of his job and for his colleagues.

The people of Idaho deserve a senator who can devote 100 percent of his time and effort to the critical issues of our state and our nation," he said, noting that "these are serious times of war."

At the end of Craig's statement a heckler yelled to Otter, "I will never vote Republican again. Never!"

Other protesters held signs that made references to Craig's arrest in the men's room.

John Foster, director of the Idaho Democratic Party, said that the senator's announcement was not necessarily a happy one for Idaho's Democrats.

"We're Idahoans," he said. "Like everyone who watched today, we're saddened by what this state has been through."

The national media attention is not what any of us like to see. It's nice to know that Sen. Craig did the right thing, the honorable thing. It's nice to know that he finally did step aside so we can move beyond it."

Foster noted that his party chose to stay quiet as the airport incident came to light. "All we're focused on is making sure it is that where we go forward from here is going to reflect what Idahoans really want," he said. "That we move in a positive way that reflects the independent spirit of the state."

Foster called on Otter to have an open, public process for appointing Craig's successor. He also suggested that Otter appoint someone who does not want to run for the seat next year — a move that would help level the playing field for a Democratic hopeful.

"We need to make sure that someone can get in there and serve very well and honorably that reflects Idaho's independent values and spirit over the next year and then step aside and let the people elect the next senator," he said. "The important thing is not to rush right now to an appointment based on political expediency."

In a statement on his Web site later in the day, Craig said he had not yet determined whether he will return to Washington to attend hearings and vote on bills.

A broad variety of politically active Idahoans of all political stripes attended the announcement. Among them was Bryan Fischer, executive director of the conservative Idaho Values Alliance organization, who had publicly called for Craig's resignation immediately after learning of the senator's guilty plea.

"We believe character is an important qualification for public service therefore we think it's appropriate for the senator to step down," Fischer said.

When asked why other Idaho Republicans were unwilling to join national GOP

leaders in asking Craig to resign, Fischer said. "The senator put the Republican leadership in this state in a pretty difficult position. I think it was hard for them to come out in public support of the senator because they were afraid there might be some substance to the charges. But at the same time they didn't want to criticize publicly someone who has been a colleague and a friend."

Tom Lawson, Craig's health policy adviser in Washington D.C. from 2003 to 2005, wined away tears as he spoke of her daily interaction with Craig, her admiration for his work, and her sadness for the senator's family.

Regardless of any allegation or action, he's done nothing but represent Idaho with utmost integrity for so long, and whether people agree with him or not on a particular issue, I don't think you could ever doubt his integrity behind the issues," she said. "I hope Idaho can be compassionate to one of their own."

Jody May-Chang, editor of prideopen.com, a Web site for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered, said that while she is not a supporter of Craig and his policies, she agrees his resignation was sad for the state.

"I'm sorry to see him go under these circumstances," she said. "It's been embarrassing for the gay community. It's not representative of the kind of behavior that we live in our daily lives, and unfortunately the perception among his followers, if you will, believe that to be true and consequently they're throwing him under the bus for that."

"His voting record is clearly part of the reason that he's in the predicament that he's in right now. The kind of homophobic legislation that he votes for and equality legislation that he votes against create situations like this for thousands of Americans across the country where they can't feel comfortable about who they are."



Sen. Larry Craig announces his resignation from the Senate, Saturday, at the Boise Depot train station in Boise where he was joined by Idaho Gov. Butch Otter, left, family members and other supporters.

Senator's full statement

Text of Sen. Larry Craig's statement Saturday as the Idaho Republican announced his resignation at a news conference in Boise.

First and foremost this morning, let me thank my family for being with me. We're missing a son who's working in McCall, and simply couldn't make it down. But for my wife Suzanne and our daughter Shae, and Mike to be with me is very humbling.

To have the governor standing behind me, as he always has, is tremendous strength for me. To have Bill Salt who has never wavered, and who has been there by phone call and by prayer, and his wife, is tremendously humbling.

For the leader of our party, Kirk Sullivan, to be standing here, who sought immediate counsel with me in this, is in itself a humbling. For Tom Luna — for any public official at this moment in time to be standing with Larry Craig is in itself a humbling experience.

For most of my adult life, I had the privilege of serving the people of Idaho. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have given me. It has been a blessing, I am proud of my record and accomplishments, and equally

proud of the wonderful and talented people with whom I have had the honor and the privilege to work and to serve.

I choose to serve because I love Idaho. What is best for Idaho has always been the focus of my efforts, and it is no different today. To Idahoans I represent, to my staff, my Senate colleagues, but most importantly, to my wife and my family, I apologize for what I have caused. I am deeply sorry.

I have little control over what people choose to believe, but clearly my name is important to me and my family is so very important also. Having said that, to pursue my legal options, as I would be an unwanted and unfair distraction of my job and for my Senate colleagues. These are serious times of war and of conflict — times that deserve the Senate's and the full nation's attention.

There are many challenges facing Idaho that I am currently involved in. As a senator of Idaho deserve a people who can devote 100 percent of his time and effort to the critical issues of our state and of our nation.

Therefore it is with sadness and deep regret that I announce that it is my intent

to resign from the Senate, effective Sept. 30. In doing so, I hope to allow a smooth and orderly transition of my loyal staff and for the person appointed to take my place at William E. Borah's desk. I have full confidence that Gov. Otter will serve Idaho with distinction.

I apologize to the people of our great state for being unable to serve out a term to which I have been elected.

Few people have had the privilege and the pleasure to represent Idaho for as many years as I have. Each day, each week, each year brought new challenges and opportunities to create a better life for Idahoans. I have enjoyed every moment and cannot adequately put into words how much I appreciate what you have given me: the chance to work for this great state. I hope you do not regret the confidence you have placed in me over all of these years. I hope I have served you and our state to the best of my ability.

Lastly, Suzanne and I have been humbled beyond words by the tremendous outpouring of support we have received from our friends, our family, our staff and fellow Idahoans. We are profoundly and forever grateful. Thank you all very much.

Officer who arrested Craig 'reliable'

By Joshua Freed Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Sgt. Dave Karnsia shielded the men he arrested in the airport bathroom from embarrassment. After he flashed a badge, he would point silently to the exit. When one man said his wife was waiting at a gate, Karnsia pulled for a citation book to sign the man's slip to the airport police station.

And when his bathroom stings netted a U.S. senator he even promised him, "I don't call media."

That promise, which Karnsia seems to have kept — didn't do Sen. Larry Craig much good.

Craig's arrest was surely the biggest of Karnsia's career, but it was only one of more than a dozen he made in the Minneapolis airport's restrooms this summer.

Just 25, his record has been that of a rising young officer. He joined the Metropolitan Airports Commission's department in 2000 as a community services officer, just out of college. Three years later, he was named the Officer of the Year, and in 2005 he was promoted to sergeant. Last year, he finished his master's degree.

The last time Karnsia was in the media spotlight, it was because of his efforts to get speeding electric cars to slow down. That got him on "Good Morning America" earlier this year.

He's not talking anymore. On Tuesday morning, he was friendly and businesslike in returning a call to The Associated Press, but declined an interview, saying, "My chief would kill me." The airport commission has declined to make Karnsia or the police chief available for interviews.

In his arrest reports, Karnsia typically details monitoring suspects to a private space where he could explain the arrest and their options. Often, he asked the men if they had suggestions for solving the low-conduct problem at the airport. (Craig requested lower stall dividers and more police presence.)

He chatted with one of them,



Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Police Sgt. Dave Karnsia, shown here in an image from television provided by WCCO-TV, Minneapolis, arrested Sen. Larry Craig in June.

a Canadian, about the upcoming Canada Day holiday. With that man and several others, Karnsia noted in his report that they were polite and cooperative.

His audiotaped interview with Craig started in a similar vein. But Karnsia grew more heated in the interview's final minutes as Craig continued to deny that he had done anything to signal he was looking for sex.

Karnsia grew up in

International Falls, on the Canadian border, and worked as a butcher's assistant at Karnsia Meats and as a produce clerk at a grocery store, according to employment records kept by the airports commission.

He got a two-year degree at a community college in International Falls and then in 1998 moved 300 miles south to get a bachelor's degree in 2000 in law enforcement at St. Mary's University in Winona. Last year he earned a master's degree in criminal justice, leadership and education at Concordia University in St. Paul.

One of his law enforcement professors, Matt Vetter, learned on Thursday that Karnsia was the officer who arrested Craig. In a rare interview, Vetter surprised me that it was him, because he didn't let too many things get by him," said Vetter, who is now retired. "When things were awry, or things needed to get done, you could always count on him to get things done."

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Schools change calendars to help children remember lessons

By Nancy Zickerbrod
Associated Press writer

ARLINGTON, Va. — While it's the start of the school year for most U.S. students, children at Barcroft Elementary have been at their desks for nearly a month — and they're fine with that.

The suburban Washington school is among 3,000 across the nation that have tossed aside the traditional calendar for one with a shorter summer break and more time off during the rest of the year. The goal: preventing kids from forgetting what they have learned.

Barcroft's principal, Miriam Hughey-Guy, pushed for the new calendar in hopes of boosting student achievement. She had read studies showing the toll a long summer break takes on what students remember, and she figured that shorter breaks also would help the school's many immigrants keep up their English skills.

Tests given to kids in the spring and fall show children generally slide in math and reading during the traditional summer break lasting 10 to 12 weeks, says Harriet Cooper, director of the education program at Duke University. Both poor students and their wealthier counterparts lose math skills, and kids from low-income families are declining in reading. More than half of Barcroft's students are poor.

There hasn't been rigorous research into whether students at schools where summer breaks are shorter do better than kids attending other schools. But existing comparisons suggest the modified calendars have a small positive effect on student achievement. The impact appears to be somewhat bigger for low-income children.

Ron Fairchild, executive director of the Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University, says reconfiguring the school calendar simply makes sense.

"You would expect an athlete or a musician's performance to suffer if they didn't practice," said Fairchild, whose organization advocates for educational summertime opportunities for kids.

There are about 3,000 U.S. schools using alternate calendars like the one at Barcroft, where July is the only full month off, according to the National Association For Year-Round Education.

The number of schools on modified calendars with shorter summer breaks more than doubled in the last 15 years. Today, 46 states have schools operating on these calendars — up from 23 states in 1992. The entire Hawaiian school system recently moved to a nontraditional calendar with a seven-week summer break.

A goal of the federal No Child Left Behind law is to get all students reading and doing math at their grade level by 2014. That has placed enormous pressure on schools to try new things, including reconfiguring calendars and schedules.

Teachers typically spend time at the beginning of each year reviewing lessons from the previous year. Schools that have fewer weeks off in the summer may need to do less of that.

It's mostly elementary schools using the modified calendar. For older students, that could make it hard to get summer jobs or participate in competitive sports programs.

In Auburn, Ala., a push to move to a year-round calendar created an outcry and ultimately failed, partly because of high-school athletics.

"It would have put a vacation in the middle of the football season," said Chris Newland, a father of two who fought the change and a psychology professor at Auburn University. "You don't touch football here."

Newland said he didn't like the idea of putting the younger kids on a modified schedule and leaving the older ones on the traditional calendar. That would make it hard to take family vacations and would be especially problematic in a university town, where families often spend entire summers off together, he said.

Schools that have a calendar like Barcroft's typically offer educational programs during the fall, winter and spring breaks. At Barcroft, about 80 percent of kids participate. The courses offered are often aimed at giving remedial help to those who need it, a common purpose of traditional

summer school. Many teachers at year-round schools believe providing remedial help after nine weeks of coursework is an improvement over the traditional model in which kids wait until summer school to get extensive help, says Duke University's Cooper.



First-grade student Robert Lopez, 7, shows his work to teacher Caitlin Miller during language arts class at Barcroft Elementary in Arlington, Va., in June. Barcroft Elementary has a year-long school calendar.

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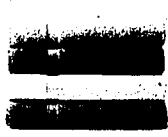
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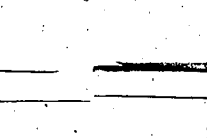
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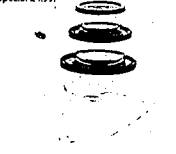
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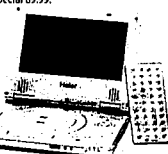
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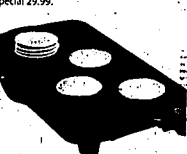
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Feds come up with ID plan to restrict volunteers at disasters

By Devin Barrett
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Justice Gene O'Brien hurried to the World Trade Center site after Sept. 11, 2001, as a volunteer helping to distribute supplies to police and fire workers. Some days, his only ID to get into the disaster site was a tattoo on his forearm.

"A couple times I showed them my Marine tattoo, and they said go ahead," recalled O'Brien, adding that he and other volunteers also came up with their own makeshift identification cards.

"We didn't forge anything, we just made them up with our own pictures and at one point we copied a UPC code off a Pepsi can and they were as good as gold," said the Scarsdale resident.

It might not be so easy the next time disaster strikes. In an effort to provide better control and coordination, the federal government is launching an ambitious ID program for rescue workers to keep everyday people from swarming to a disaster scene. A prototype of the new first responder identification cards is already being issued to fire and police personnel in the Washington, D.C., area.

Proponents say the system will get professionals on scene quicker and keep untrained volunteers from making tough work more difficult.

But they also know it is a touchy subject, particularly for those devoted to helping in moments of crisis.

"Wow, how in the world do we say this without love and respect in our hearts?" said deputy assistant U.S. Fire Administrator Charlie Dickinson.

"Everybody wants to come to the fight, so to speak, and no one wants to step back and say 'No, I can't do this.' The final court of grace was the World Trade Center. Hundreds came that were never asked," Dickinson said. "Good intentions, good hearts, and it was extremely difficult for the fire department and the other departments to deal with them."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency came up with the idea after the World Trade Center attack and Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when countless Americans rushed to help — unasked, undirected, and sometimes unwanted.

Many of those volunteers angrily dispute the notion they were a burden. They insist that in many instances they were able to deliver respirators, hard hats, and protective boots to workers when no one else seemed able.

Ground zero volunteer Rhonda Shearer and her daughter launched a fast-moving supply system that bypassed regular channels, often infuriating city officials.

Even as she delivered box trucks packed with supplies over months of recovery work, she increasingly ended up in a cat-and-mouse game with New York City's police and emergency management agency.

Shearer, 53, said the experience convinced that agencies are ill-equipped to handle major disasters — but don't want outsiders pointing out their failings.

Similar frustrations arose after Katrina, when people were shocked that the government struggled to take basic supplies such as water to the worst areas.

"They're more worried about keeping volunteers out than doing an analysis of what really went wrong," said Shearer. "Independent citizens need to be involved, where we have no tax to grind or cross to bear. But we will tell the truth, and we will tell what we see and bear witness to the incompetence."

Dickinson, the federal fire official, said the government is not trying to discourage volunteers — but — he — thinks there should come a time, within a few days of a disaster, when civilians step back and let the professionals take control.

Supporters say the ID cards could be checked at a disaster

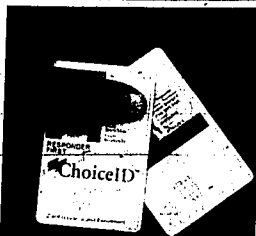
area with a card-reader device and used to verify a person's unique skills. For example, if police officers have been trained to handle hazardous materials, officials at the scene could deploy them to an area

where their skills would be best put to use.

Mike Taylor, executive director of the National Demolition Association, said his industry is talking with aides to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger about

putting it in place in his state.

"If California goes ahead and does that, it will flow across the country. This is a really smart idea by someone in the Bush administration to be able to control access to the site."



Rufus Manning of Veritag Media Relations holds examples of IDs being developed as part of the new federal effort to create a nationwide system of IDs for disaster workers.

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Borrowers, economists keep eyes on interest rates

By Jeanine Arras
Associated Press writer

JACKSON, Wyo. — Is the long wait coming to an end for borrowers who would like to see interest rates go down?

The Federal Reserve hasn't sliced a key interest rate — now at 5.25 percent — in four years.

Where the Fed is headed, at its next meeting on Sept. 18 and later, generated much buzz on the sidelines of an economic conference here. The gathering focused on housing, which has been in a deep slump.

Outside the meeting, talk turned to how Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke thus far is handling a global credit crunch that has rocked Wall Street and has raised new dangers to the country's economic health. A growing number of economists predict the Fed will be forced to lower its key rate this year. Others say it isn't a sure thing.

The fear is that if credit continues to become harder for people and businesses to get, spending and investment will be cramped. That could hurt overall economic growth.

In a worst-case scenario, the country could slide into a global recession. Credit is the economy's lifeblood. It lets people make big-ticket purchases such as homes and cars and can help businesses bankroll expansions and other things that can boost hiring.

Some economists put the odds of a recession this year at one in three.

Lyle Gramley, a former Fed official and now senior economic adviser at the Stanford Washington Research Group, said the "chances are very high" that the Fed will cut its key rate, called the federal funds rate, on Sept. 18 by one-quarter percentage point to 5 percent. He predicted that would be followed up by cuts of a quarter-point each at the Fed's October and December meetings.

"This is the most chaotic mortgage market that I've ever seen in 50 years," he said.

Laurence Meyer, a former Federal Reserve Board member who is vice chairman of Macroeconomic Advisers, also is in the camp of a September rate cut.

A cut would mean lower interest rates for millions of people and businesses. That's why it is the Fed's main tool for influencing economic activity.

Commercial banks' prime lending rate for certain credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other loans currently at 8.25 percent would drop by a corresponding amount to a cut in the funds rate.

However, Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank, thinks there's a good chance the Fed will leave its key rate unchanged in September.

"If markets normalize and credit begins moving again, we'll look at this as basically a bad dream," he said.

In an anxiously awaited speech on Friday, Bernanke told the conference the Fed will "act as needed" to protect the national economy from the ill effects of the credit crunch.

At the same time, he made clear the Fed's next move on rates will be driven by economic considerations.

"It is not the responsibility of the Federal Reserve — nor would it be appropriate — to protect lenders and investors from the consequences of their financial decisions," Bernanke said. "But developments in financial markets can have broad economic effects felt by many outside the market. The Federal Reserve must take those effects into account when determining policy."

Before the financial crisis erupted, the economy had a full head of steam, growing a robust 4 percent in the April-to-June quarter. But growth is expected to slow to half that pace in the current quarter and lose more speed in the final quarter of this year. The unemployment rate, now at 4.6 percent, is expected to creep up to around 5 percent by year's end.

To stabilize wobbly markets, the Fed on Aug. 17 sliced its lending rate to banks by a half percentage point to 5.75 percent. It also has pumped billions of dollars into the financial system to help banks and other institutions get through the credit crunch and carry out their business.



Bernanke



As Idaho moves more freight by road, businesses struggle with shipping costs

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

EDEN — Idaho may never know the number of businesses it has lost to other states, say economic development officials.

The state frequently boasts about its success rate in attracting new businesses and industries, but local and state officials say several others have not even considered Idaho as a location for startup or expansion. That's because most industries that export products overseas, locate near intermodal terminals — facilities that load freight containers from truck to train.

More than 85 percent of exports from the United States are shipped in freight containers because of increased quality control requirements and homeland security regulations, however, Idaho is the only state west of the Mississippi that lacks some form of a loading terminal.

Although local businesses and economic development officials blame the Union Pacific Corp. for refusing to stop to load containers in southern Idaho, Union Pacific says there just isn't enough demand to merit a multi-million-dollar loading facility.

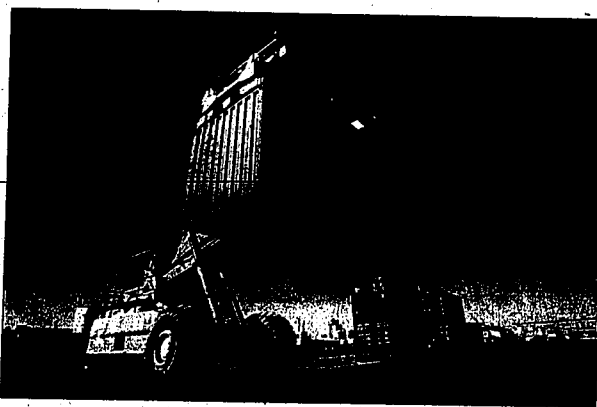
"These facilities are costly and they are usually built by partnerships with public and private parties to improve what they already have," said James Barnes, spokesman for Union Pacific. So, even though southern Idaho may be expanding its industrial base, transportation officials seem to indicate that the region has not developed the infrastructure to support it.

A weighty issue

Each year, the Stantidee Hay Co. in Eden loads more than 70,000 tons of alfalfa and other stock feed onto semi trailers and drives it about 300 miles to a terminal in Salt Lake City.

The hay company ships more containers out of the Salt Lake City Intermodal Terminal than any other business in Idaho or Utah. "There is no other way to ship 70,000 pounds of alfalfa overseas," they (cargo ships) just don't do it any other way," said Mike Stantidee, owner of the company. "Really, what it comes down to is that I have customers with high expectations, and if I can't deliver mine, they'll find someone else who can."

About a year ago, Stantidee started his own trucking company to ship stock feed to the Port of



A 90-ton container handler operates Wednesday morning at APEX container facility in Twin Falls. The company transfers some 2,500 containers carrying various goods such as dairy products, canned vegetables as well as clothes and electronics.

Editor's note:

This is the second of a two-part series on the challenges that agriculture and other industries in south-central Idaho face without certain railroad services.

Last Sunday's lawmakers and economic development officials fear that industries in south-central Idaho are unable to compete with similar industries in other states that have intermodal loading terminals.

Struggling to reach an agreement with the Union Pacific Corp., officials learn that there is no quick and easy solution.

Today's economic impact worries state officials at some businesses consider leaving Idaho to be closer to loading terminals.

Railroad officials say the cost is too high to build a terminal — local officials say Twin Falls already has one.

Tacoma. "Wish. However, as the price of fuel continues to rise, so do Stantidee's concerns about competitive pricing."

"I'm always trying to think ahead how I can avoid all this (shipping to Salt Lake City)," he said. "But I'll be honest with you, it's crushing us."

Where is the breaking point?

Union Pacific says there aren't any terminals in Idaho to meet the demand in Idaho to meet a loading facility.

But neither the Union Pacific nor state officials know the number of freight containers being shipped in or out of Idaho each

year. What they do know is that the number is growing. State transportation officials and Idaho lawmakers are keenly aware that a growing number of freight containers are trucked over the state's road system.

Idaho legislators approved a bill earlier this year that extends the length of freight trucks to 97 feet — allowing more cargo to be shipped at one time — and a proposal is on the table to increase the state's weight-load limit to be comparable with states such as Utah, which allows 2,000 lbs. more than what Idaho permits.

However, Gov. CL "Butch" Otter said the costs of fixing roads such as U.S. Interstate 84 through southern Idaho and U.S. Highway 95, which runs north and south the length of the state, are outpacing the state's Transportation Department's roughly \$500 million annual budget.

His proposal is to increase taxes and fees to generate about \$200 million more for road repairs.

"Consider what the Legislature has done in terms of increasing farm-to-market transportation on our roads," said Ronald Kern, senior transportation planner with the Idaho Transportation Department.

Moving that to the railroads might be a concern, but it seems to be that Idaho is going the other way.

Questions without answers

"There is no magic number when we consider an intermodal terminal. We look at volume in several areas like the potential export base

and consumer base," Barnes said. But the biggest consideration is the area's accessibility to the interstate highway system.

The mainline railroad cannot stop and attach rail cars loaded with containers because, once again, there is not enough demand to merit a stop, he also said.

Idaho does have a second railroad — the Eastern Idaho Railroad Company based in Twin Falls — that operates two shoreline railroads in Idaho Falls and south-central Idaho. But it cannot ship outside of Idaho — leaving the Union Pacific as the only railroad company with the ability to ship containers to ports.

What Idaho doesn't know, can hurt it

When Idaho goes up against other states to attract businesses, the Gem State usually wins, said Jay Rogers, director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.

Idaho's low cost of doing business, its growing labor force and the ability to educate and train workers gives the state an advantage over surrounding states.

But she added, Idaho is also missing several opportunities for new businesses and industries — ones that are moving to places like Salt Lake City.

Idaho has been excluded by companies that want to be near an intermodal terminal," Rogers said. "Unfortunately, we don't know how many that might be because what's comes down to is that Idaho is not even a consideration."



To see a photo gallery of the Stantidee Hay Company, visit timesnews.com

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for Valley Health and the Optimist Club of Twin Falls by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce ambassadors. Optimist donated a new playground area to the Valley Health in Larry Everett's name. Valley Health welcomes donations from the Magic Valley to assist them with their work. For more information, call 734-7736. Pictured from left, in front, Lori Bergsma, Jenny Evertson (Optimist), Sharon Breushares (Valley Health),

Sub-A-Ria DeLites moves to Twin Falls

Sugar Kampe recently relocated her established business from Kimberly to Twin Falls. Sugar's Sub-A-Ria DeLites is now located at 682 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. (Behind Arctic Circle). The restaurant specializes in take-'n'-bake pizzas, which are hand-made made with fresh ingredients; and submarine sandwiches, which are made-to-order with an assortment of lean meats, cheeses, vegetables and baked on the premises. They

also offer three-foot subs for company lunches, meetings or parties. A three-day notice is requested on all large orders. Sugar's Sub-A-Ria DeLites is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and orders can be placed by phone or fax, or dine in their small unique shop. They offer gift cards and also accept Quest cards. For more information, call 423-6006, or to fax an order, 423-6092.

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HELP FOR PEDIATRIC UNIT



Tony Gomez, manager of Island Bar & Grill (right), and his assistant, Debra Harick, organized a golf tourney in July to benefit children's health needs. They recently presented a check for \$1,830 to the St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation to be used to purchase capital improvements for the SHMVC's Pediatric Unit. Courtesy photo.

Twin Falls library board welcomes new members

The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation Inc. completed its latest fiscal year on April 30. The Foundation's mission is to purchase books and materials for the Twin Falls Public Library, beyond what the City can provide, and to help support the Library's programs, furniture and technology needs.

Retiring Board members are Diane Bourquin and Jim Vanley. Brian Bolton will serve as the Library Board of Trustees liaison for the coming year. The officers for the new fiscal year include president, Ann Alvarez; vice president, Sue Skinner; treasurer, Lance Whitney; secretary, Janet Beeks.

The Board of Directors welcomes two new members, William E. "Bill" Baxter Jr. and Megan Hodge. Baxter is originally from Tacoma, Wash. He is a graduate of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and has

lived in Twin Falls since 1902. He is a certified public accountant with the accounting firm of Stevens Pierce and Associates. Baxter and his wife, Laura, have four children.

Hodge is a graduate of Boise State University and works as an accountant at the village of Southern Idaho. She was born in Wendell and has lived in Twin Falls for the past 16 years. She is married to Mike Hodge and is the mother of two daughters.



KICKBACK CUTS RIBBON



Kickback held a ribbon-cutting assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's ambassadors. Their office is located at 308 Shoabone St. E., No. 7 in Twin Falls. Customers can earn Kickback points at any Twin Falls Oasis Stop 'N' Go location. For more information, call 886-230-6357. Pictured from left, Renee Andrew-Lewis, Mott Wildey, Troy Willie, Dan Willie and, cutting, Pat Lewis.

MUSTANG SALLY'S OPENS



Mustang Sally's Bar and Grill in Paul is now open. From left: Jennifer Stringer, Van Stringer, Desiree Chandler and Eric Kazmarczyk. Located at 118 E. Idaho St. in Paul, Mustang Sally's is owned and operated by Van Stringer, who has been in the bar/restaurant business since 1991. Restaurant manager is Desiree Chandler. Chefs include Jennifer Stringer and Eric Kazmarczyk. Jennifer is also the kitchen manager. The restaurant is open 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. seven days a week and offers full breakfast, lunch and dinner menus. It features large portions and homestyle cooking. Specialties include half-pound hamburgers and hand-breaded chicken. The bar plans to open this fall and will feature live music, dancing and full bar. The business can be reached by calling 438-GRUB (4782).

Richard Hill

IDAHO FALLS — D. L. Evans Bank announced the appointment of Richard Hill as vice president and commercial loan officer at their Idaho Falls branch located at 888 E. 17th St. Hill earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Idaho State University and is also a graduate of the Northwest Agricultural Credit School. He has 32 years of previous lending experience in various positions with Northwest Farm Credit Services.



September, 2003. Her office is at 1111 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite D.

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Lori Irish

MADISON, Wis. — Lori Irish, an American Family Insurance agent in Twin Falls, has been recognized for customer satisfaction excellence under the J.D. Power and Associates' Distinguished Insurance Agency Program. Irish has been an agent for American Family since

Minidoka hospital gets two new respiratory therapists

By Trena Tegan For the Times-News

RUPERT — Minidoka Memorial Hospital, at 1224 Eighth St. in Rupert, has announced the arrival of two new respiratory therapists.

Michael S. Allen joined Minidoka Memorial in March. He began working in health care by being a volunteer with the American Red Cross teaching center and working with junior high and high school youth programs. He worked as a first responder and an emergency medical technician. Though this was exciting work, he says he felt his place was teaching and more one-on-one care with people. After learning about Respiratory Therapy he enrolled in the program recently got his Registered Respiratory Therapist credential. Over the past few years he has worked in home care, community hospitals and a major trauma center. As a Respiratory Therapist he works in a variety of areas of the hospital including emergency room to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, the floor, intensive care unit and transporting patients in addition to doing the scheduled rounds, therapies and patient education.



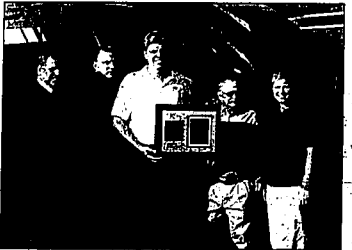
Steven Schaal also joined Minidoka Memorial in March as director of Respiratory

Services. He is responsible for staffing, budget, patient care and quality of care.

He began his respiratory career at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls in March 1976 training on the job as a respiratory assistant. He received his education at Bio-Systems Institute in Tempe, Ariz., graduating with honors in 1981. He worked at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center for 20 years as a staff therapist, shift supervisor and assistant director of respiratory services. In 1996 he moved to Gooding and worked at Gooding County Memorial Hospital as the director of respiratory services and in due course director of ancillary services to include leadership and direction for lab, physical therapy, medical imaging, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, performance improvement, risk management and policy/forms committee.

The goal in the Respiratory Department is simply to provide patient care with compassion and in the most equitable manner possible while keeping pace with the unending changes in lab, physical therapy, medical imaging, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, performance improvement, risk management and policy/forms committee.

Allen and Schaal can be reached at Minidoka Memorial Hospital by calling 438-0431 ext. 452.



From left Paul Rudge, AGCO district director; Grant Haman, AGCO sales manager; Gene Porath, AGCO sales manager; and Whitney Pagan, AGCO sales manager.

AGCO awards Agri-Service Inc. for high marks in annual review

AGCO Corporation, a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment, recently recognized Agri-Service Inc. in Burley and Twin Falls for superior achievement upon completion of the Continuous Improvement Program. AGCO's annual dealer evaluation review.

Director Paul Rudge and Sales Manager Gene Porath of AGCO presented Agri-Service Inc. in Burley and Twin Falls with a Gold Medallion Dealer's plaque, and a financial award as recognition for their excellence in the Continuous Improvement Program. The CIP evaluates dealers' performance in sales, parts, service certification, advertising, training, overall facility and signage, with the ultimate goal of improving customer satisfaction. Agri-Service Inc. was recognized for its exemplary efforts to excel in these standards of dedication and determination.



The L. Jean Schoonover Excellence in Caring Award was presented by Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center at the 2007 Idaho Health Care Association Conference held in Boise recently. From left: Jackie Haricke, activities coordinator; Bonnie Sorensen, director of nursing; and Kathy Gosnell, social services director.

Countryside named one of top care facilities in state

By Trena Tegan For the Times-News

RUPERT — Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center, the extended care facility of Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert was honored as one of 15 "facilities" in the state, to receive the L. Jean Schoonover Excellence in Caring Award.

This is the 14th annual presentation of the awards in recognition of excellence in patient care at Idaho nursing facilities. This award is named in honor of L. Jean Schoonover who was the chief of the Bureau of Facility Standards until her death in 1984. She is most remembered for her dedication and commitment to the assurance that the citizens of Idaho residing in health care facilities received the highest quality of care possible. Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center has been in business since 1960. The center was expanded in 1978 with the addition of the east wing. Countryside received its new name after the remodel-

ing of 2004. Hospital administrator Carl Hanson asked Joel Rogers to provide an executive level of leadership for the long term care unit in 2002. New patient vans were procured through grants from the Idaho Transportation Department. In 2003 the facility began a capital project to update the facility and provide more private rooms, better rehabilitation services and a more, family friendly decor. It currently maintains 59 rehab and long term care beds and private and semi-private rooms are available. "This is a great accomplishment," says Joel Rogers, the administrator of Countryside Care and Rehabilitation. "I personally take little credit for the success of our facility. If we as an administration, can provide the proper equipment, leadership and surrounding staff will provide exceptional care for our residents. This award proves that." The facility is available for tours and consultations for care are also available. Call 434-0232 for more information.

MILESTONES

New version of software helps with decorating

Denver-based VZK Corporation has released an updated version of its patent-pending Decor Creator software. The program will help franchisees use a computer laptop to help customers select window fashions and home decor.

The VZK franchisees in Twin Falls is Kay Sorensen. Sorensen is ready to assist homeowners in creating window fashions for their homes, specifically geared toward individual tastes and budgets. Sorensen serves the communities of the Magic and Wood River Valleys.

For more information, call Sorensen at 736-1942 for a complimentary in-home consultation.

Bernanke

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Before those moves, investors accused Bernanke of falling to play close enough attention to the financial crisis. In Friday's speech, "he put to rest concerns that he doesn't understand credit markets," said John Makin, principal of Caxton Associates and among those expecting one or more cuts in the federal funds rate this year.

Still, Martin Feldstein, president of the National Bureau of Economic Research, said of the Fed's strategy so far, "It's not clear whether this will all succeed." He suggested that lower rates now would help, but acknowledged the Fed has a delicate dance. Rates could be sliced as much as one percentage point, he said.

The financial crisis poses the biggest test yet for Bernanke, who took the Fed helm 19 months ago. Bernanke, who spent much of his professional life in academia, succeeded longtime chairman Alan Greenspan, whom some had thought had a sixth sense about Wall Street.

Tannenbaum said Bernanke has been surgical thus far in his choice of tools to handle the financial crisis. "He hasn't fallen prey to some of the shrinks in the financial markets that he doesn't know what is going on out there. I think he does."

After a five-year boom, the housing market went bust last year. Problems are expected to persist well into next year as lenders try to unload down a glut of unsold homes.

During the housing slump, a combination of higher interest rates and weaker home values dlobbered homeowners, especially those with blemished credit histories or low incomes holding high-cost mortgages.

Foreclosures and delinquencies are soaring and are expected to get worse. Lenders have been forced out of business, and hedge funds and other big investors in subprime mortgage securities also have taken a big financial hit.

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Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at Citicorp Bank in Chicago

I started a joke: Computer viruses started as high-school prank 25 years ago

By Anick Jazdawn
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK—What began as a ninth-grade prank, a way to trick already-suspicious friends who had fallen for his impractical jokes, has earned Rich Skrenta notoriety as the first person ever to lose a personal computer virus.

Although over the next 25 years, Skrenta started the online news business Topix, helped launch a collaborative Web directory now owned by Time Warner Inc.'s Netscape and wrote countless other computer programs, he is still remembered most for unleashing the "Elk Cloner" virus on the world.

It was some dumb little practical joke," Skrenta, now 40, said in an interview. "I guess if you had to pick between being known for this and not being known for anything, I'd rather be known for this. But it's an odd placeholder for (all) that I've done."

"Elk Cloner" — self-replicating like all other viruses — bears the resemblance of the malicious programs of today. Yet in retrospect, it was a harbinger of all the security headaches that would only grow to more people got computers and wrote countless other programs, he is still remembered most for unleashing the "Elk Cloner" virus on the world.

Skrenta's friends were already distrusting him because of his pranking, in swapping computer games and software as part of ploy circles common at the time. Skrenta often altered the floppy disks he gave out to launch taunting on-screen messages. Many friends simply started refusing disks from him.

So during a winter break from the Mt. Lebanon Senior High School in Pittsburgh, Skrenta hacked away at an Apple II computer — the dominant personal computer then — and figured out how to get the code to launch those messages.

He developed what is now known as a "boot sector" virus. When it boots, or starts up, an infected disk places a copy of the virus in the computer's memory. Whenever someone inserts a clean disk into the machine and types the command "catalog" for a list of files, a copy gets written onto that disk too. The newly infected disk is passed on to other people, other machines and other locations.

The prank, though annoying to victims, is relatively harmless compared with the viruses of today. Every 20th time someone booted an infected disk, a poem he wrote would appear, saying in part, "It will get on all your disks. It will infiltrate your chips."

Skrenta started circulating the virus in early 1982 among friends at his school and at a local computer club. A year later, he would continue to hear stories of other victims, including a sailor during the first Gulf War nearly a decade later (Why that sailor was still sick with Apple II, Skrenta does not know).

These days, there are hundreds of thousands of viruses — perhaps more than a million — that infect how one counts slight variations.

The first virus to hit computers running Microsoft Corp.'s operating system came in 1986, when two brothers in Pakistan wrote a boot sector program now dubbed "Brain" — purportedly to punish people who spread pirated software. Although the virus didn't cause serious damage, it displayed the phone number of the brothers' computer shop for repairs.

With the growth of the Internet came a new way to



Rich Skrenta poses for a portrait in front of his first personal computer, the Apple II Plus, at home in San Carlos, Calif., July 31. Skrenta is credited with creating the first computer virus, on the Apple II Plus, in 1982.

A quarter-century of digital mayhem

MAJOR COMPUTER VIRUSES OF THE PAST 25 YEARS

ELK CLONER, 1982: Regarded as the first virus to hit personal computers worldwide, "Elk Cloner" spread through Apple II floppy disks and displayed a poem written by its author, a ninth-grade student who was developing it as a practical joke.

BRAIN, 1986: "Brain" is the first virus to hit computers running a Microsoft Corp. operating system — DOS. Written by two Pakistani brothers, the virus left the phone number of their computer repair shop.

MORRIS, 1988: Written by a Cornell University graduate student whose father was then a top government computer-security expert, the virus infected an estimated 6,000 university and military computers connected over the Internet. Although viruses had spread over the Internet before, until "Morris" none was widespread.

MELISSA, 1998: "Melissa" was one of the first to spread over e-mail. When users opened an attachment, the virus sent copies of itself to the first 50 people in the user's address book, covering the globe within hours.

LOVE BUG, 2000: Also spread via e-mail attachment, "Love Bug" exploited human nature and

tricked recipients into opening it by disguising itself as a love letter.

CODE RED, 2001: Exploiting a flaw in Microsoft software, "Code Red" was among the first "network worms" to spread rapidly because it required only a network connection, not a human opening as an attachment. Although the flaw was known, many system operators had yet to install a software patch Microsoft made available a month earlier to fix it.

BLASTER, 2003: "Blaster" also took advantage of a known flaw in Microsoft software and, along with the 2003 "SoBig" outbreak, prompted Microsoft to offer cash rewards to people who help authorities capture and prosecute the virus writers.

SASSER, 2004: "Sasser" exploited a Microsoft flaw and prompted some computers to continually crash and reboot, apparently the result of bad programming. Although "Sasser" is hardly the last malicious software, the ones since then have generally received less attention as network install better defenses and prompted virus writers try to avoid detection and removal of their works.

—By The Associated Press

spread viruses: e-mail.

"Melissa" (1998), "Love Bug" (2000) and "SoBig" (2003) were among a slew of fast-moving threats that snatched millions of computers worldwide by tricking people into clicking on e-mail attachments and launching a program that automatically sent copies to other victims.

Although some of the early viruses overwhelmed net-

works, later ones corrupted documents or had other destructive properties.

Compared with the threats, "the underlying technology is very similar (but) the things viruses can do once they get hold of the computer has changed dramatically," said Richard Ford, a computer science professor at the Florida Institute of Technology.

Later viruses spread through

instant-messaging and file-sharing software, while others circulated faster than ever by exploiting flaws in Windows networking functions.

More recently, viruses have been treated to steal personal data such as passwords or to create e-mail more difficult to trace.

Suddenly, though, viruses weren't spreading as quickly. Virus writers now motivated by prurient rather than notoriety are trying to stay low-key, test their creations get detected and removed, along with their mechanism for income.

Many of the recent malicious programs are technically airtight even viruses, because they don't self-replicate, but users can easily get infected by visiting a rogue Web site that takes advantage of any number of security vulnerabilities in computer software.

Although worldwide outbreaks aren't as common these days, "believe it or not there's actually more malware today than there ever was," said Dave Marcus, a research manager for McAfee Inc.'s Avert Labs. "We find 150 to 175 new pieces of malware every single day. Five years ago, it would have been maybe 100 new pieces a week."

Symantec Corp. formed the same year Skrenta unleashed "Elk Cloner" but it dabbled in non-security software before releasing an anti-virus product for Apple's Macintosh in 1989. Today, security-related hardware, software and services represent a \$30 billion industry worldwide, a figure IDC projects will reach \$67 billion in 2010.

Even as corporations and Internet service providers step up their defenses, though, virus writers look to emerging platforms, including mobile devices and Web-based services like social-networking sites.

"Malware writers can't assume you are on PCs or won't want to limit themselves to that," said Dave Cole, Symantec's director of security response.

That's not to say Skrenta should get the blame anytime someone gets spam sent through a social-networking site or finds a computer slow to boot because of a lingering pest. After all, there no evidence virus writers who followed the lead of Skrenta or his crew.

Fred Cohen, a security expert who wrote his Ph.D. dissertation in 1986 on computer viruses, said the conditions were right, and with more and more homes getting computers, "it was all a matter of time before this happened."

In fact, a number of viruses present a "Elk Cloner" although they were experimental or limited in scope. Many consider Skrenta's the first true virus because it spread in the wild on the dominant home computers of its day.

"You had other people even at the time saying, 'We had this idea, we even coded it up, but we thought it was awful and we never released it,'" said Skrenta, who is now heading Blekko Inc., a month-old startup still working in stealth mode.

And where was his restraint? "Skrenta said: 'I was in the ninth grade.'"

NATION

The immigration squeeze

Iowa town finds itself caught up in controversy



Francisco Vargas Acosta talks about his life and his future during an interview, June 5, in Marshalltown, Iowa. Vargas, an illegal immigrant with two sons, wonders if the family life he built over a decade will disappear in the face of immigration crackdowns.

Editor's note: — Labor Day 2007 comes at a time of high-pitched debate about an increasingly visible segment of the work force — illegal immigrants. But when an influx of immigrant workers and their families, legal and not, revives a fading town and creates new relationships, the discussion gets more complex. Here's a look at one such community.

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press writer

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa — Everyone knew they were there, doing dirty and dangerous work in the massive meatpacking plant. They had come a long way — more than 1,000 miles, from impoverished rural Mexico to the lush corn country of the Midwest. Some folks looked the other way, others offered a helping hand.

Then, federal agents swept through, and the complicated bargain that Marshalltown had made with illegal immigration was laid bare.

This town in the heart of middle America that has been transformed, even rejuvenated, by immigration stands as a symbol of the agonizing predicaments and pressures faced by many communities today.

"You're caught in the middle," says Mayor Gene Beach. "It's a matter of changing the immigration laws with recognizing families are trying to improve their life. How do you balance that? Someone is going to be bored."

In Marshalltown, that someone might be the meatpacking worker caught up in a raid. Or the soccer coach who harbored a secret. Or the police detective unable to solve the mystery of a Mexican man found dead on a busy road.

As the latest crop of presidential candidates eviscerates Iowa, their speeches bristling with catch phrases about the border, Marshalltown is confronting the real-life consequences of a problem whose roots are far away.

"If you've got a leaky hot water heater, you've got to fix the leak before the mess," Police Chief Lon Walker says. "We've got the leak at the border. The mess is in Marshalltown."

Twice in the last nine months, federal agents have swooped down on illegal immigrants at the town's largest employer, the giant Swift & Co. pork processing plant. More than 100 people were arrested as part of a national crackdown.

Francisco Vargas Acosta was among those apprehended last December. It was, he says, the second time in a decade that he was arrested at the plant. The first time, he was a teen, and returned to Mexico voluntarily. Now a 29-year-old father of two young sons, he is fighting deportation.

"I'm not a bad guy," Vargas says, sitting in his living room decorated with family photos and porcelain knickknacks. "I just want to stay here for my kids. There's more of a future here. In Mexico, there's nothing."

Detective Dane Zuercher, understanding that desperation, he can even sympathize a bit, but he says he can't condone breaking the law.

"We all want to better ourselves, we want better things for our kids," he says. "But you can't commit a crime to make that happen."

Marshalltown finds itself squeezed by both sides in the immigration divide.

The town can't ignore the presence of illegal immigrants — whether it's the raids or the cases that pile up on Zuercher's desk that involve people who cross the border and buy or use stolen identities to land jobs.



Elizabeth Castellanos, 9, responds during an interview in Marshalltown, Iowa. Castellanos, whose father is an illegal immigrant from Mexico, worries she'll have to leave Iowa because her father faces deportation.

few hundred in 1990 to perhaps as much as 20 percent of the 26,000 residents now — has pumped new blood into this aging rural community.

The leaders know darn well this town would really be suffering if not for the influx of refugees," says Mark Grey, a University of Northern Iowa professor and immigration expert. "They can wax nostalgic for the good old days, but the good old days are gone."

Marshalltown still has the Ben Franklin on Main Street, the Fourth of July celebrations, the cozy Maitre d'ine diner, the grand 19th-century courthouse, places and events that define small-town America.

But life in this Grant Wood landscape also has been shaped by new sights and sounds: Bilingual signs in groceries and banks, Spanish-language Masses. Students learning Spanish and English. An annual Hispanic Heritage festival.

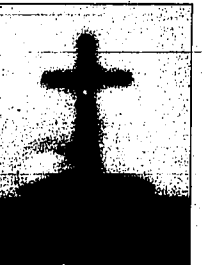
Not everyone likes these changes, but Marshalltown hasn't followed the path of communities that have tried to punish landlords or businesses that associate with illegal immigrants.

It has, instead, tried to learn why people come here. Several times, town leaders have signed on to join Grey, the professor, to travel to Villahuato, a dusty, poor farming village in Mexico that is the source of many of Marshalltown's immigrants.

"I wanted them to understand the economic conditions that drive people out of Mexico," says Grey, director



Police Chief Lon Walker stands in front of the Marshalltown Police Dept., earlier this year in Marshalltown, Iowa. Walker says there's a 'basic mistrust' of law enforcement among many Mexican immigrants in the small town.



A few cars sit in the parking lot of the Swift & Company meatpacking plant in Marshalltown, Iowa, Aug. 26. The plant, the town's largest employer, has traditionally hired a number of Spanish-speaking immigrants.

of the Iowa Center for Immigration Leadership and Integration.

Houses with dirt floors, unpaved roads and people desperate for work all provided compelling evidence. But the tip also revealed something else to Walker, the police chief, as he questioned villagers:

"I said, 'How many of you have been to Marshalltown?' All the hands went up," he says. "How many of you did it legally? All the hands went down."

No one knows how many of the town's immigrants are here illegally, but from the beginning, the community has tried to ease the transition for newcomers. Several years ago, the police helped produce a video in Spanish that explained everything from tornado sirens to parking laws.

As the Hispanic population has grown, many of the early racial tensions have faded — Walker says he no longer gets calls asking, "What are you going to do about the Mexican problem?" — but they haven't totally disappeared.

"You don't take a 99-percent Caucasian community, add 15-20 percent of people who are of a different ethnicity and race and expect to become a happy place overnight," says Ken Anderson, president of the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce. "There's that element of fear on both sides."

There has also been a growing acceptance as the first wave of immigrants — young, mostly single men who worked at Swift, crowded into houses on quiet streets and some-



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times drank too much — gave way to families. They bought homes, put their kids in school and opened restaurants, groceries and dozens of other businesses.

"When you have any minority community come in — it's their going to be a learning curve," says Mike Schlessinger, publisher of the Marshalltown Times-Republican.

There still is, however, a "basic mistrust" of law enforcement among many Mexican immigrants, Walker says. It doesn't help that the force has no Hispanic officers — despite recruitment efforts — or anyone fluent in Spanish.

"Those suspicions can be an obstacle. When a young Hispanic man was struck and killed by a car last year, his wife went home, leaving his body in the road, without reporting the incident. Both were illegal immigrants.

Despite a thorough investigation, Zuercher was never able to figure out what happened.

Zuercher also finds himself dealing with a steady flow of identity theft cases. In fact, when authorities raided the Swift plant last winter, several workers were accused of identity theft or fraud.

These cases are time-consuming and complicated, Zuercher says: One man called from California wanting to know how he could owe back taxes on wages earned in Marshalltown when he'd never been here. Others involve six or seven people around the country — including someone in town — who use the same name and Social Security number.

While police are frustrated by these fraud cases, the families themselves have their own anxieties.

Elizabeth Castellanos, who is 9, fears she'll have to leave Iowa because her father may be deported. "This is the place I belong," she says. "I don't want to leave to go to Mexico."

Elizabeth and her mother sought help at St. Mary's Catholic Church, which has a large Hispanic flock. It's the same place many families turned to after their relatives were arrested at Swift.

"People were wondering, 'How are we going to feed our families because the breadwinner was gone or the job was gone,'" says Sister Christine Fagan, director of the church's Hispanic ministry. "There also was the pressure of families in Mexico who were counting on the workers to send them money."

After the December raid — one of six at Swift plants across the country — federal agents returned in July. They made five more arrests, including a union representative and a human resources manager who allegedly coached an illegal immigrant on how to apply for a job using a false name and documents.

These were not the first such raids. Ten years before, more than 140 people were arrested for immigration violations at the same plant. In the decade between, though, illegal immigrants were hiding in plain sight.

Since the police don't enforce federal immigration laws, "if you were simply working or living here, you felt pretty safe," Walker says.

That ended last December for Francisco Vargas Acosta. He wasn't surprised by the raid. But he says he had no choice: He needed the work — he earned \$13.25 an hour — to help support his family.

His lawyers are trying to get him a work permit under a special program open to those who've lived here 10 years consecutively. They are also fighting his deportation, arguing it would create a hardship on his family.

"Are we really the type of place that wants to prohibit them from being together?" asks Megan Lewis, one of his lawyers, noting that his wife, also a Swift employee, is a legal resident.

For Vargas, this place has been home nearly half his life. He followed family here, attended school briefly and now has a house where he and his wife want to raise their sons.

He wants now to see if that will happen.

Chicken farmers skeptical recruits in war on terror

By Mary Beth Sheridan
The Washington Post

In 28 years of raising chickens, Virgil Shockley has had his share of worries, from bird disease to pollution. But nothing prepared him for the latest concern sweeping the poultry industry: Local farms could be deemed terrorist targets by the U.S. government.

"Out here?" Shockley exclaimed, gesturing across a rutted dirt road from his home on Maryland's Eastern Shore, toward six long metal sheds filled with birds.

But nestled in the grass between his sheds are rows of large propane tanks, used to heat the chicken houses. They fall under regulations recently proposed by the Department of Homeland Security for the chemical industry. Like many others in the \$1.5 billion Delmarva poultry industry, Shockley can't imagine that a propane tank could pose a threat in this rural area.

"If it blows, you've got barbecued chicken!" he said. Shockley's part of an unlikely group of people who have been swept up in Homeland Security's quest to protect the chemical industry from terrorist attacks.

The proposed regulations, drafted after years of debate, would require thousands of chemical-using businesses to fill out extensive questionnaires in coming months. Homeland Security would then require the highest-risk companies to draw up detailed security plans.

Industry groups and politicians are complaining that Homeland Security is casting too wide a net. In recent months, they have been bombarded the agency with complaints that the regulations could affect not only chemical giants but also mom-and-pop dry cleaners, university labs, doctors' offices and even camper parks.

"Given the serious threats that are currently facing our country ... please explain why this initiative is a good use of federal dollars," Sens. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., Benjamin Cardin, D-Md., and Thomas Carper, D-Del., wrote last month to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, complaining of the effect on chicken farms.

Homeland Security officials are promising to respond to the furor — hinting that the



Virgil Shockley demonstrates how hard it would be to move, let alone make off with, one of the 500-gallon propane tanks on his Eastern Shore chicken farm.

regulations will be adjusted. "A small percentage of farmers that use or store propane in agricultural facilities will be covered," spokeswoman Laura Koehner said recently.

But the controversy illustrates a continuing dilemma for the government: how to strike the right balance between safety and the freedom to conduct one's business.

"There's got to be some sanity here, or people will stand back and go, 'Exactly who's winning here?'" said Jim Thrift of the Agricultural Retailers Association, a trade group.

Homeland Security officials, politicians and analysts say the regulations are a long-overdue effort to address a serious problem. The Government Accountability Office has repeatedly called for federal anti-terrorism requirements for chemical facilities, warning that voluntary steps by the industry weren't enough.

But for years, Congress and the Bush administration couldn't agree on how to regulate the industry. That changed last fall, when Homeland Security was put in charge of setting security standards for businesses that manufacture, use, store or distribute certain chemicals. The agency drew up a proposed list of more than 300 chemicals that would trigger reporting requirements — including propane.

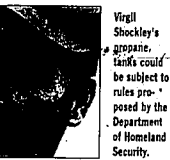
P.J. Crowley, director of

homeland security at the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank, said the Homeland Security survey will undoubtedly sweep in companies that are not high-risk terrorism targets. But he said the exercise would produce numerous benefits, such as giving the agency a broad perspective of chemical use across the country.

"The fact that DHS is, in essence, making its presence known does send a very important signal here," he said. "It's important for those who are involved in the production or use of hazardous materials to review what they're doing."

Koehner said such chemicals as propane and chlorine have been used in terrorist plots in London and Iraq. "At this point, we live in a post-9/11 world," the Homeland Security spokeswoman said. "There are basic measures that are incumbent on us as U.S. citizens. And there are small inconveniences."

To the affected businesses, though, the inconveniences are anything but small. Koehner said it will take a few hours, at most, to complete the Web-based questionnaire, but industry groups said it could take much longer. That's particularly true in rural areas with limited high-speed Internet access — such as Maryland's chicken



Virgil Shockley's propane tanks could be subject to rules proposed by the Department of Homeland Security.

farm belt.

"Hell, I go on 30 minutes checking my e-mail, and I get bumped off," Shockley said.

The questionnaire could also pose problems for colleges and universities. Ar Tahmassian, a Boston University administrator, told a congressional subcommittee last month that some universities have more than 1,000 laboratories — scattered across their campuses. Some may have a mere test-tube full of a chemical on the list, she said, adding that it would be "challenging" to quickly track down all the substances.

Richard Roldan, head of the National Propane Gas Association, said more than 100,000 propane users would probably have to fill out the questionnaire under the proposed rules, which apply to anyone with more than 7,500 pounds of the substance — about 1,750 gallons.

More candidates will skip states that violate party's primary calendar

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards on Saturday joined three other Democrats who say they will skip states that break party rules by holding early primaries.

"Their decision is a major boost to the primary of four early voting states — Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina — and a welcome development to the Democratic National Committee."

"We believe Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina play a unique and special role in the nominating process," Clinton campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle said. "And we believe the DNC's rules and its calendar provide the necessary structure to respect and honor that role."

The DNC has tried to impose discipline on a handful of unruly states determined to vote before Feb. 5 and gain influence in the election cycle. Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina need to be first because in these states ideas count, not just money," Edwards said. "This tried-and-true nominating system is the only way for voters to

judge the field based on the quality of the candidate, not the depth of their war chest."

Obama said the DNC's nominating process is "in the best interests of our party and our nation."

Their pledges came a day after rivals Chris Dodd, Bill Richardson and Joe Biden endorsed the plan, which was promoted by Democratic leaders of the four states that have party approval to hold early contests.

They have now agreed that they won't compete in any other states that vote before Feb. 5, as Florida plans to do and Michigan is poised to do. Their decision is a blow to Florida, which had moved its primary to Jan. 29, and Michigan, where the legislature this week voted to push its primary to Jan. 15. Michigan acted despite the DNC's threat to punish Florida by stripping it of its 210 delegates unless it comes up with another plan in the next four weeks.

The prospect of five candidates bypassing Florida and Michigan would essentially turn those contests into non-binding beauty contests, with no delegates at stake if the DNC imposed its punishment.

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9:30 am - **Kids Fun Run & Walk**.

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

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm - **Live Music from Sound Country, CSI Jazz Combo and Kirby Lenker**. Food from local vendors.

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

12:00 - 2:00 pm - **Korby Lenker**

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

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

Power plant developers switch to gas

PHOENIX (AP) — The development of a proposed coal-fired power plant in southeastern Arizona has drawn criticism from neighbors who decided the facility will include burn natural gas.

Southwestern Power Group announced the decision for its Bowie Power Station in a news release sent late Friday. Company officials weren't available Saturday.

The announcement brought a swift reaction from Cochise County Supervisor Paul Newman, who held a Town Hall meeting Aug. 27 that brought together company officials, plant supporters and a host of opponents.

"That's a huge environmental victory for Cochise County and the state of Arizona," Newman, a former state legislator, said Saturday. "I've been in a state of disbelief all since yesterday afternoon when I was informed."

They are harmed by the increase in groundwater pumping the plant requires.

But soaring gas prices and questionable supplies forced the company to change the power source to coal.

Southwestern then proposed a 600-megawatt plant using coal gasification, a new technology that cuts emissions from coal plants by a considerable amount, although not to the levels of a modern, natural gas-fired plant. A 600-megawatt plant would produce enough electricity for about 600,000 homes.

The company also proposed an experimental project to sequester some of the plant's carbon dioxide emissions, a product of combustion considered responsible for global warming.

The coal proposal drew complaints from Bowie and Wilcox residents worried about pollution, noise, water use and lifestyle changes the plant will bring to the area.

Coal gasification is an expensive new technology and proposed coal plants of all types are facing an increasingly uncertain future as the debate over their greenhouse gas emissions heats up.

All that was apparently too much for Southwestern Power.

"We're making this decision for (a) combination of reasons," the Phoenix company's general manager, David Getts, said in a statement. "Market economics, regulatory uncertainty and public understanding are all factors that helped us come to this decision."

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EDITORIAL

Craig's fall: What might have been?

Wasted potential is among the saddest of human failings, and it was impossible not to appreciate that as Sen. Larry Craig announced his resignation Saturday.

Just a week ago, Craig was the odds-on favorite to be elected to a fourth term in the U.S. Senate. Only two Idahoans, William Borah and Frank Church, have served more than three terms, and both became powerful in their third decade in the Senate.

At the beginning of his fourth term in 1925, Borah became chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. For eight years, Idaho Republican ran the panel so skillfully that he became at least as influential as the secretaries of state at the time, Frank Kellogg and Henry Stimson.

After Church was elected to a fourth term in 1947, he was appointed to chair the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities. In 1975 and 1976, the panel published 14 reports on U.S. intelligence agencies, their operations and the abuses of law and of power that they had committed, together with recommendations for reform. In 1979, Church also became chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Craig, who was already the top Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee's interior subcommittee and the ranking minority member on the Veterans Affairs Committee, would likely have become a force to be reckoned with in the Senate during a fourth term. The GOP must defend 22 Senate seats in 2008, and many of them are vulnerable because of the unpopularity of the war in Iraq. In the Senate that convenes in 2009, Craig probably would have been among the most senior Republicans.

He also likely would have had a key role in crafting a new immigration reform bill; pushed successfully for more research funding of the Idaho National Laboratory; and given Idaho a strong voice in crafting the next farm bill.

"(Craig's resignation) will cost Idaho millions of dollars and lots of influence on policy," Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, told The Associated Press last week.

The senator was probably the Idahoan best equipped to represent the state in Washington through 2014. Now we've lost both his club and his expertise.

On a personal level, this debacle for Craig and his wife, Suzanne, simply didn't have to happen. By hiring a lawyer after his arrest in the Minneapolis airport on charges related to sexually soliciting an undercover policeman or by not pleading guilty, the senator would have been in a legally defensible position. But nobody who admits guilt in court and then claims he's innocent has a right to expect anything but skepticism.

Craig's replacement — probably Lt. Gov. Jim Risch — will have many bridges to rebuild for Idaho when he gets to Capitol Hill. What's needed is a honest, articulate voice for the state's interests — someone who works as hard and as skillfully for Idaho as did Larry Craig.

That's a tall order.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cost of school supplies is ridiculous
Our daughter is a single mom with three children in school. We try to help by buying school supplies. This year, I took the second- and fourth-grade shopping. The total was \$36.05. That included two back packs at \$8 each.

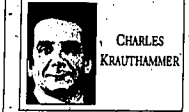
They were required to have a total of 84 No. 2 pencils (sharpener) and six large boxes of tissues. Surely, seems like we are supplying a lot extra. Shouldn't be any runny noses in this school. Give me a break — \$95 for one twin, and we shopped around.

ANGIE BURGESS
Twin Falls
To the person who desecrated my mother's head.

As surge advances, Maliki's troubles grow

The government of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has had more than 15 months to try to pacify the Sunni insurgency by offering national accords on oil-sharing, demilitarization, honor killings, and banishment. It has done none of these.

Instead, Gen. David Petraeus has pacified a considerable number of Sunnis and contrary to local autonomy, guns and U.S. support in jointly fighting al-Qaida.



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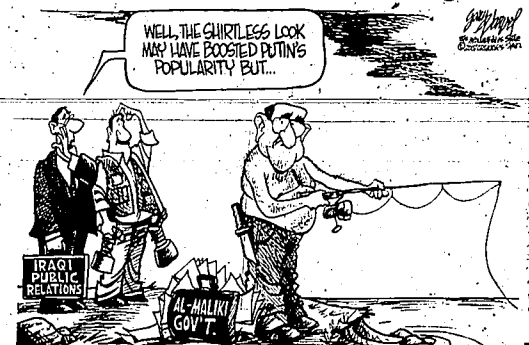
Petraeus' strategy is not very pretty. It carries risk. But it has been effective.

The Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad, however, is not happy with Petraeus' actions. One top Maliki aide complained that it will leave Iraq "an armed society and militias."

What does he think Iraq is now? Except that many Sunni militias that were once shooting at Americans are now shooting at al-Qaida.

The nature of the war is changing. In July, 73 percent of the attacks that caused U.S. casualties in Baghdad were from Shiite militants of the American Sunnis. Maliki is no fool. As more Sunni tribes are pacified, he can see the final military chapter of this war coming into focus: the considerable power of the American military machine slowly turning its face — and its guns — on Shiite extremists.

Of the many mistakes committed in Iraq, perhaps the most serious was to have failed to destroy Moqtada al-Sadr and the remains of his ragged army when we had him cornered and defeated in Najaf in 2004. As a consequence, we have to face him once again. The troop surge has already begun dead and significant raids into Maliki strongholds in Baghdad.



Sadr is hurting. On Wednesday, after many were killed in Shiite-on-Shiite fighting in Karbala, he called for a six-month moratorium on all military operations in order to permit him to "rehabilitate" his increasingly disorganized forces.

At the same time, however, Maliki is denouncing us for overkill in our raids on Shiite areas. The rift between Washington and Baghdad is opening.

It will only widen as long as Maliki is in power.

Now, Maliki is no friend of Sadr or Iran. He knows that if this alliance prevails, they will swallow him whole. But Maliki is too weak temperamentally and politically to make the decisive move in the other direction — toward Sunni and Shiite moderates.

In order to make the necessary national compromises. So he hedges his bets. He visits Iran and, then, while on a Syrian visit, responds to calls for the Iraqi Parliament to bring his government down by saying, "Those who make such statements are bothered by our visit to Syria," and warning darkly that Iraq "can find friends elsewhere."

Maliki is not just weak but unreliable. Time is short. We should have long ago — say,

when Stephen Hadley wrote his leaked memo last November about Maliki's failure — began working to have this dysfunctional government replaced.

Even the French foreign minister, upon returning from a recent non-peace-making trip to Iraq, called for Maliki's replacement. (One can discount his later apology as pro form.) Such suggestions are often denounced as hypocritical and contrary to democracy. Nonsense. In a parliamentary system, a government serves only if it continues to command confidence.

Does anyone imagine that Maliki enjoys the confidence of the majority of Iraqis? If he does not, parliament, representing the people, has the perfect right to vote no confidence and bring down the government.

And then? Rather than seek a new coalition as a shaky substitute, the better alternative is new elections. And this time, let's not repeat the mistake of election by party list, a system almost designed to produce wardlord leadership and unstable coalitions. See Iraq. See Lebanon. See Syria. See Iraq, returning from two weeks of reserve duty in Iraq, noted that the August parliamentary recess was beneficial because it allowed the mem-

bers to hear from angry hometown citizens demanding political compromise and peace. But the problem with the current system is that Iraq MPs are not elected by their hometown citizens. They are chosen by party bosses.

A sample of the countries that have chosen this absurd form of democracy — Italy, Israel and Weimar Germany — gives you an idea of the balkanized unstable politics party-list systems inevitably produce. With a constituency system — members elected by a real geographic entity — the Arab states would be sitting in parliament negotiating on behalf of Sunnis, rather than members of a faux-national Sunni party that represents very little.

New elections are not a panacea. They will take long to organize — which is why we should have been working toward this months ago. But the reconciliation from below that is actually happening in the provinces could — and logically should — be making national reconciliation possible in Baghdad. We can't sit around forever waiting for Maliki.

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Is something in the Republicans' water?

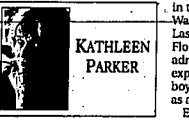
In the interest of time and limited space, rather than mention all Republicans who are either closeted gays or die-hard anti-gay activists, we'd like to ask those who do not belong to either group to please come forward.

Ah, excellent. Thank you both for coming. When you're going down — with the GOP? Is there something in the water? Are Democratic operatives hitting Republicans' Damsen bottles with heavy sodium, as in Walker Percy's novel "The Thanatos Syndrome"?

Paging Dr. Thomas More. In Percy's novel, More is a psychiatrist who notices that people in his town are acting strangely. Speech patterns are peculiar, and, more to the point, sexual inhibition is missing. Apparently, someone has been loading the water supply with heavy sodium to suppress cortical function in an attempt to eliminate depression and other afflictions. Side effects include an Olympian libido.

Recent revelations about Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's odd behavior in an airport men's room; where he allegedly sought to bond with an underwear guy in the adjoining stall, are so bizarre that speculation along science-fictional lines seems as sound as any other.

Craig, who has discovered a guilty plea to disrobe and conduct, says he copped just to



KATHLEEN PARKER

make the nasty thing go away. Can't blame him. Maybe he didn't run his hand along the bottom of the stall divider, which we told is well-known in certain circles to mean, "I'm in the mood." And maybe Craig really does have a wide, mousy stance and was not trying to touch the other man's foot.

Benefit of the doubt granted. My only doubt is clouding: gender mugs, another perplexing issue stands at credibility: Why are undercover cops hanging out in airport restrooms? Are we all done with terrorists? Does this mean that Appalachian grandmothers can pass through airport security without being frisked for prosthetic just asking.

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In the phone records of a Washington escort service. Last September, former Florida Rep. Mark Foley admitted writing sexually explicit e-mails to a teenage boy who previously had served as a House page.

Even the evangelical poll seems to have been tainted. Ted Haggard admitted to buying methamphetamines and receiving a message from a gay prostitute, who claimed to be the pastor's lover of three years. Haggard denied the relationship, but nonetheless resigned as leader of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Craig, who had not resigned from office at the time, denied being urged from fellow senators, did quit as co-Senate liaison for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign. A spokesman for Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who has lived a life so clean he looks younger than his sons, said the campaign accepted Craig's decision.

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drug users has become modern sport for hypocrisy-posses, including Huster magazine publisher Larry Flynt, whose investigative team actively seeks evidence against Republicans who fall from grace. Flynt's team was responsible for breaking the Vitter news.

It does seem that the erstwhile liberal party is on perpetual spring break. The truth is that Republicans are no better or worse than Democrats. The difference is that Democrats are more open and forgiving of their humbler frailties, while Republicans — bless their hearts — try to take the moral high ground — which is a noble stance necessarily ride shogun.

The higher the road, of course, the harder the fall. And hypocrisy always shadows fallen virtue.

As the 2008 election looms, the political parties seem to have traded places. The Democratic Party is now the churling, family values party, while the GOP seems to lead lip-pusher and aspirin-soiled-in-chief. She's earned it.

Republicans may as well kick back, enjoy a reprieve from the impossible burden of perfection and get those bumper stickers to the printer. They Don't Call Us The Grand Old Party For Nothing!

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Politicians will court new 'Moms' and 'Dads' in '08

Will reports of a stronger Al-Qaida being "security moms" back into the GOP camp?

WOMAN TO WOMAN

And Sarvadaya a left-leaning columnist, writes the commentary, and Shaunti Feldhahn, a right-leaning columnist responds.

Commentary:
Andrea Sarvadaya

"We now eagerly await the 2008 elections and birth announcements from the pundits welcoming the Megs and iPod Dads (you heard it here first, folks). As exciting as that time will be, who isn't just a bit nostalgic for the "security moms" of 2004?

Al, security moms. How the Republicans have misled them. It's been a whole year since a Pew Research Center poll showed that married female voters are more inclined to vote Democratic

than at any point since Sept. 11, 2001" — this before Bush's popularity sank to the low double digits he wades in there every day.

Where did it all go horribly wrong for that ladies' man, George Bush? He had some smooth moves all right. You'd be watching the news, furm. Dig about the environment or our health care crisis.

"Suddenly a graphic would pop up, showing Code Orange leanting red. A shiver would overtake your body as you'd find yourself wondering if the kids are really OK at school. This "dial up the fear" approach worked at least somewhat on the security mom in each of us, truth be told.

Well, we're still afraid, but we're disinterested. Distracted by pictures of Abu Ghraib, rising body counts, a

Supreme Court that threatens to base its rulings on whatever flows in 1789 and an attorney general who contradicts himself more than your 16-year-old with a case of beer in the trunk. Sure, we've managed to avoid another 9/11 on our shores, and that's not a small accomplishment. Yet a firestorm is brewing around the globe, and any mom can tell it's exacerbated by our arrogant, father-knows-best approach to foreign and domestic policy.

No, come this election year, the "insecurity moms" of 2008 are going to rise up and angrily vote out the party of bullying, lying and "protection without representation." Al-Qaida is scary, to be sure, but also frightening is the look on mom's face when you've been caught pulling the wool over her eyes. In fact, with the look she's giving George these days, his whole game just might come unraveling grounded for good.

Rebuttal:

Shaunti Feldhahn

There's a reason security moms voted for "Father Knows Best" in 2004: It's called "homeland security." And a June Gallup Poll shows Democrats have since become complacent about how necessary it is. Only 1 percent of Democratic voters think homeland security is the most important issue for the 2008 elections. Yet half think Iraq is (stark backward or what?)

Our efforts in Iraq deserve attention, but many distracted security moms (OK, and iPod Dads) have forgotten that Iraq is only part of a much bigger picture. And those distractions are less about Abu Ghraib than about the unending media attention to Obama's vice, Clinton's war chest, the real estate crash or which young actress was arrested for a DUI this week. As 9/11 becomes more entrenched in our history

textbooks than our emotional memories, we no longer realize just how precarious and important our security really is. Our real estate difficulties are notable — but insignificant compared to the economic crash that would follow a suitcase nuke detonating in Seattle or a rash of airplanes exploding over the Atlantic. In a recent ABC News interview, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff discussed just how close we came to the latter scenario last year, saying, "In terms of its intent, the liquid [bomb plot] was looking at devastation on a scale that would have rivaled 9/11."

A recent nonpartisan survey by the Center for American Progress (CAP) showed that unlike average Americans, eight out of 10 experts "expect a terrorist attack on the scale of 9/11 within a decade." BJ Crowley, CAP's director of homeland security, suggested in an interview that Americans who aren't so con-

cerned, "probably don't believe there is going to be another attack. But we have to figure out how to have terrorism in our psyche. We cannot become complacent. We are vulnerable."

It is primarily because this administration has thus far kept us safe that security moms have been able to get distracted enough to nitpick about its methods. Bush may be branded as "arrogant," but he sure knows more about the threat than most Americans, I mean, really: With your file at stake, would you rather have "Father Knows Best" or Homer Simpson for a father?

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Sen. Craig and superstar Vick, twins of disappointment

Idaho Sen. Larry Craig and Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick have more in common than you might think. Hold those groans. How, you may ask, can these two men, separated by age, race, and ideological and social circumstances, be placed in the same camp?

COLBERT I. KING

Here goes: Until they recently ran afoul of the law, both Craig and Vick were popular public figures with enthusiastic and loyal followers. Given a chance to come clean with the public about their illegal activities, both men chose instead to hunker down and not account for their actions. And, finally, disgraced and marginalized as Vick and Craig are at the moment, the worse days may be yet to come for both.

tion of another consenting adult. Not so with Vick's operation. Dogs have no say in how they are used.

One other feature sets the two men apart: Vick doesn't pretend to have virtues that he really doesn't possess. Craig, on the other hand, is a raging hypocrite.

But when it comes to the practice of deceit, the two men are closer than two pages in a book. Finding their private actions subjected to public disclosure, both abandoned the truth.

For instance, when evidence of illegal dogfighting was discovered last April on Vick's property in Virginia's Surry County, he could have owned up to his involvement. Instead, he feigned ignorance, assumed the posture of an innocent victim and blamed the dogfighting operation on a cousin.

Craig was equally deceptive. Instead of telling his family, Senate colleagues and his constituents about the arrest, Craig pretended that nothing had occurred. He also concealed his Aug. 1 guilty plea, which he had signed, dated and submitted by mail.

Idahoans would still be in the dark about the whole sordid mess had not the newspaper Roll Call been tipped off and on Monday published the story of Craig's case. As the *Idaho Statesman* said in an editorial calling for Craig's resignation, the senator led "by omission" and violated the public trust by not disclosing his arrest until the story broke 73 days later.

Ironically, last week, both

Vick and Craig publicly apologized for having embarrassed their supporters and the facilities. But consider what they said.

Craig asserted during a news conference in Idaho on Tuesday that in spite of his guilty plea he was not guilty. He said that he decided against fighting the charge because of "stress" caused by a "witch hunt" conducted by the Idaho Statesman, which was looking into rumors that he was gay.

Vick, for his part, described his years of pitting pit bull against pit bull as a "mistake" caused by his being "immature." They still have a way to go before they can claim redemption. That's also why we haven't heard the last of them.

Craig will leave behind a legacy of more than his House and Senate voting record. The story of Larry Craig and the Minneapolis airport restroom stall will be a major chapter in his political obituary.

Vick, over the long haul, will fare no better to save himself, he's got to squeal.

Read his signed plea agreement with the government. The charge to which he pleaded guilty carries a maximum penalty of five years in jail. The prosecution, however, recommended a sentence of 12 to 18 months. Why? Because in exchange for the more lenient sentence, Vick agreed to provide testimony and evidence against others in the illegal dogfighting business — just as his three co-defendants agreed to rat him out.

Vick's plea agreement gives him no wiggle room. If he fails to cooperate to the government's satisfaction, his deal is off. That could lead to the prospect of Vick spending, five years behind bars — an



outcome that would virtually kill his chances of returning to the football field. In the weeks ahead, Larry

Craig and Michael Vick will jointly occupy a space of shame and humiliation all their own. For that, both have

themselves to thank. Colbert I. King writes for The Washington Post.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Magic Valley not the place for regional airport

It's happening again — the hue and cry for a new, larger regional airport. The thought is that a regional airport should be large enough to accept larger and newer airplanes.

My question is: Where are "larger and newer planes" coming from? Who is bringing them? And for what purpose? I assume they mean commercial airlines to serve the flying masses from the Magic Valley area.

Until the Magic Valley communities grow to at least three times their present population, there isn't the incentive for additional airlines to even consider flying to the Magic Valley — no matter where you would build it. Realtors have always proclaimed that the first three advantages to the sale of a property are location, location, location. Well, the Magic Valley's location is at a distinct disadvantage at only 115 air miles from Boise.

ditional fee needed by the airlines for a flight from Twin Falls to Boise to catch a connecting flight to wherever they need to go, and the airlines are apparently not able to make these fees affordable to the passengers or they would be serving the area now out of our current airport. In a nutshell, it's just plain cheaper to drive to Boise.

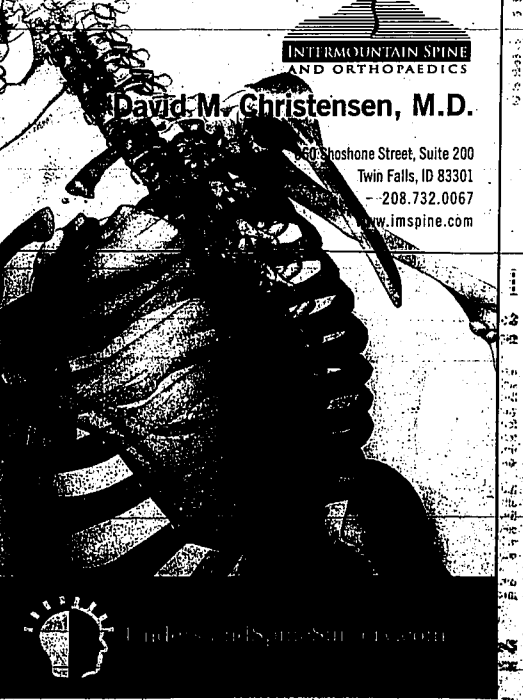
The old adage, "If you build it, they will come," does not apply in this instance. Just

because "if" we had a new airport with wider, longer and possibly multiple runways, they will come is not true. These are not the things that attract airlines to come. What air carriers look for is potential passengers, paying customers.

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AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

Civilian deaths increase in war-torn nation

BAGHDAD — Civilian deaths rose in August to their second-highest monthly level this year, according to figures compiled Saturday by The Associated Press. That raises questions about whether U.S. strategy is working days before Congress receives landmark reports that will decide the course of the war.

At least 81 American service members also died in Iraq during August — an increase of two over the previous month but well below the year's monthly high of 126 in May. American deaths surpassed the 80 mark during only two months of 2006.

U.S. military officials have insisted that the security plan launched early this year have brought a decrease in attacks on civilians and sectarian killings, especially in the Baghdad area, which was the focus of the new strategy.

The top American commander, Gen. David Petraeus, is expected to cite security improvements when he and Ambassador Ryan Crocker submit reports on progress toward stability and national reconciliation to Congress during the week of Sept. 10.

However, figures compiled by the AP from police reports nationwide show that at least 1,809 civilians were killed across the country last month compared with 1,760 in July. That brings to 27,564 the number of Iraqi civilians killed since AP began collecting data on April 28, 2005.

AFGHANISTAN

U.S.-led, Afghan forces kill 70 suspected Taliban

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S.-led coalition and Afghan security forces killed about 70 suspected militants in Afghanistan, where violence is running at its highest level since the ouster of the Taliban regime six years ago, authorities said Saturday.



An Iraqi girl looks out a damaged window in the Shiites enclave of Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday.

The surge in militant attacks comes despite the presence of more than 50,000 foreign troops and 110,000 Afghan police and military officers, as well as a multimillion dollar reconstruction effort to rebuild the shattered nation.

Late Friday, Afghan security forces backed by U.S.-led troops raided compounds in three villages in the remote Pital Valley border region, where the coalition said intelligence showed that top militant leaders take refuge as they travel between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Afghanistan has accused Pakistan of failing to do enough to prevent the movement of militants and weapons across the frontier. Pakistan — which before 2001

had close ties with the Taliban — denies the charge, saying it has deployed tens of thousands of troops.

ITALY

Pope decries collapse of marriages, urges prayer

LORETO — Pope Benedict XVI decried the collapse of marriages, telling tens of thousands of young Catholics Saturday that he was praying that a crisis in traditional family values doesn't become an "irreversible failure."

Benedict urged an estimated 300,000 young pilgrims who trooped to Loreto for a weekend rally to have faith that God can succeed in marriage even though so many others had failed.

"There is so much failure of love all around us!" Benedict told the crowd, camped out on a vast, dusty field. "How many couples don't succeed and separate? How many families end up in pieces? How many kids, even among you, have seen their parents separate and divorce?"

SWITZERLAND

Plan to deport criminals and their families draws criticism

GENEVA — The campaign poster was blatant in its xenophobic symbolism: Three white sheep kicking out a black sheep over a caption that read "for more security."

The message was not from a fringe force in Switzerland's political scene but from its largest party.

The nationalist Swiss People's Party is proposing a deportation policy that anti-racism campaigners say evokes Nazi-era practices. Under the plan, entire families would be expelled if their children are convicted of a violent crime, drug offenses or benefits fraud.

GRENADA

Felix nears hurricane force as it swirls toward Aruba

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada — Tropical Storm Felix neared hurricane strength Saturday as it pounded Grenada with heavy rains and winds, snapped small boats loose from their moorings and toppled utility poles on its route toward the Caribbean island of Aruba.

The fast-strengthening storm was forecast to become a hurricane late Saturday or Sunday as it passes near Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. It is then expected to pass by Honduras' resort islands before flowing into Belize on Wednesday.

Tropical Storm Henriette, meanwhile, was moving out to sea after dumping rain on Mexico's Pacific coastline.

— Wire reports



Elmar Weiser, of Germany, competes in the World Beard and Mustache Championships at the Brighton Centre in Brighton, southern England, Saturday.

Facial hair fanatics face off in England

LONDON (AP) — One contestant had a mustache twisted into the shape of London's Tower Bridge, others sported bushy beards that would make Grizzly Adams envious. In the end, Beard Team USA nabbed four of the top honors — by a whisker — at the World Beard and Mustache Championships.

About 250 shaggy men from around the world competed Saturday in 17 different classes of facial hair at the competition in Brighton, England.

The event had long been dominated by German beard clubs, but the Americans made a strong showing at this year's competition, taking victories in four categories.

Jack Passion, a 23-year-old from San Francisco, won the highly competitive "Full Natural Beard" competition

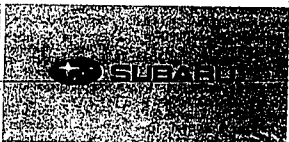


Gandhi Jones, 34, of Seattle, competes in the World Beard and Mustache Championships Saturday.

with his flowing orange fuzz. "I feel fantastic," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "I'm 23 and I have the best beard in the world."

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Listening to music when nobody's around

Thanks to recent political events in Idaho, toe-tapping will never be the same.

And that's a problem in the Crump clan, which tends to suffer from restless digit syndrome.

Blame that on the side of the family that came from southern Missouri — the Ozark Mountains, where tapping your toes to anything vaguely musical is pretty much required.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Kinfolk of mine tap their feet to the ticking of the clock. I think my Great-Aunt Martha finally thought she was having a heart attack when she heard the agitator slobber and forth.

All that would be sort of cute if the Crumps only knew how to tap their toes to the music. But we're not rhythmic.

I suppose that's why we moved out of the Ozarks in the first place. A fiddle player who can't tap his toes in time would make a mess of a barn dance.

Didn't faze us, though. I have three great-uncles who were in the music business in Utah. One taught piano, another directed a high school band and the third sold musical instruments.

When the movie version of "The Music Man," Meredith Willson's Broadway musical about a shady traveling band salesman, came out in 1962, Great-Uncle DeLozay almost skipped town.

Harold Hill, the scoundrel who swindles the townsfolk in a small Iowa town into believing that if they buy his tubas, trombones and tympani, he'll teach them music under the "Think System" method, eschews actually playing it.

Hill, you see, doesn't know a lick of music, and that's a little close to home for the Crumps.

But DeLozay was no con man; he was just offbeat. Literally.

Didn't matter. He lived his life his way. He and his wife, went to all his relatives' funerals, and during the playing of mournful songs, DeLozay tapped his toes during Chopin's Funeral March.

At one point, he started toe-tapping gene. As a teenager, I took my girlfriend to a rock concert. She complained that she couldn't hear the music over my foot-tapping.

Because of the events of the past week, I've been very self-conscious about my musical feet. I was standing near the Times-News booth at the Twin Falls County Fair, listening to the Josh Turner concert going on over in the arena. Had to actually step on my right foot with my left foot in order to stop my toes.

So I'll stay away from concerts, but what am I going to do when it starts to rain? My car's windshield wipers won't work without foot-tapping on the accelerator pedal. How am I going to explain that to the cop who pulls me over?

Sell out of all those tap shoes, and sooner or later I suppose we'll lose our self-consciousness again.

Maybe even at rock concerts.

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On call at the fair



Veterinarian Gary Lewis of Valley View Veterinary Clinic in Twin Falls, at right, shoots the breeze Saturday with locals attending the Twin Falls County Fair. The Fair Board pays the Magic Valley Veterinary Medical Association to provide care for animals that are shown at the fair.

Vets keep animals in the ribbon race

By Kate Poppino
Times-News writer

FILER — Got a horse with colic? A bloated steer? Worried that your rabbit may be — of all things — pregnant? At the Twin Falls County Fair, there's only one person to call. Well, several, really, but far more concerned about the animals they were showing Saturday morning relied on the services of Todd and Jenni Lantings.

The Lantings, of Hollister, are two of several veterinarians in the area who volunteer for shifts at the fair. The vets are provided by the Magic Valley Veterinary Medical Association, which the fair pays \$700 for the service. Todd Lanting said, "The organization — of which the Lantings serve as co-presidents — waives the dues of anyone who volunteers for a shift."

Two or three of them can be found every day roaming the fair in a gound eart, and though their tools don't go much beyond basic first aid, their presence is a valuable precaution.

"The savings, I guess, to them (owners) is the vet is already here," Todd Lanting said, meaning the owners of the animals don't get charged for service calls — though they do have to pay for things like medicine.

The vets charge their own prices for the meds they hand out, Jenni Lanting said — in the



Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo

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- Veterinarians are on call to take care of the many animals. See a video story about these animal docs.
- Is the food safe at the fair? Meet a food safety inspector
- Get a taste of more food fair and take a ride on the thrill cam
- Find all this and more in the Fair Portal

Online coverage from the fair

Live interviews will air at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day. The shows are archived at Magicvalley.com for play later.

The schedule of guests on today's show, hosted by Rebecca Southwick, is: 10 a.m. — Bill Lewis, fair board chairman, and Lyle Williamson, vice chairman, 5 p.m. — Alvina Kral, dairy department superintendent.

Lantings' case, they slightly discount them as well. The whole arrangement makes a difference for people like Paul Egbert, whose 41-year-old reserve grand champion horse bruised her foot Saturday and may not show today.

Egbert, of Filer, guessed his horse had stepped wrong on a rock. The Lantings' diagnosis? "It's hard to say without doing X-rays and stuff we can't do here at the fair," Jenni Lanting said. But an anti-inflammatory injection and a bucket of ice water were a start.

Egbert was disappointed that the horse, which had done quite well until then, might have to be taken home. But he was very happy the Lantings were on duty.

four calls Saturday morning, including one to test a possibly pregnant rabbit. This was the Lantings' second year volunteering, and though they've heard of situations such as a horse cutting itself on a wire, most of their calls are fairly tame. Some of the 411 calls relied more on a bedside manner than any medicine.

"We're also helping their projects to feel a little more comfortable," Todd Lanting said.

And, he said, they got to see the fair at the same time — although the radio they communicated through was a constant reminder of why they're there. "You can't ever outrun the radio."

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Getting 'er done

Officials: Castle Rock Fire should be contained Monday

By Kate Poppino
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KETCHUM — The 47,000-acre Castle Rock Fire has "turned corner" and should be fully contained by Monday, U.S. Forest Service fire information officer Tina Boehle said Saturday.

The Upper and Lower Board Ranch neighborhoods were moved to voluntary evacuation—at-noon, meaning residents are allowed back in, and all other evacuated neighborhoods were returned to advisory status, meaning anyone can come and go but residents should be prepared to leave should the fire return down.

The fire has been 81 percent contained, and Boehle said firefighters are patrolling 500 feet out from the perimeter, searching for hotspots that could reignite the fire. Isolated burns are still producing plumes of smoke from isolated burns, but all fire activity is minimal.

"The fire's looking really, really good," Boehle said.

Firefighters are somewhat concerned about possible winds around Tuesday, fire information officer Betsy Coffee said. But there's still a sign of lightning strikes and winds would hopefully only move embers around within the containment line.

"Rarely do you have any issues after (containment)," Coffee said. "It's all good news."

The emphasis now is returning people to their homes. Press releases issued throughout the day focused on steps for residents returning home to spoiled food and decontaminated gas lines.

Residents who did turn off their gas during the evacuation should call Intermountain Gas to have them turned back on. The phone number is (800) 540-3679.

Because the power was off for a considerable amount of time, food left in fridges and freezers may be spoiled. Waste bins provided by Clear Creek Disposal were placed at the Forest Service Boundary sign for any spoiled food. Officials warned against leaving food outside, saying bears have been seen foraging in the area.

Any fire equipment left around residences can be left by the road for pick-up.

Residents are encouraged to stay out of areas burnt by the fire. Trees weakened by fire could fall at any time, and such areas are still dangerous due to rolling rocks and logs.

All Wood River Valley schools will open on Tuesday, and fire information phone numbers and Web sites will be maintained until the fire is contained. For more information, visit www.blainecounty.org or call 726-7811.

T.F. fire crews extinguish fire at recycling firm

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls city fire crews responded to a commercial property fire Saturday night on the south side of town.

The fire was reported at Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., 901 Russet St. in Twin Falls, and was caused by over-heated equipment, according to Twin Falls Fire Department Battalion Chief Gary Earl.

"His shredder... apparently had something go through it and start a fire in the equipment," Earl said. "They worked until about noon, and

shut it down. Then it smoldered and the sprinkler system went on and contained it until we got there, so it didn't cause a lot of damage."

Firefighters responded at 6:30 p.m. with two engines, a tower truck and 11 firefighters. The scene was cleared by 8:40 p.m. No injuries were reported.

Hamilton Manufacturing purchases much and insulates with recycled materials. The company has a large segment of international business with shipments of cellulose insulation and mulch for the hydroseeding of grass.

Debo returns to finish Buhl project

Company says city's complaints unfounded

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Construction crews have been hard at work in Buhl trying to finish the city's \$3 million highway renovation project.

Debo's Construction of Orofino plans to have the work wrapped up within a few weeks and says concerned by city engineer Scott Bybee at the Aug. 13 city council meeting were unfounded.

The city's Public Works Director Bob Himmelberger said the situation between the city and Debo was a misunderstanding.

"I guess we thought that they were going to finish up some work before they left, but we didn't have that in our agreement," Himmelberger said.

"The assertion that the city engineer made that we abandoned the project, that the city of Buhl was having problems getting us back, that the city may have to resort to liquidated damages in order to get us to return, is entirely unfounded," said Debo President Lonnie Simpson in a letter to Buhl.

"The truth is that we presented the option to Riedel and Associates that we utilize our personnel on other projects while they came up with solutions to design problems outside the original project design."



"We were not aware of any critical areas of our completed work that needed to be addressed before we left, and there were none pointed out to us," Simpson said. Another city engineer, Simpson said, was Bybee's statement that the city was withholding \$500,000 from the company to get it to finish the project.

"To date, we have been paid for everything we have invoiced to the city except for the customary 10 percent retainage on the project," he said.

However, Bybee said there is indeed \$500,000 remaining in the project fund, and that the council could retain more if the city deems necessary.

"I guess it was a misunderstanding to say we were going to withhold the entire

\$500,000. What I was trying to convey to the council was that they could retain more if they felt that it would be necessary to see the project through," Bybee said.

City officials hope at this point that everyone's ruffled feathers have been smoothed.

"There is no question that Debo will get paid for work that has been done. I think the city just wanted to make sure that the project got wrapped up," Himmelberger said.

Simpson said he wants residents of Buhl to know that the company didn't leave them hanging.

"We put a lot of pride and a lot of work behind our construction," Simpson said. "We have made a concerted effort to build the project and to mitigate costs and time to the city."

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Motorcycle collision kills Hazelton man

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

EDEN — A Hazelton resident was killed late Friday night when his motorcycle crossed the line on a state highway and hit another vehicle.

The fatal crash occurred on Highway 30 in Buhl to which they can pour new asphalt. The company hopes to have the road project finished within a few weeks.

Around 10 p.m., Fred Johnson, 53, was headed eastbound on state Highway 25 near Eden when his 1986 Honda motorcycle crossed the center line and collided head-on with a white 1997 Ford Expedition driven by Jacob Barnes, 18, of Jerome. Johnson died at the scene due to injuries he received in the crash and his next of kin has been notified. An investigation is ongoing.

Barnes was uninjured and was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. ISP Trooper Sean Walker said: Johnson was not wearing a helmet, and alcohol may have been a factor, though no test results will be available until Tuesday, Walker said.

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OBITUARIES

Eva (Macfarlane) Mertlich

KING CITY - Ore. - Eva (Macfarlane) Mertlich passed away from cancer on Aug. 29, 2007, at age 90. She was a resident of Pacific Point Retirement Home in King City, Ore. We shall all miss her, but we take comfort in knowing she has joined her eternal companion.

Macfarlane and Clark Macfarlane of Utah and one sister, Mary (McDonald) of Utah. She has 18 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. Her posterity live in Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hyrum G. Mertlich; her parents, Ernestus and Lillian Macfarlane; and two brothers.

POCATELLO - Betty Frances (Jones) McCall was born in Kan. June 6, 1918, and died Aug. 29, 2007, at the age of 89 in Pocatello, Idaho. She moved from Kansas to California in 1937. On Sept. 4, 1941, she married Lawrence McCall. In 1946, she along with her husband moved to Declo, Idaho, where they farmed. She worked hard on the farm and was great known for her purebred hog-raising enterprise and for her baking skills.

Lawrence McCall, two infant daughters; her parents, Jennie and Frank Jones; a brother, Gerald Jones; and a sister, Beverly Wickland. Betty was an active member of the Burley Presbyterian Church serving as an elder, chairman of the Women's Fellowship and other responsibilities. She moved to Pocatello in 1991. She then joined the First United Methodist Church, where she was active member until her illness.

She was gentle and loving. She was kind to all who knew her. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She will be greatly missed. One of her favorite scriptures was Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." Betty did let her light shine in the lives of her family, her friends, the children she helped learn to read and all who knew her. She wanted to glorify the Lord in all that she did.

The Rev. Eric Brown conducting. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. Interment will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the First United Methodist Church. Burial Missions, 200 N. 15th Ave., Pocatello, ID 83201. "Go loves you, dear lady. The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff of Hillcrest Haven, the staff of Hosmer Assisted Living, her physicians, Dr. Robert Gilbert and Dr. Mary Hummer, and Southeast Idaho Hospice, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pocatello First United Methodist Church Relief Missions, 200 N. 15th Ave., Pocatello, ID 83201. God loves you, dear lady, and so do we."

Eva was born Jan. 11, 1917, in Cedar City, Utah, to Ernestus Macfarlane and Lillian Macfarlane (McDonald). She grew up in Cedar City, where she was active in many school and social activities. On June 10, 1935, she was married to Clark Macfarlane in Salt Lake City, Utah. Eva and Hy spent their early years in southern Utah. They moved to Salt Lake City in 1939, to Paul, Idaho, in 1954, and to Tigrad, Ore., in 1963. Eva is survived by four children: Fred Lee Mertlich (Aunt, deceased) of Heber City, Utah, Mary Jo Hamilton (Lory) of Tigrad, Ore., John W. Macfarlane Mertlich (Bert) of Tualatin, Ore., and David Alan Mertlich (Karen) of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Dean

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OBITUARIES/MAGIC VALLEY

Gladys Wells Peterson

TWIN FALLS — Gladys Wells Peterson, 88, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, in Twin Falls.



Gladys was born Oct. 19, 1918, in Hazelton, Idaho, to Newton and Myrtle Wells. She was raised and attended schools in Hazelton and Twin Falls. In 1935, Gladys married Jay Newman and they had two children. They were later divorced. Gladys married Ted Peterson and together made their home in Aptos, Calif. Her daughter, Darlene (Gary) Wambolt; son, William (Marion) Newman; and five grandchildren, Deborah, Diane, Carol, Kristy and Cheryl, all lived nearby and enjoyed frequent visits.

In her earlier days, Gladys enjoyed cooking and sewing. She loved to have family

dinner, homemade pies were her specialty. One of her favorite pleasures was walking to the beach and in the country with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Darlene; a son, Bill; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and a sister, Grace Steidley of San Diego, Calif. Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and one sister.

A special thank you to the staff of Bridgeview Estates for their love, kindness and special care for Gladys.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The family requests no flowers.

John Ellsworth Stary

HOUSTON, Texas — John Ellsworth Stary was born Aug. 11, 1943, in Santa Anna, Calif. to Ellsworth Earl and Alpha Katherine Stary, and went to be with the Lord Aug. 12, 2007, in Houston, Texas at the age of 64.

He graduated from Bliss High School and attended the University of Idaho before being called to serve our country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He married Amy Yvonne Haycock in 1965 in Burley, Idaho, and they were blessed with four sons. He also served as an employee of the Defense Department in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. A longtime Magic Valley resident, he was involved in the construction business for many years before



starting a new career in Texas. Mr. Stary is survived by sons: Kirk Stary and wife Tamara of Boise, Idaho; Earl "Ace" Stary and wife Kristin of Yonkers, N.Y.; Stuart Stary and wife Shannon of Houston, Texas; and John Stary and wife Stefania of Plano, Texas; grandchildren, Melissa Smith and husband Shawn — of Washington, D.C.; Collin Stary of Boise; and Natalie Stary of Texas; granddaughters, Caamy Ony and husband James of Austin, Texas; brother, Chord Stary and wife Shirley, of Wendell; sister Kay Johns and husband Ben of Pocatello, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Hagarigan City Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to The Kidney Trust, 1350 Old Bayshore Highway, Suite 777, Burlingame, CA 94010.

Ronald Vernon Witty

TWIN FALLS — Ronald Vernon Witty #3, of Twin Falls, went to be with our Lord on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007.



Ron was born on April 10, 1944, in Salina, Kansas; Cleveland, Ohio, to Vernon and Helen Witty. He was married to Susan Holmlund in Las Vegas, Nev. Ron was initially from Whittier, Calif., where he raised children, race horses and raced CTO's. Ron was drafted and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

One of his greatest loves and gifts was finding vehicles bound for the junk yard and restoring them into road worthy wonders. He loved tinkering with his many tools, and was truly a mechanical genius. Some of his greatest past times included fishing and boating on the Salmon Reservoir, antique hunting with his family, riding his motorcycle and driving fast cars.

He loved his two daughters, Kristi and Dawn. Kristi, who is first year Down, and Dawn, full-time mother of two, gets equal praise. Ron taught both of his girls his love of fishing. Both girls owned a fishing hook and cast-a-pole before they were school age. Todd, Ron's only son-in-law, was his buddy. There were many nights that they hung out, driving thru into road worthy. Ron's health took a turn for the worse, Todd had his back. Ron loved him like the son he is.

Ron or "Papa" to his granddaughters was loved by them very much. Kassandra and Jaylyn loved to walk on his back and comb his hair. Kaylee, the eldest granddaughter, spent the summer caring for her "Papa." He truly was a great grandfather. The truly best of her, Susan, Ron's soul mate and love of his life, was the best wife a man could have. They literally fell in love at the ages of 12 and 13, and have loved together ever since. He and she loved each other unconditionally, through sickness, and health. We know he is smiling down on her from heaven.

Several an unhealthy life some 30 years ago, Ron, time and time again surprised doctors and caregivers alike, by living far beyond anyone's expectations. Ron lived each day to the fullest and loved life, with all of his being.

Ron is survived by his wife, Susan; two daughters, Kristi (10th Hill of Twin Falls, Idaho), and Dawn Witty of Buhl, Idaho; and three granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at White Mortuary Chapel in Park Falls with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, at White Mortuary.

We know that he is finally at peace rid of his broken shell that weakened him for all his life. He is whole again in every sense of the word. The family would like to give loads of love to the folks and the individuals that helped him fight the battle and ensured his pursuit of life. You know you and I: We love and thank you all. God bless.

Ashley T. Higley

UCON/MALTA — Ashley T. Marie Jaylyn Higley age 4, of Ucon, Idaho, was surrounded with love by her family and friends when she was called to her heavenly father in heaven on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007.



As a child, Ashley's unconditional love brought joy and happiness to all of us who knew and loved her.

On Feb. 14, 2007, she was diagnosed with a malignant brain stem tumor. Throughout her struggle and fear, she was determined beyond any obstacle to return to Holy Rosary School with her classmates and friends who she held dear and very close to her heart. Ashley's last gift to us all is her laughter and peace!

Ashley was born Nov. 5, 2002, in the Portnet Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho. Her mother, Hank Higley and Cathryn Higley.

Survivors include her mother, Cathryn May (Pearlett) Higley of Ucon; her father, Hank T. Higley of Malta; her brothers, Skylar J. Watt, Camden J. Watt and Austin J. Watt of Ucon; her sister, Kendra Brooke of Idaho Falls; her grandparents, Jim and Ruby Perrell of Idaho Falls, and Ted and Betty Ann Higley of Malta; and many uncles, aunts and cousins who dearly loved her.

A funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Malta LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, with Bishop Joel Hurst officiating. A second service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Ucon LDS Stake Center, 2967 E. 105 N., with Bishop Tim Orchard officiating. Burial will be in the Ucon Cemetery. Friends may call from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. prior to the services on Wednesday and Thursday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Bassett Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Elsie Helen Harvison

BURLEY — Elsie Helen Harvison, an 84-year-old long time Burley and Oakley resident, died on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2007, at Warren House of natural causes, surrounded by her entire family. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.



Elsie was born May 13, 1923, in Springdale, Ark., where she grew up. She later moved with her family to Idaho, settling in the Magic Valley area. She was the oldest child of Andy and Pearl Stevenson. Elsie was a homemaker, gardener, seamstress, sewing all of her children's clothing and a wonderful cook. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family. Elsie married Mark Edward Litton who preceded her in death in March 1947. She then married William Joel

Harvison who also preceded her in death in October 1999. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Elsie is survived by her children, Betty (Arnold) Brodette of Boise, Marie (Gary) Arbost of Utah, Jerry Litton of Burley, Pat (Bud) Becke of Oakley and Kay (Them) Ward of Elmer; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two brothers; and four sisters.

A funeral for Elsie will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main. A viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Burial will follow at Gem Memorial Cemetery.

The family expresses their gratitude to the staff of Intermountain Health Hospice, the Warren House, Cassia Regional Medical Center, Parkway Care and Rehabilitation, and to her doctors for the care of their mother.

James H. Clayton

LEWISTON — Jim Clayton went to his rest on Aug. 30, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lewiston. Jim had been battling cancer for the past year.

He was born July 28, 1933, in Montello Nev. He grew up in Buhl, Idaho. In first grade, he met the love of his life, Shirley. They married on Aug. 8, 1954, and had two children, Steve Clayton of Twin Falls and Linda Mitchell of Coeur d'Alene. Jim attended the University of Idaho, where he received his Bachelor of Science in civil engineering, and went on to work almost entirely in Idaho for the Idaho Transportation Department. He moved to Lewiston in 1973 and was promoted to district engineer soon afterward, a position he enjoyed until his retirement in 1997.

Jim was very well respected by all the people he encountered during his career. Jim loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman all of his life. He spent thousands of hours in his boat with friends and family and loved nothing more than bringing home a big steelhead or limit of bass. He also enjoyed target shooting and was active in the Lewiston Gun Club.

He was a loving, caring and generous husband, father, grandfather and friend like a great sense of humor and love for life. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially his wife, Shirley; his son, Steve; his daughter, Linda; his daughter-in-law, Renee; his son-in-law, John; and his four grandchildren, Annie Clayton and Melissa, Molly and Andy Mitchell.

Arrangements are being handled by the funeral home, Buhl Funeral Home in Lewiston. The family plans to have a celebration of his life at a later date.

George enjoyed the outdoors and spent his life time fishing and hunting. He was well known as an honest, straightforward and hardworking man. He always said what was on his mind and kept his promises.

We know he is survived by his wife, Ruth; son, Johnny (Maria) Parsons of Boise; daughter, Becky Bowman of Twin Falls; daughter-in-law, Lynda Parsons of Burley; three great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, George Allen Parsons; brother, William; and sister, Betty.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. A viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

George Parsons

BUHL — George Washington Parsons, 86, of Buhl, passed away Aug. 29, 2007, at St. Luke's Medical Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

George was born Feb. 12, 1921, in Crossville, Tenn., to John and Mary Wattenbarger Parsons. He went to school and graduated from high school in Crossville. After school, George joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and served with the 48th Central Postal Directory during World War II in the Pacific Theater. After the war, George moved to Castletown, Idaho. On Nov. 11, 1947, he married Ruth Tibor, and the couple settled in Buhl area to farm. George and Ruth had three children, Johnny T., George Allen and Becky Jean. George farmed in Buhl until 1975. He then worked at Green Giant until his retirement in 1994.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Heart device maker to pay \$17M settlement

BOISE — Idaho residents who rely on Ventak Prizm 2 DR implantable heart defibrillators may be eligible for a part of nearly \$17 million settlement with the company that manufactured them, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden announced Thursday.

Guidant Corporation, a subsidiary of Boston Scientific, made changes to the device in 2002 to correct a wiring problem that caused it to short-circuit and fail. But the company continued to sell the defective product, identified as Model 1861, and did not admit the sales to the public until May 2005.

As part of a settlement with a class of 36 states and Washington D.C., Guidant will pay \$16.7 million and establish several patient safety positions and policies, though it admits, no wrongdoing. The settlement also includes an existing warranty program covering the cost of replacement devices and up to \$2,500 in out-of-pocket expenses patients may incur when replacing the faulty device. Idaho will use some of its share, which totals \$390,000, to reimburse patient expenses beyond the \$2,500.

Detailed information regarding the claims program will be posted on Wasden's

Web site, www.ag.idaho.gov, as soon as it becomes available.

St. Luke's Magic Valley seeks community ideas

TWIN FALLS — St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is asking the public for help spending its money — specifically, the Community Health Improvement Fund.

The fund, maintained by the community, provides money for projects addressing access to care, injury and disease prevention, obesity, mental health and physical activity. Projects may also include collaboration and communication with community organizations and include a way to measure any health improvements.

The community takes applications twice a year and passes them through a selection committee — which includes community members — before giving them to the hospital's local board of directors. The fund will be accepted until Sept. 17, and the hospital expects to start funding projects around Oct. 1. Last year, 18 of 26 submitted proposals were funded with a total of \$205,000.

For more information on the applications, contact Jody Rembaly at 737-2943, or write to SLMMVRC Community Relations, Attn: Jody Rembaly, P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, ID, 83301.

The family of Bill J. Martin wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, food, visits and all other acts of kindness that were so graciously extended to us during our recent loss. They were deeply appreciated.

Jeannie, Jackie & Bill Martin

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IDAHO

Idaho photographer captures faces of hope, grief

By Lynn Berk
Associated Press writer



Margaret Boyd holds one of her photographs of babies, as others line walls in her Coeur d'Alene home Aug. 15. Grieving for her daughter Ava after her husband's death inspired Boyd to make a career in photography where she could spend time with her daughter as well as expand on her passion for photography.

COEUR D'ALENE — A naked little boy sits on his mother's lap, just one flick of the shutter away from the quintessential baby shot.

Then a photographer Margaret Boyd snaps the button and captures two things she wasn't expecting — the but expression of extreme relief and a curving stream of baby pee fleeing forever right between his eyes.

"That's the one thing about naked babies," Margaret says with a laugh. "They pee."

Photographs of gurgling, cooing, quizzical, laughing, sleeping, playing babies in all their alphabetical ranges of expressions and poses line Boyd's downtown home, studio and table. In one shot, the parents are exchanging tender kisses over the baby's head — and his reaction to the moment is that of a child eating broccoli for the first time — eeeuuuuuu!

But there are no elaborate backdrops here, no fake country fields or pine trees or North Poles. Boyd uses a simple black capstan for those babies who have yet to master the theory of gravity — and the mothers for those whose chubby little feet want to send them running. But within those confines, not one of those photographs is posed, either by Boyd or by well-meaning parents.

"I don't care what they do," she says, her long hair caught back in a sleek ponytail. "I don't pose anybody. I just tell the parents, 'Love your baby up, kiss her, talk to her, throw her in the air. Just be! The only way to capture a baby's essence is to let them do their thing.'"

But there is more behind the happy baby shots — and much more behind those ordinary shadow shots of a mother's lips gently brushing her baby's cheek; two tiny feet curled in a daddy's hand; a mother gently massaging her expanding belly; a dark-haired little girl staring up shyly at her mother's rounded stomach; a mud-splattered child playing at the beach.

"Life juxtaposes with death here. In fact, in many ways, death feeds the life here."

The genesis of Boyd's business — Margaret Boyd Photography (www.margaretboydphotos.com) — is the death of the love of her life, Bill Boyd, who died in his sleep at 40, three months before their second anniversary.

Their baby, Ava, was only 4 1/2 months old at the time.

"I grieved for him, but his death was a gift in a way as well," she says. "My whole perspective of life changed. His death at 40 made me realize that, 'Oh my gosh, I might not have much time left.' So I started this. I started taking pictures of Ava."

"And I realized, I can do this! I can't I've never felt more positive about anything."

Boyfriend and girlfriend in their youth, they met again over their parents' deaths and rediscovered all the things they loved about each other.

"He showed me by his death how precious life is," she says. "I want to capture a baby's soul and a baby's beauty. There's a real love-connection-between the people in my photographs that speaks to me."

Because she has known grief, Boyd now also reaches out to those who have suffered loss, too, "and a particularly poignant loss — that of a child. She has joined the American Child Photographer's Charity Guild and is now offering her services to women whose babies will never be more than what are captured in her photographs, babies who will never make it to adulthood, babies who will never make it to life.

"In this organization, photographers all over the country reach out to mothers at least five weeks pregnant — whose baby is going to die or is already dead in the womb," Boyd says. "We offer to photograph her pregnant belly or, a tiny foot, or whatever they're comfortable with."

"Because those babies were souls. Those babies were spirits."

She has her own spirits circling round her in this cozy downtown home. She does

believe in the afterlife, and that has helped her cope with the physical loss of the man who put stars in her eyes and made her believe in fairy tales. Enough things have happened, enough unusual things, to convince her that both her father and her husband are the guiding forces behind this business that champions new life, new hope and new happiness.

"I feel these photos in my heart," she says. "It's such a high for me when I capture that love — the love they share. Beauty and innocence and our own love, Bill's and mine, shape my work."

"I'm sure he's with me, him and my dad. I see signs of it all the time."

There are so many twists and turns in Margaret's story that it's hard not to believe in the connections she's drawn through her fog of grief and the rock-hard strength she used to pull herself through. She and Bill are both from Rhode Island, knew each other, cared for each other, then wandered into different lives.

He met his first wife when he was in Germany. They moved to Spokane, had two boys and

divorced.

She got a master's degree in human resources from Suffolk University in Boston, turning her back on a long-simmering interest in photography and working her way up the corporate ladder.

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her face, "almost like fairy dust had fallen on me."

The fairy dust never stopped coming down.

"I'd never even really felt like I was home anywhere," Margaret says. I told him, "I'm tired of working so hard to be madly in love. I want to have a child. I want to have a home."

But he didn't. Bill already had two children and wasn't at all sure he wanted to be a father again.

Then they went out again. And suddenly Bill was saying, "I guess I'll have another kid."

She never thought she would leave her Eastern roots. But suddenly there they were in North Idaho, where Bill worked as a Realtor and Margaret was carving out her own career, the two of them creating a curly-haired blonde cutie named Ava, whom Margaret says is the spitting image of him.

"I remember him telling me, 'I feel like I've finally made it. I've married the woman I love. I had two boys and a darling little girl. I have my career.' And I said the same thing," Margaret said. "I said, 'Life is so easy now ... I've finally got a little taste of paradise.'"

One week later, on a Monday morning, March 21, 2005, Bill's

alarm clock went off. And went off. And went off.

"I thought he was in the shower," Margaret said. "Then I heard Bill's 10-year-old son

Nick was calling, 'Dad! Dad!' I thought he was just talking to him. Then I heard him say to Chris, his 15-year-old brother, 'Dad's not getting out of bed!'"

"And I just knew."

Bill Boyd was dead at 40 of undiagnosed coronary artery disease. There were no signs, no warnings, no chance to undo the damage the years had done.

He was just gone.

"It looked like he was just sleeping," says Margaret. "But his side was a welt of purplish red."

She had always had an interest in photography and in high school her father had built her a darkroom. When Bill died, she didn't want to just stick

Ava in daycare. By taking pictures of their baby, she felt the circle-of-life completing itself. Friends began soliciting her work and her work became her healing. It also inspired

her to join the guild that takes photographs of the babies who won't grow up.

"There's something about kills," she says. "I would never do weddings or other pictures because the older people get, the more complex they get. But babies are so pure. With every picture, it's 'Aw! Aw!'"

"Every picture's about love."

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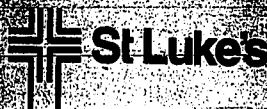
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Attention in Utah mine collapse shifts to closure, investigation

By Brock Vergalis
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Signs of prayer—and support for six trapped miners remained on display Saturday as residents of central Utah's coal belt struggled with the realization that the men would not be found alive.

"It's a hard thing. Some are coping with it better than others," said Collin King, a spokesman and lawyer for families of the six miners trapped nearly four weeks ago in a collapse. They're still dealing with the fact they have to accept now that these miners are not going to be recovered any time soon—that they've died; in all likelihood.

Rescue efforts at the Granddall Canyon Mine were suspended indefinitely Friday.

A thunderous mountain shudder early on Aug. 6 caused mine ribs to shatter, trapping Kerry Alfred, Don Erickson, Luis Hernandez, Carlos Poyan, Brandon Phillips and Manuel Sanchez. It is not known whether they survived the initial collapse.

Three rescuers working underground were killed in a second collapse Aug. 16, bringing an abrupt halt to tunneling efforts to reach the miners.

Rescue workers drilled seven holes deep into the mountain in search of the men more than 1,500 feet underground but found no signs of life. After a robotic camera became stuck in mud in one hole Friday, federal officials said they had run out of options and told families the search was ending.

The announcement ended hope that the men would be found alive or that their bodies would be retrieved any time soon, if ever. Federal officials said it's too dangerous to drill a hole large enough to send a rescue worker down into the mine if there's no possibility of finding survivors.

"Sadly, there is no remaining hope of finding these miners alive," MSHA chief Richard Stickney said in a statement Saturday.

It was a difficult blow for people in Utah's coal country, where messages of hope adorned cars, homes and businesses throughout Carbon and Emery counties and where residents have gathered for prayer services and vigils in the weeks since the collapse.

"The signs are still up, and I think they will be for a few more days," said Julie Jones, a



Wendy Black, widow of mine rescuer Dale Black, watches the flight of the golden eagle she had just released from the top of the Great Western Trail as friends and family of the miners and mine rescuers were invited to gather and send prayers for their loved ones on Friday near Sampa County, Utah. Martin Tyree, left, of Southwestern Wildlife Foundation had volunteered to release the bird to honor the miners and their families.

Huntington City Council member. "We're not going to forget these families."

President Bush issued a statement Saturday praising central Utah's coal community for inspiring the nation with its "incredible strength and courage in the face of tremendous loss."

A nondenominational memorial service for the six men on the football field at a junior high school was being planned for Sept. 9. A fundraiser is planned for Sept. 15.

"Even when we got the news last night, even though in our hearts we knew this would come, it was still hard. But yet, it is time for healing. It is time for the healing process to start and the community is ready for that," Jones said.

As the community begins to heal its emotional scars, the federal government will begin investigating the circumstances that led to the initial cave-in.

A Mine Safety and Health Administration team will begin arriving in Huntington, about 120 miles southeast of Salt Lake City, on Tuesday to begin the investigation, said Rich Kulczewski, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Labor, which oversees MSHA.

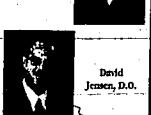
The investigation will involve people who have no ties to MSHA's Western district, which oversees safety at the mine.

They include Timothy Watkins, assistant district manager in Kentucky, who has ventilation and retreat mining experience; Gary Smith, a supervisor in Pennsylvania who has roof-control expertise; and Joseph O'Donnell, based in MSHA's district office in Alabama.

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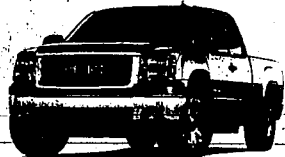
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Seismograph station reports quake north of Great Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 3.5 magnitude earthquake occurred in northern Utah on Saturday, although no damage was reported. The University of Utah Seismograph Stations said that the epicenter of the quake occurred north of the Great Salt Lake at the southern end of the Blue Spring Hills, about nine miles southwest of Tremonton.

The earthquake was felt by dozens of people in Tremonton, Garland and surrounding communities and could be felt as far away as Pocatello, about 78 miles to the north, according to seismologists.

The earthquake was the largest in the area since 1962, when a magnitude 4.5 was recorded.

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Victim identified as professor

SPARKS, Nev. (AP) — A body found in rural northeastern Nevada has been positively identified as that of a missing University of Nevada, Reno professor, and a family friend has been targeted as the suspect in her death, police said Saturday.

Sparks Police Cmdr. Steve Asher said an investigation and autopsy revealed 64-year-old Judy Calder, an associate professor in UNR's Department of Human Development and Family Studies, was stabbed to death Aug. 18 at the Reno business Imaging Technologies.

Investigators think her body then was driven to Elko County, where it was found Tuesday along old Highway 93, about 375 miles northeast of Reno.

One of the owners of the Reno business, Ricky Barge, 50, was identified as the suspect, Asher said Calder and her family were friends and business associates of Barge, but they were unsure of the exact nature of the relationship.

Investigators now are trying to determine the true identity of Barge, whose name was an apparent alias, he added.

"The family is in a period of grieving and going through a hard time," Asher said. "We just need to locate this individual and do our job on that end."

Asher declined to comment on a possible motive for the killing. He also said authorities were unsure whether the suspect was still in the Reno area.

According to a university Web site, Calder specialized in teaching and domestic violence, as well as research methods. She taught "Introduction to Research" and "Issues in Family Health" classes. She received doctor of education, master's and bachelor's degrees from UICLA between 1967 and 1977.

Judy was a legitimate faculty member at the university, and was a good friend to her colleagues and students," UNR President Milton Glick said. "I am saddened beyond words to hear of this tragic news. On behalf of the entire university, I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Judy's family."

Calder had lived with her husband, James, in Incline Village on Lake Tahoe's north shore for more than 30 years and they raised their three daughters there.

Events planned for historic bridge in southwest Idaho

MELBA (AP) — The Guffey Bridge built more than a century ago in southwest Idaho was meant to carry gold and silver ore across the Snake River.

What it now carries are pedestrians, who will celebrate the 110th birthday of one of Idaho's largest historical objects on Saturday at Celebration Park.

"It's looking good for another 100 years," said Tom Ibleak, of Canyon County Parks, Recreation, and Whiteways. "It's preserved in such a dry habitat that there's no real deterioration occurring."

Guffey Bridge was built in 1897 and has a unique Parker Through-Truss design.

The bridge is named after J.M. Guffey of Pittsburgh, Pa., according to the Idaho State Historical Society. Guffey was an investor brought into the bridge-building project by a mine owner, William H. Dewey.

"Teaching Silver City was totally impractical, because any such line would have to climb almost a vertical mile above Snake River," the historical society reported in a 1993 reference series. "But construction to a point below that steep ascent clearly

could succeed."

When finished, the bridge helped local mines, but gold and silver ore began to dry up early in the 20th century.

"The bridge was used for passenger trains until 1946, and then for local freight traffic. Unlike other bridges that outlived their usefulness, it wasn't torn down."

"Demolition wouldn't have been surprising since the line was abandoned several years before it didn't serve its purpose as a bridge any more," Don Watts, preservation planner for the Idaho State Historical Society, told the Idaho Press-Tribune.

Doctor pleads guilty to reduced charges

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A Springville fertility doctor accused of inappropriately touching patients will keep his name off the state's sex offender registry and could be allowed to keep his medical license, under a plea agreement.

Larry Andrew entered his plea in 4th District Court in Provo on Friday. Instead of facing 19 counts of forcible sexual abuse, he pleaded to a contest to eight counts of sexual battery, class A misdemeanors.

Each sexual battery charge carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine. Each count of forcible sexual abuse is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Judge Samuel McVey set Andrew's sentencing hearing for Nov. 6.

To convict Andrew of forcible sexual abuse, the prosecution

would have had to prove that he touched patients' genitals for sexual gratification. For sexual battery, prosecutors needed only to show that he touched them in a way that he knew or should have known would likely to cause affront or

Threat was no sexual gratification. It was an inappropriate touch that was likely to cause alarm," said Kenneth Brown, Andrew's attorney. "That's a much different crime than forcible sexual abuse."

The Utah County Attorney's Office filed sex abuse charges against Andrew in March 2006 after several patients accused him of massaging their genitals during fertility treatments, which he said was done to relieve pain. He was also accused of having an employee perform prostate exams on him. According to a news release from the Springville

Police Department in March 2006, the alleged incidents occurred between 2002 and 2005.

Prosecutor Dave Sturgill said he accepted the deal because there was a chance a jury would acquit on the felony charges.

College student hopes her 765 hugs broke a record

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Kneeling for children and stretching to embrace taller people, a college student believes she hugged her way into the record book.

With help from her church, Jordan Pearce, 18, said she hugged 765 people in less than an hour Saturday and plans to send the results to Guinness World Records.

"I feel like I'm on cloud nine," Pearce said after the last hug Saturday.

The hugs took months of planning, Pearce and her family had to apply to Guinness World Records with detailed plans. The event had to be

supervised by two prominent members of the community and covered by the news media.

Fourth District Judge Lynn Davis and state Sen. Curt Bramble, R-Provo, counted the hugs, which required arms and hands wrapped around the person.

"I was getting pretty glistening," Pearce said of hugging—and sweating—in the hot sun.

A new record will not be approved until Guinness gets photographs, video and written statements from witnesses. The record is 612 hugs in an hour, the Daily Herald of Provo reported.

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Reaching out for new readers

Volunteers read to kids at fair, encourage parents to get into habit of reading aloud

By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Have you read to your child today? According to the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation, "It's the most important 20 minutes of your day."

The Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation is a branch of the National Children's Reading Foundation and has adopted the same ideals and goals. The main focus of the foundation is to encourage literacy. It also aims to support the schools' goal of having at least 90 percent of children reading at grade level by the end of the third grade.

The foundation also stresses the importance of reading to children and that it is never too early to begin. To this end, the Reading Foundation, with the assistance of the Rupert Kiwanis Club, prepares baby packs that are given to new mothers at Cassia Regional Medical Center after the birth of a child. The packs are assembled by students at Burley Junior High School.

"We have such wonderful support from the community," Helen Almanza of the Reading Foundation says. "And the kids in the area are always ready to help."

During the Cassia County Fair, honor students from Minico High School volun-



Honor students from Minico High School volunteered their time to work at the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation booth at the Cassia County Fair. Books were given to children and information was available for parents on the importance of reading with their children. They also sold raffle tickets for a 'Sally, Dick and Jane' quilt, made by Marcia Hallett. The drawing for the quilt will be Oct. 19 at the Reading Foundation's annual general membership meeting, 5 p.m. at Heyburn Elementary School. From left: Helen Almanza of the Reading Foundation, Taylee Miller, Stacy Turbet and Spencer Christensen.

teered to staff the Reading Foundation booth, and Scouts volunteered to spend time reading to children.

"It was really something for these kids to volunteer to do this, especially during the summer," Almanza says. "And they did such a good job."

The foundation operates solely on grants and donations. Dr. Walter Graham had referred Almanza to some Scouts who were looking for an Eagle project. Jake Garn and Christian Hansen in Burley and Terry Baker in Pocatello will be holding a book drive for the foundation this month.

"Donations of new or gently-used books, as well as monetary donations, are being col-

lected to help the foundation continue with its program. The foundation gives away hundreds of books each year at county fairs, health fairs, school events, HeadStart and daycare centers. They have also partnered with the Burley Public Library and the DeMary Memorial Library to provide library cards for six families who cannot afford to pay for them on their own.

"When parents read to their children it shows them that they believe in the importance of reading," Almanza says. "And it's important to spend that one-on-one time together. What could be more important than your children?"



Boy Scouts spent time reading to children at the Cassia County Fair as a community service for the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation. From left: Jake Garn, Christian Hansen, Helen Almanza of the Reading Foundation, and Spencer Atkins.

Raising readers

The ABC's of how to raise a reader:
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• know sounds of letters
• recognize shapes, such as squares, triangles and circles
• recognize the colors red, blue, yellow, orange, green and purple
• be able to count to 10
• be able to give their name, address and phone number.
• **C. Conversations.** Have frequent conversations with your child. Reading is about lan-

guage. Immerse your child in it. Talk a lot, listen, ask questions and enjoy.

How you can help

Donations of books can be dropped off any time during the month of September at any of the following locations in Burley:
• A Child's World
• Burley Public Library
• Stock, Garn, Garn and Wright Family Dentistry
• White Pine Intermediate School
• South Idaho Press
• Heyburn Elementary School will accept book donations at any time during the school year.
• Donations of money should be made payable to Troop 23 and sent to 2523 Hansen Ave., Burley, ID 83318.
For more information, call Jake Garn at 878-1324 or Christian Hansen at 878-4646.

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Drivers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Mini-Cassia area to take seniors to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Call Kitty at 877-4872, ext. 2.

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Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is inviting caring people, who are willing to make a difference for caregivers and/or those facing end-of-life issues, to be a part of the hospice team. Through the Junior volunteer program,

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Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers that are familiar with Quick Books.

Help is needed bi-monthly for a few hours. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

Volunteers — Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers for their new program, Eleventh Hour Angels. They are in need of volunteers who feel they can spend time with patients who are in their final hours of life. Training is available. Call Hospice Visions at 735-0121.

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Researchers deploy buoys in quest for renewable electricity

By Bryan Brumley
Associated Press writer

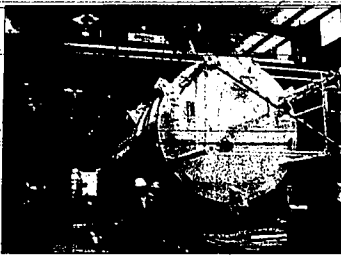
PORTLAND, Ore. — Advocates of wave energy plan to float two buoys off the Oregon coast near Newport in coming days as part of a wider effort to find renewable sources of electricity.

The Canadian firm, Finavera, was preparing to launch its experimental Aquabuooy 2 over the Labor-Day weekend, said company CEO Jason Bak.

"We see this as the first step in establishing wave energy as a commercial technology in the United States and Canada," said Bak, who estimates that devices similar to Aquabuooy could produce between 5 and 10 percent of the electricity used in North America.

Later in September, researchers from Oregon State University were planning to deploy a test buoy of their own off of Newport, OSU spokesman David Strauch said.

A third company, Oceanline Limited of Australia, has applied to the Federal Energy



Finavera Renewables and Oregon Iron Works staff secure a research buoy onto a flatbed truck Thursday in Portland, Ore., for transport to Newport, Ore. The buoy was to be floated off the Newport coast over the Labor Day weekend as part of an effort to develop wave power, a renewable source for electric power.

Regulatory Commission to deploy 10 buoys, each weighing 330 tons and rising 23 feet above the water, off Florence. That project has met resistance from local fishermen and

sportsmen.

Because of its steady winds, the Oregon coast is one of the best spots in the world to harness wave energy, according to Roger Bedard, of the Electric

Power Research Institute in Palo Alto, Calif., principal author of a comprehensive study of topic.

But, Bedard cautions, wave energy projects in the United States are still years from providing commercial power, in part because of a complex licensing process, involving FERC and other federal and state agencies.

Bak and others would like to accelerate licensing.

"We hope that the device will be tweaked in 2008, and installed in 2009," he said of Aquabuooy 2. "The first commercial arrays, or at least the first phase of projects, would be deployed in 2011 or 2012" in the Makah Bay in Washington, where Finavera already has conducted tests on the environmental impact of such devices.

The Finavera buoys, which are 70 feet tall and weigh 70,000 pounds apiece, use the vertical power of rising and falling waves to drive sea-water through an onboard turbine, which generates electricity.

Clusters of the buoys would be linked to electrical cables on the sea floor, which in turn would plug into the onshore power grid.

The sheer size of the Aquabuoys prevents them from impeding such marine creatures as gray whales, said Bak.

"We have done a number of environmental studies specifically on that," he said. "We have found that these populations will migrate around them." As a precaution, he said, "we need to site the arrays so that we are not interfering" with fishermen.

The buoys to be tested by OSU scientists use quite a different technology, called a permanent magnet linear generator, explained Annette von Jouanne, the team leader. The prototype is smaller, about 12 feet tall and weighing 3,000 pounds. It uses a piston that as the waves rise and falls moves a magnetic shaft across a wire coil, a process that Von Jouanne says is more efficient in generating power than other technologies.

The OSU team, linked with the startup firm Columbia Power Technologies, has deployed anchors for its test buoy off Newport, has completed the permit process and plans to begin offshore tests sometime in late September, researchers said.

The Oregon State researchers have been working closely with fishermen and the local recreation industry to minimize the impact of their buoys, said Finaver Conboy with the university's Oregon Sea Grant program.

In addition to steady winds, Oregon has attracted research into wave energy through policies designed to attract developers.

Oregon has set some of the most aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals in the country under a bill passed by the state legislature and signed by Gov. Ted Kulongoski. The measure aims to cut the state's emissions 75 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 as part of an effort to curb global warming.

Another record crowd turns out for Burning Man

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Another record crowd gathered Saturday for the traditional climax of the Burning Man counter-culture arts festival on the northern Nevada desert.

The crowd as of noon Saturday reached 47,097, up about 21 percent over last year, said Jamie Thompson, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

"I think that will probably be close to the peak," he said.

Participants could see a smoke plume from a 75-acre wildfire about 15 to 20 miles northwest of the festival site, Thompson said, but the blaze posed no threat to them.

No major problems were reported by authorities during the weeklong gathering, leading up to Labor Day on the Black Rock Desert, about 120 miles north of Reno.

But dust storms on Friday and Thursday created complete white-outs that sent participants scurrying for shelter.

"The only downside is there's been an awful lot of dust," said Thompson, whose agency oversees the festival because of its location on federal land.

The annual celebration of radical self-expression was scheduled to climax Saturday night with the torching of a 40-foot wooden figure known as "The Man," the event's signature effigy.

A San Francisco man was arrested Tuesday after allegedly burning The Man four days ahead of schedule, but festival-goers rebuilt it.

Also scheduled to go up in flames Saturday night was the "Crude Awakening" art piece, billed as the tallest structure ever built at the festival.

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Eagles bring home Salt Lake CC consolation title

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The Golden Eagles didn't let Friday's speed bump turn into a Saturday roadblock.

One day after playing four of their worst matches of the young season, the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team regained form to win the consolation title of the Hampton Inn/Fairfield Inn SLCC Invitational volleyball tournament in Salt Lake City. The No. 12 Golden Eagles went 4-0 for the day, dropping only one game in a 2-1 win over No. 14 Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College.

"We talked about it before questions yesterday and today there just weren't any," CSI head coach Heidi Carls said. "We stepped up, played well, and we represented today."

The Golden Eagles won the consolation trophy with a convincing 30-18, 30-20, 30-20 win

over Scenic West Athletic Conference foe Snow College of Ephraim, Utah. While freshman Alyssa Wistrick and Santa Sanders paced CSI with 14 kills apiece, it was freshman outside hitter Jazmine Ma'afala who helped spark CSI's steady play with her all-around game.

Ma'afala tallied nine kills and eight digs against Snow to finish with 28 kills and 27 digs on the day. After focusing herself in warm-ups, the freshman from Hawaii looked like an entirely different player than she had all season for the 11-4 Golden Eagles.

"I just told myself to relax. Told myself that I could do it," Ma'afala said. "I did feel like a different person. I was so tense the other few games."

Ma'afala's contributions helped pace a CSI defense that finished with 53 digs against Snow, while her steady passing helped sophomore setter Leslie Ahl distribute 39 assists. "Jazmine showed up ready to

Eagle Eyes

2007 Hampton Inn/Fairfield Inn SLCC Invitational
At Salt Lake Community College, Salt Lake City
Friday, Aug. 31
CSI matches
No. 12 CSI def. Illinois Central 24-30, 30-27, 15-13
No. 22 Northeastern JC def. No. 12 CSI 30-16, 30-26
No. 8 Jefferson College def. No. 12 CSI 30-25, 30-28
No. 5 Western Nebraska def. No. 12 CSI 30-18, 30-23

Saturday, Sept. 1
CSI matches
Crossover play
No. 12 CSI def. No. 14 Hutchinson CC 30-27, 23-30, 15-11
Consolation bracket play
No. 12 CSI def. Eastern Utah 30-14, 30-15, 30-16
No. 12 CSI def. No. 14 Hutchinson CC 30-20, 30-23, 30-19
Consolation championship
No. 12 CSI def. Snow College 30-18, 30-20, 30-20

play today," Carls said. "You could see it in here that she was ready."

The Golden Eagles will continue to work on all facets of their game over the next two weeks as they travel to Arizona for a pair of nonconference tournaments before their SWAC opener. With an overall record of 5-3 in Salt Lake City,

it's clear that there's room for improvement, but room to be excited about the possibilities those improvements hold.

"I already have my practice plans ready," Carls said. "I think there's so much we can improve on. I want to be better and I think the players do too."

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College of Southern Idaho freshman middle blocker Savannah Shook splashes the net Saturday during the Golden Eagles' win over the College of Eastern Utah. CSI went 4-0 to win the consolation title of the Hampton Inn/Fairfield Inn SLCC Invitational volleyball tournament in Salt Lake City.

Beem part of three-way tie for Deutsche Bank lead

The Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Rich Beem isn't going quietly from these PGA Tour playoffs.

One week after he narrowly avoided elimination, Beem kept alive his improbable run Saturday at the Deutsche Bank Championship with birdies on his last four holes for a 5-under-66, leaving him in a three-way tie with Mike Weir and Aaron Baddeley.

Beem cannot finish lower than second if he wants to advance to the third tournament next week, and a crowded leaderboard with 36 holes remaining includes Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods, who each shot 64 to get within three of the lead.

But it was another impressive performance by Beem, who is slowly becoming the poster boy that even long shots are allowed to dream of. A \$10 million prize for the winner of the FedEx Cup. He went from 134th to 113th in the standings with his tie for seventh last week at the Barclays.

Weir, the former Masters champion and recent captain's pick for the Presidents Cup, needs to finish in the top five to have any chance of moving into the top 50 in the playoff standings and advance to the BMW Championship outside Chicago.

This is the first time since a year ago at Pebble Beach that Weir has been atop the leaderboard through 36 holes, and the Canadian has come three years without winning.

Baddeley birdied his final hole for a 66, in an edition for the most straight year at the Deutsche Bank.

They were at 9-under 133, one shot clear of Mickelson, Sean O'Hair (68), Brett Witter (69) and Ryan Moore (69).

In round two with the Big Three, Woods, Mickelson and Vijay Singh finally delivered the golf everyone expected to see. Another large crowd showed up around the course in morning sunshine and rarely had a muted moment. There were only six holes on which no one in this glimmer group made a hole, and they were a combined 18 under par.

In the opening round, they were a combined 9 over. Woods wound up at 6-under-136, along with playoff partner leader Steve Stricker (69).

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Vandals hanging around at the half



Southern California running back Stanley Hantz leaps over Idaho defensive back Bryon Williams as safety Chris Smith, right, and USC wide receiver Brad Walker look on during the first half of a football game in Los Angeles on Saturday. The Trojans had a 21-3 halftime lead over Idaho at the time the Times-News went to print. Check Monday's edition of the Times-News for a full recap of the Vandals' season-opener.

Sharapova biggest name ousted on day of upsets

By Howard Federick
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — Pay no attention to what Maria Sharapova said after her U.S. Open title the way you do in the playoffs.

This was a case of actions speaking far louder than words, and the way things slipped away, so suddenly and stunningly, Sharapova clearly was flustered — by the swirling wind and bright sun, by her errant strokes and, most of all, by the Krakow Kid across the net who kept moving way up to receive serves.

Sharapova reeled off eight consecutive games to go up a break in the third set, then dropped the final six games and lost 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 to 18-year-old Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland in the third round, the earliest exit by a No. 2-seeded woman at the U.S. Open since 1981.

"I don't know if it was a combination of the circumstance or the wind or the opponent playing well. I don't know what it was," said Sharapova, who double-faulted a whopping 12 times. "I just didn't quite feel like me out there."

The braces-wearing, big-hitting Radwanska isn't exactly a nobody. She won junior championships at the French Open, in 2005 and Wimbledon in 2006, took home her first tour title this month and came to New York seeded 30th. Still, she understood the circumstances Saturday. "I had nothing to lose. She was the favorite — and I think she was more nervous," said Radwanska, who will fulfill a pre-match promise to her younger sister, this year's Wimbledon junior champion, by buying them matching Louis Vuitton handbags to celebrate the upset.

She wasn't the only 16-year-old from Eastern Europe who pulled off a big win Saturday. Victoria Azarenka of Belarus



Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland celebrates her victory Saturday over second-seeded Maria Sharapova of Russia at the US Open tennis tournament in New York. Radwanska defeated Sharapova in three sets.

beat 1997 champion Martina Hingis 3-6, 6-1, 6-0; and Agnes Szavay of Hungary eliminated No. 7 Nadia Petrova 6-2, 6-3. Plus, 16-year-old Tamira Paszek of Austria knocked off No. 11 Patty Schnyder 4-6, 6-4; 7-6 (1). All of which means 2004 U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova has to like her

chances in the bottom half of the draw.

"You can see the new generation coming up," Hingis said. "They're very dangerous. I know it's not going to be easy. My mom texted me. She said, 'Watch out.'"

Sharapova had lost a combined two games in her first two matches, but could have used some similar advice before facing Radwanska. If that was the most surprising result of the tournament so far, what happened later in Arthur Ashe Stadium almost would qualify. Three-time reigning men's champion Roger Federer lost a set against 6-foot-9 American wild-card John Isner, who only a few months ago was leading Georgia to the NCAA team title.

For one glorious set, the 184th-ranked Isner stared right with the man who's been at No. 1 for a record 187 straight weeks. And when Isner ended a 13-stroke exchange with a big forehand approach shot, then smacked service winners at 134 mph and 124 mph, he took that first set in a tiebreaker.

Isner punched the air and strutted to the sideline chomping on his white towel, while his supporters, some in Georgia Bulldogs regalia, jumped and yelled and cheered their approval. The partisan home crowd roared, too; pretty much the only people in their seats at the ensuing changeover were the family and friends in Federer's guest box.

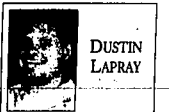
Remember Federer has won 11 Grand Slam titles, while Isner has played in three Grand Slam matches, all this week. "Four months ago, I was unranked," Isner said. "To go from that to beating Roger Federer in a set is pretty cool." And was going through Federer's mind at that moment?

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App. State proves the little guy is not so little anymore

I (I wasn't a geography buff) I would have no clue where on earth Appalachian State University is, but I am, and I can Google, so I know that the Mountaineers fall by Boone, North Carolina.

I was on the edge of my seat Saturday afternoon, watching the highly ranked Michigan Wolverines fall by the wayside, lose all hopes of a national championship and earn the tagline title of Biggest Upset in NCAA Football History.



DUSTIN LAPRAY

No Division I-AA, or ... Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) — why on earth the name was changed I will never know — had ever defeated a ranked Division I-A, or ... Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team.

The reason I am incredibly interested in this story is because it made me realize one of my mistakes was wrong. I previously wrote in this newspaper that the Boise State Broncos held the longest winning streak in the country.

I was wrong. That honor belongs to ASU. The Mountaineers have won 15 consecutive games since losing to N.C. State to open the 2006 season. I realized my hypocrisy. Here I am bashing the national media and the country in general for not giving a rip about non-BCS conference schools because they are smaller and less noticeable, and I find myself completely ignoring an entire division of programs just because they are smaller and less noticeable.

I am a jerk. The Mountaineers proved that the little guys could break beyond the barriers and divisional lines. They beat No. 5 Michigan in the Big House. In this world of

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AMATEUR GOLF

Frith earns T.F. Muni Ladies' Goffer of Month honors

TWIN FALLS — Barbara Frith shot a 91 on Aug. 30 to win the Twin Falls Muni Ladies' Goffer of the Month. Kathy Janson shot a net 65 for Goffer of the Month Net. In gross and net play, Patty Lee shot a 68 for first gross, Frith a 91 for second and Carolyn Beaver and Sue Skinner shot 96 to tie for third. Kathy Janson took first net with a 65 and Jackie Gasser and Charlotte Brunelli tied for second with 70.

Fennen wins M.V. Ladies Intercity tournament at Rupert CC

RUPERT — Linda Fennen shot a 79 to win the

Magie Valley Ladies Intercity event Aug. 29 at Rupert Country Club. Rosemary Anderson shot an 81 to take second, while Robbie Robertson, Wilma Shockey and Helen Odewald tied for third with 85. Chae Sinclair (86) took sixth.

The net title was shared by Pat Fernandez, Larie Hash, Judy Cuder and Dusti Van Winkle, who all shot rounds of 66. Nellie Thomas (68) and Jane Becker (69) took fifth and sixth, respectively.

Blue Lakes leads the team standings with 71.5 points. Clear Lakes is second with 66 followed by Canyon Springs (63), Burley (56), Twin Falls Municipal (54), Rupert (51.5), Gooding (36.5) and Jerome (32.5). The last match for intercity play is slated for 9 a.m. Sept. 19 at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Pil Sung student of the month

Shaala Richards is the Pil Sung student of the month for July. She was chosen by the blackboards of Pil Sung in Rupert. Presenting the medal and honor to her is Master Bill Fulcher.

Donner photo

Golf

Steinhauer leads State Farm Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Sherri Steinhauer birdied three of her last six holes to hold onto the lead in the LPGA State Farm Classic, with defending champion Annika Sorenstam, three strokes back with one round left.

Steinhauer, who also led after the first two rounds, had three birdies and two bogeys during an up-and-down round of 1-under 71 that left her at 12 under 204 on the Panther Creek Country Club course.

CSI

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They know yesterday (Friday) wasn't acceptable and we'll use the next couple weeks before conference to really improve."

After Saturday's play, Wistritz is leading CSI in kills at 3.71 per game, while sophomore Gabriela Bolowczyk is a close second at 3.28. Western Nevada Community College won the tournament's championship, topping host Salt Lake Community College 3-1.

No. 12 CSI 2, No. 14 Hutchinson CC 1

Bolowczyk's 10 kills and 11 digs put the Golden Eagles as CSI got back on the winning track with a 30-27, 23-30, 15-11 victory over No. 14 Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College. Wistritz also attacked well, finishing with a 600 attack percentage and nine kills.

back after a 67... Christina Kim, coming off a second-place finish last week in the Safeway Classic, had a 71 to join Michelle Redman (64) at 10 under.

Sorenstam, defending the last of her 69 career LPGA Tour titles, had a 71. She was at 6 under along with Becky Margaret (69). Sorenstam is playing her seventh tournament since returning from a ruptured disk in her neck.

Irwin's big round nets share of First Tee lead

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Hale Irwin shot a 7-under 65 on Saturday for a share of the second-round lead with Des

Smyth and Gil Morgan in the Walt-Mart First Tee Open. The 62-year-old Irwin, in position to become the third oldest to win in Champions Tour history, matched Smyth (64) and Morgan (65) at 9-under 135. The three leaders played the Del Monte course Saturday after opening Pebble Beach.

"The competitive urge is still there and the desire to excel is still there," said Irwin, the tour leader in victories (45) in their earnings (\$30,200,000). "I have to admit that these kids who are playing here are great to be with and they give you that extra snap, that extra pace that is really helpful to show where you started."

No. 12 CSI 3, Eastern Utah 0

The Golden Eagles opened consolation bracket play with a convincing 30-14, 30-15, 30-16 victory over the College of Eastern Utah. CSI cruised past its Scenic West Athletic Conference foe behind eight kills each from Wistritz and Bolowczyk.

Freshman middle blocker Riki Moreland made her CSI debut, finishing with five kills, one ace and a block. "There was some question as to whether we were going to redshirt Riki, and she said, 'I can't wait anymore,'" Carriser said. "We were thinking of moving her to the right side but she's so comfortable in the middle. She was hungry today!"

No. 12 CSI 3, No. 14 Hutchinson CC 0

The Golden Eagles put together one of their best performances of the tournament in their rematch with Hutchinson. CSI won 30-20, 30-23, 30-19 behind a sparkling 14-kill, 12-dig performance from McAtifala. Moreland also stood out, finishing with 11 kills and six blocks, while Bolowczyk added 14 kills and 12 digs.

The Golden Eagles finished with '65 digs and passed extremely well, thanks in part to a better block that finished with eight blocks and slowed a number of other Hutchinson attacks.

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Lapray

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sports we are constantly reminded that the games are still played and the team that plays better still wins, no matter what kind of street cred they get in the national polls.

Michigan discovered that a national offense does not make a team better. Some veteran leadership, a winning attitude and a championship team is able to wreak havoc in the big leagues. And you still can't count on teams as two-time defending national champions. The Mountaineers beat UMass

December 15, 2006, to win the title (in a playoff).

These were not some running-dog lunch football players who beat Michigan. They were winners on another level, and they played better than the Wolverines.

That's all that matters. That the best team in the folklore and reputation in the world, but if they don't perform on the field then it is just folklore and reputation. The Boise State team scored something on the first day of this year, and ASU proved it again the first week of the 2007

season. Football is a game played by two teams and the best team on that day wins. I am not being at all snide when I say we should do away with the divisional system. I am certainly not saying that Weber State and Florida should be on the same level, but will argue that the best team in the FCS can play and beat a ranked team in the FBS.

Thanks to the Mountaineers, now I have proof.

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Jerome's Callen puts six past Minico

Times-News

JEROME — Aubree Callen had her second monster goal-scoring game in less than a week, notching a double hat-trick to lead Jerome to a 7-6 win over Minico on Saturday in girls soccer season.

Callen scored four times in the first half and twice more in the second, giving her 14 goals in five games. Lacey VanEey scored three for Minico.

Next: Jerome at Pocatello, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Minico at Burley, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Boys Soccer

Highland 1, Twin Falls 0

POCATELLO — Highland got on the board in the opening minute of the High Country Conference opener with Twin Falls on Saturday, and the lone goal was enough to notch a 1-0 win at home.

The Bruins (0-5-0, 0-1-0 HCC) recovered well enough to control play after Highland's high-flying start, but they could not find the equalizer.

Next: Twin Falls at Idaho Falls, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Minico 2, Jerome 0

RUPERT — Jorge Carrillo scored twice Saturday to lead Minico to a 2-0 win over Jerome in Great Basin Conference West play.

Minico (4-1-2, 1-1-0) hosts Burley Wednesday.

Volleyball

Filer starts American Falls in 3

FILER — Solid play at libero and center aided Filer's balanced attack Saturday in a 3-0

win over American Falls.

Filer won 25-15, 25-17, 25-22 on the strength of Erica Kober's 10 perfect passes and eight team stuff-blocks. Emma Wiersma recorded seven kills, Katie Vistrup had six (and six aces) and Haley Ramseyer made five. Mackenzie Jespar also had five kills and five aces. In total, Filer notched 24 kills. The Wildcats (2-1, 0-1 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) travel to Lahti Tuesday.

Amateur golf

Magie Valley Amateur presented by Pepsi At Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Saturday's results

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Championship Final and First Round.

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Middleton 37, Jerome 18

MIDDLETON — Four straight touchdowns by the Middleton offense doomed Jerome as the Tigers fell 37-18. Jerome could keep up with the Vikings as turnovers plagued the offense. Jake Lamvers hit 27-of-57 (47.4) in three quarters. The Stokes' Browns, Jason and Justin, scored Jerome's three TDs. Jerome (1-1) faces Gooding Sept. 14.

Middleton 37, Jerome 18

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Middleton and Jerome stats.

File 31, New Plymouth 13

NEW PLYMOUTH — Fast defense, including five sacks and four interceptions, carried Filet to a 31-13 win over New Plymouth.

Nathan Hughes carried for the end zone. The Wildcats' (2-0) host American Falls Friday.

File 31, New Plymouth 13

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes File 31 and New Plymouth stats.

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"I'm thinking, 'This could be a really difficult match from now on. I knew it from the start, but now I have proof.' I was worried," Federer acknowledged.

The best can jump as quickly as Sharapova came unraveled, Federer came together. Remarkably, he did not make an unforced error — not a single one — during a 106-point stretch that included the entire second and third sets in his 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4; 6-2 victory.

Federer even conjured up a job that curled over and landed in a corner.

"Doesn't happen every day," said Federer, trying to downplay the feat since the 1920s to win this tournament four years running.

He set up a fourth-round meeting against Feliciano Lopez, who ended the run of 1992's Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic as the United States by winning in four sets. The Federer-Lopez winner will take on the winner of No. 5 Andy Roddick vs. No. 9 Tomas Berdych in the quarterfinals.

Roddick, the 2003 U.S. Open champion and runner-up to Federer last year, won 2006 in 10 sets and zipped past 2002 Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson 6-3, 6-2, 6-0, then explained to the crowd, with a wink and a smile, why he was in a hurry.

"I've got to go to find a missing hot date later," said Roddick, who's dated actress Mandy Moore and been linked to Sharapova in the past, "so I tried to get off the court a little faster."

making strong showings, taking some of the attention away from Federer.

His Davis Cup teammate, No. 6 James Blake, was to face Stefan Koubeck at night (results not available at press time), but Young and Insigni couldn't keep pace on this day.

His next opponent, Berdych, is best known for upsetting Federer at the 2004 Olympics, and advanced Saturday with a 7-6 (2), 6-1, 7-6 (3) win over Fernando Verdasco.

Now Radwanska has her breakout moment, and she did it despite looking quite bad in the middle of the match.

"She destroyed me in the second set," Radwanska said. "But then I woke up."

Said Sharapova: "You'd think I'd have the momentum."

She always appeared bothered by one thing or another. She started the match without a visor, then added one. She tried to wait out the game before serving, then would catch her toss anyway.

And then there was what kept happening before Sharapova's second serve. Radwanska would advance halfway to the service box and stand there, before hopping in place and then shifting back some. It was only a tactic, but also basically was "insult" to his saying "hey, Maria, I'm not intimidated by your serve in the least."

Sharapova tried to shake it off, but also basically was "insult" to his saying "hey, Maria, I'm not intimidated by your serve in the least." "It will be interesting to see," she spoke about being pleased to see other U.S. men



Ankiel thrives in new life as power hitter

ST. LOUIS (AP) — As a pitcher, Rick Ankiel crumbled under pressure. Reborn as a power-hitting outfielder, he appears to thrive on it.

Ankiel's first career grand slam: the go-ahead blow in the St. Louis Cardinals' 8-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds, was the latest chapter in this wildly improbable, feel-good comeback story.

"It's really impressive," manager Jonny L. Hruska said. "But there was no surprise. He's playing exactly to his ability. It's fun to watch, and he's given you a great lift."

The defending World Series champions, beset all year by distractions and injuries, were stumbling along at 52-59 and six games back in the NL Central on Aug. 9. Then Ankiel sauntered into the clubhouse toting his equipment bag.

That was the same day the team took its latest hit, placing utilityman Scott Spiezo on the restricted list to undergo treatment for substance abuse.

That night, Ankiel hit a three-run homer in his debut. On Friday night, his grand slam diminished another blow, a season-ending eye injury to Juan Encarnacion earlier in the inning. Encarnacion was struck by a foul ball in the on-deck circle.

Even during his quiet games Ankiel has served as inspiration for the team, which had closed to two games behind the first-place Cubs. He can even be inspirational to the pitchers he victimizes.

"He's come a long way from where he ended up to where he is now," said Reds left-hander Eddie Guardado, who surrendered Ankiel's grand slam. "This game is a mental game and it can crush you, and I think he knows that. He's come a long way, he's beat it. I tip my cap to him because I think he's going to be pretty damn good."

Years ago, when he was still pitching, Ankiel's arm drew the respect of former teammate Mark McGwire. The one-time home run king was a great admirer of Ankiel's almost unshakable composure when the best came up, nicknaming it a "Snapdragon."

Now, Ankiel has a bat in his hand, straining at pitchers.

"Just see the ball, hit the ball," he said. "You look for pitches you think you can hit, and try to put good swings on them. Lately I've been able to do that."

Ankiel led the Pacific Coast League with 32 homers when he was called up, and has a smooth, natural stroke that he flashed during his pitching career with two homers and a 207 average. Two days after his debut, he hit two more homers, and totaled four long balls in his first seven



St. Louis Cardinals' Rick Ankiel tips his helmet after hitting a grand slam during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds Friday in St. Louis.

games following the call-up.

Ankiel takes an aggressive approach to the plate, totaling 19 strikeouts in 61 at-bats. But he also drew five walks for a .373 on-base percentage. He's also been big of an asset in right field with a strong accurate arm.

"I think it's all cat and mouse, whether you're a pitcher or a hitter," Ankiel said. "I've always said that, not every pitcher thinks the same, and I might not have pitched the way he pitches, and vice versa."

However successful he's been in this new life, Ankiel avoids looking at the big picture or reflecting on how well this is all going. Ankiel deflects those kinds of questions, keeping his answers as generic as possible. He has developed a habit of abruptly cutting off interviews with a quick, "OK, thanks guys."

"I was so excited and it felt so good," Ankiel said after his grand slam. "When I hit I wasn't sure if it was gone, but I knew it had a chance to go as far as that."

"Once I realized it was a homer, especially a grand slam to put us ahead, there's no better feeling than that."

Major League Baseball

All Times EDT American League												
East Division			Central Division			West Division			National League			
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Boston	61	65	.556	55	61	.474	51	64	.443	51	64	.443
New York	76	60	.559	5	64	.074	45	25	.643	45	25	.643
Toronto	69	66	.511	11	64	.146	42	27	.607	42	27	.607
Baltimore	59	75	.440	21	59	.257	1	19	.051	1	19	.051
Tampa Bay	55	81	.404	26	73	.151	1	19	.051	1	19	.051

Buchholz notches no-nitter

BOSTON — Clay Buchholz threw a no-hitter in his second major league start, just hours after being called up by the Boston Red Sox.

The lanky Texan baffled Baltimore with an assortment of curves, change-ups and fastballs in the Red Sox's 6-0 victory over the Orioles on Saturday night.

He struck out nine, walked three and hit one batter before the 37th straight sellout crowd at Fenway Park.

The crowd stood through the ninth inning, a groan rising from the stands when Corey Patterson hit a line drive to center with one out.

Buchholz started Nick Markakis with a ball, then went ahead 1-2 when the batter fouled one off with a check swing. Then Buchholz threw a 77 mph curveball that Markakis watched go by.

Buchholz, who turned 23 on Aug. 14, pitched the third no-hitter of the season for an 18-year-old pitcher in the Chicago White Sox against Texas on April 18 and Justin Verlander of Detroit against Milwaukee on June 12.

Buchholz became the 17th rookie to throw a no-hitter, and first since Florida's Anibal Sanchez against Arizona last Sept. 6.

It also became the third pitcher since 1900 to throw a no-hitter in his first or second major league start, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Yankees 9, Red Sox 6
NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez homered and drove in four runs to lead the Yankees' impressive major league debut, as the Yankees rolled to another win.



Boston Red Sox pitcher Clay Buchholz is hoisted up by catcher Jason Varitek, left, as Kevin Youkilis, right, and other teammates pile on after Buchholz pitched a no-hitter against the Baltimore Orioles in a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Saturday.

away Akinori Iwamura's unusual mound fowling, a request from Yankees manager Joe Torre.

Blue Jays 2, Mariners 6
TORONTO — Troy Glaus singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and the Blue Jays sent the Mariners to their season-high eighth straight loss.

Justin McCown (9-8) won for the first time in five starts. He allowed one run and six hits in eight innings, with a walk and three strikeouts.

Rangers 7, Angels 6
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Marlon Byrd broke out of a rut with three hits including a solo homer, and David Murphy and Brad Wilkerson hit two-

run doubles for the Rangers.

Los Angeles remained 6½ games ahead of the Seattle Mariners in the AL West.

Tigers 6, Athletics 1
OAKLAND, Calif. — Justin Verlander struck out 10 and outpitched Dan Haren, and Curtis Granderson homered, doubled and scored three runs to lead the Tigers.

Detroit tagged Haren (14-6) for 11 hits, the most he's given up this year, and Verlander's big day helped the Tigers hold ground in their chase for the AL Central and wild card.

Indians 7, White Sox 0
CLEVELAND — Paul Byrd pitched a four-hit shutout, leading the Indians to their eighth straight win.

Byrd (14-5) has won his last four starts and seven of his last eight debuts.

Casey Blake and Travis Hafner drove in two runs apiece while Franklin Gutierrez and Kelly Shoppach homered, helping Cleveland maintain its 5½-game lead over Detroit in the AL Central. The winning streak is the Indians' longest since they won nine straight in 2005.

Cleveland is also a season-high 21 games over .500 (78-57).

Twins 6, Royals 4
MINNEAPOLIS — Mike Redmond hit a two-run double and Carlos Silva pitched six effective innings for Minnesota.

Silva (11-13) was hit hard in a two-run fourth, but he survived and struck out four while giving up eight hits and three runs without a walk.

Redmond capped a four-run rally by the Twins in the fifth inning against Brandon Duckworth, who came off the disabled list to start for the Royals in a matinee that began at 11:10 a.m. local time.

Cubs still leading NL Central

CHICAGO — Aramis Ramirez hit a tie-breaking two-run homer in the sixth inning to back starter Jason Marquis as Chicago beat Houston 4-3 on Saturday.

Ramirez's 19th homer, his first since Aug. 15, followed a single by Derek Jeter to lead the Cubs to a 3-1 lead against rookie lefty Troy Patton (0-2).

Lee also homered, hitting his 16th in the eighth inning off reliever Chris Sampson to put the Cubs up 4-2.

The Cubs started the day leading the NL Central by 1½ games. The Astros, now nine games back, had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Marquis (11-8) went 2-3 in the innings, giving up two runs and five hits.

Mets 5, Braves 1
ATLANTA — Mike Pelfrey allowed one hit in six innings to win his first game of the season after seven losses and Carlos Delgado, lastings 'Milledge and Carlos Batista each hit solo home runs to help the New York Mets beat the Atlanta Braves on Saturday.

The Mets won their second in a row in Atlanta after getting swept in four games at Philadelphia. The Braves lost for the eighth time in their last 11 games to fall 6½ behind the Cubs in the NL East.

Pelfrey (1-7), recalled from Triple-A New Orleans prior to the game, struck out seven, a career high for the second-year pitcher. He walked three, and the only hit was a clean single to right in the fourth by Mark Teixeira.

Pelfrey ended an eight-game losing streak. He was 2-1 with the Mets last season, won his first two games — the last on July 18 — before losing on July 23 to Houston. He pitched only 22 innings for New York



Chicago Cubs' Aramis Ramirez hits a two-run home run against the Houston Astros during the sixth inning of a baseball game Saturday.

in 2006.

Delgado, who hit a home run in Friday night's 7-1 win, hit his 21st home run in the fifth and one out later Milledge hit his fourth, both off Atlanta starter Chuck James (9-10). Beltran, who went 3-for-4 and scored three times, hit his 26th in the seventh off reliever Manny Acosta.

Marlins 12, Phillies 6
MIAMI — Mike Jacobs and Hanley Ramirez had three hits each and Florida snapped the Phillies' six-game winning streak.

Philadelphia starter I.D. Durbin failed to retire a batter as the Marlins scored four in the seventh off reliever Jimmy Rollins went 4-for-5, with three RBIs, but Chase Utley and Ryan Howard were combined 1-for-9.

Durbin (6-4) faced seven hitters, allowed four runs and five hits.

Florida starter Byung-Hyun Kim (8-9) pitched five innings and allowed four runs and 10 hits with four strikeouts.

Nationals 4, Giants 1
WASHINGTON — Jon Hanrahan threw six innings of one-hit ball, Jesus Flores homered and had two RBIs, and Washington snapped a seven-game losing streak.

Hannhan (4-2) had surrendered nine runs in 2-2 1/3 innings — the shortest outing of his rookie season — in his last start Aug. 26 at Colorado. Against the Giants, he allowed only Pedro Feliz's 17th homer of the season, walked one and struck out two.

Brewers 12, Pirates 3
MILWAUKEE — Dave Bush pitched six sharp innings and hit three batters out of a hitting slump with four RBIs for Milwaukee.

The Brewers remained 1½ games behind the Chicago Cubs in the NL Central, and have won three of four for a five-game skid.

Cardinals 11, Reds 3
ST. LOUIS — Rick Ankiel drove in three runs a day after hitting his first career grand slam, and Yadier Molina had three RBIs and homered for the second straight game as St. Louis closed out a 2-0 lead for the second time this week and also the second time since April 16.

Jim Edmonds gave the Cardinals a trio of three-RBI plays, and Ryan Howard was a combined 1-for-2.

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Hall owns Arizona in BYU debut

PROVO, Utah — Max Hall passed for 286 yards and two touchdowns in his college debut and Brigham Young won a season opener for the first time under coach Bronco Mendenhall, beating Arizona 20-7 Saturday.

The Cougars ended last season with 10 straight wins and extended the streak to 11 by nearly shutting out the Wildcats, who didn't score until 53 seconds remained in the game.

Harvey Unga ran for 67 yards and a touchdown and caught nine passes for 127 yards. Unga finished with 194 yards of offense, nearly as much as Arizona totaled as a team with 255. The Wildcats gained 60 on their only scoring drive against the BYU reserves.

Arizona, one of two teams to beat BYU last year, had just 32 yards rushing and 223 yards passing as the offense sputtered under new coordinator Sonny Dykes' spread scheme. The Wildcats finally avoided the shutout when Willie Tullama completed a 7-yard touchdown pass to Earl Mitchell with 53 seconds remaining.

Tullama finished 26-for-36 for 216 yards. The Wildcats hadn't been shut out in a season opener since 1963.

Hall spent last season running the scout team, ineligible to play under NCAA transfer rules. He redshirted at Arizona State in 2004 and led school to serve a Mormon church mission.

Hall is replacing John Beck, the No. 2 passer in BYU history, and didn't show any signs of the long layoff. He completed his first three passes and went 26-for-39 with no interceptions.

The Cougars were 7-for-15 on third-down conversions



Brigham Young defensive back Corby Hodgkins breaks up a pass intended for Arizona wide receiver Mike Thomas, left, during the second quarter of a football game Saturday in Provo, Utah.

under the rookie quarterback, who had a lot of help from the 220-pound Unga as well as the BYU defense.

BYU stopped Arizona on a fourth-and-5 and got the ball back at the Cougar 26. Hall led a seven play drive, hitting Unga on a 27-yard touchdown pass that put the Cougars up 7-0 with 6:02 left in the first quarter. Unga caught the ball around the 10, spun around

and ran through Dominick Patrick's tackle attempt and into the end zone.

Hall added a 2-yard touchdown pass to Dennis Pitta with 38 seconds left in the second quarter, giving BYU a 13-0 halftime lead after Mitch Payne missed the point-after kick.

Unga added the final touchdown on an 11-yard run with 3:24 left. The Cougars had opened the drive at the

Arizona 44 after the Wildcats were well 3 yards short on a fourth-and-7.

Montana 37, Southern Utah 17

MISSOULA, Mont. — Cole Bergquist passed for 150 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score while Dan Carpenter kicked three field goals of 41 yards or more to

lead Montana to a 37-17 victory over Southern Utah on Saturday.

Lex Hilliard, a Walter Payton Award candidate who missed the 2006 season after rupturing his Achilles tendon, had 22 carries for 109 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown run just over three minutes into the game.

Montana (1-0), ranked second in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision, took advantage of four Southern Utah turnovers to pull away late.

The Grizzlies led 14-2 at halftime.

Air Force 34, South Carolina St. 3

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Shaun Carney passed for 176 yards and a touchdown and Kip McCarthy ran for 129 yards to lead Air Force to its new offense past South Carolina State 34-3 Saturday.

New Air Force coach Troy Calhoun brought with him a bevy of new plays to install into the Falcons' attack, and many of them worked. At one point, Air Force (1-0) lined up with five wide receivers and only Carney in the backfield. The very next play, three running backs lined up directly behind the Falcons' quarterback.

The heady senior quarterback led the Falcons 29 yards on 13 plays for a touchdown on the team's first drive, going 3-for-4 for 43 yards. McCarthy capped the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run, the first of his career.

Tight end Travis Dekker, who has only four receptions and no touchdowns last year, was Carney's primary target in the first half. The senior had three receptions for 64 yards and a touchdown.

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Saturday's College Scores

Major Scores

FAR WEST
Air Force 34, S. Carolina St. 3
BYU 20, Arizona 3
California 45, Tennessee 31
Colorado 31, Colo. St. 28, OT
Montana 37, S. Utah 17
Oregon 48, Houston 27
UCLA 45, Stanford 17
Wyoming 23, Virginia 3

EAST

Boston College 38, Wake Forest 18

SOUTH

Alabama 52, W. Carolina 6
Auburn 23, Kansas St. 13
Florida 49, W. Kentucky 3
Georgia 35, Oke. St. 14
Miami 31, Marshall 3
Mississippi 23, Memphis 21
North Carolina 37, James Madison 14
South Carolina 28, Louisiana-Lafayette 17
South Florida 28, Elon 13
UCF 25, N.C. State 23
Virginia Tech 17, East Carolina 7

MIDWEST

Appalachian St. 34, Michigan 32

Bowling Green 32, Minnesota 31, OT

Georgia Tech 33, Notre Dame 3

Indiana 53, Indiana St. 7

Iowa 16, N. Illinois 3

Kansas 52, Cent. Michigan 7

Michigan St. 55, UAB 18

Missouri 40, Illinois 34

Nebraska 52, Nevada 10

Oho St. 38, Youngstown St. 6

Wisconsin 42, Washington St. 21

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 46, Troy 26

Oklahoma 79, N. Texas 10

TCU 27, Baylor 0

Texas 21, Arkansas St. 13

Texas A&M 38, Montana St. 7

Appalachian State egdes Wolverines on Rauch's late field goal

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — What was supposed to be a unexciting game turned into a stunner as Appalachian State 34, No. 5 Michigan 32.

Julian Rauch's 24-yard field goal with 26 seconds left Saturday put the Mountaineers ahead of the Wolverines and Brian Lynch blocked a field goal in the final seconds to seal one of college football's biggest upsets.

The two-time defending champions from former Division IAA school were the nation's winningest program 28-14 late in the second quarter, then their storybook afternoon seemed to unravel late in the fourth quarter.

Mike Hart's 54-yard run put the Wolverines ahead — for the first time since early in the second quarter — with 4:36 left.

One snap after the go-ahead touchdown, Appalachian State's Engstrom intercepted an errant pass, but the Wolverines couldn't capitalize and had their first of two field goals blocked.

Appalachian State drove 69 yards without a timeout in 1:11 to set up the go-ahead kick, but it still wasn't over.

Chad Henne threw a 46-yard pass to Mario Manningham, giving Michigan the ball at Appalachian State's 20 with 6 seconds left.

Lynch blocked the kick and returned it to the other end of the field as the final seconds ticked off, and his teammates rushed across the field to pile on Lynch as the coaching staff and cheerleaders jumped with joy.

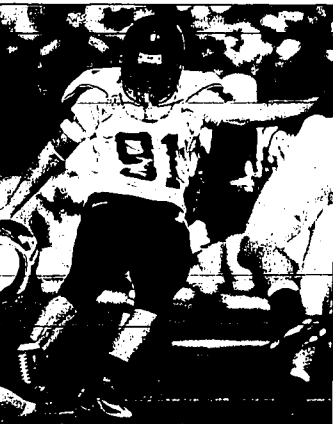
Appalachian State has won 15 straight games, the longest streak in the nation.

No. 3 West Virginia 62, W. Michigan 24

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Pat White threw two touchdown passes and ran for two more scores, and Steve Staton scored four times for West Virginia.

It was the Mountaineers' highest scoring game since an 80-7 win over Rutgers in 2001. WVU coach Rich Rodriguez's first season — West Virginia improved 5-0 against Mid-American Conference schools under Rodriguez.

Western Michigan's defense, which has not allowed a touchdown in last season, couldn't contain one of the nation's top rushing



Appalachian State kicker Julian Rauch kicks a 24-yard field goal, with 26 seconds left, to beat No. 5 Michigan 34-32 in a football game Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

tandems, and that emphasis also allowed White to thrive through the air. The junior went 10-of-18 for 192 yards. He also ran for 97 yards in improving to 16-2 as a starter.

Staton ran for 109 yards as the Mountaineers broke the game open with two scores in a 1:15 span early in the third quarter.

No. 4 Texas 21, Arkansas State 13

AUSTIN, Texas — Colt McCoy threw two first-quarter touchdowns, and Texas stumbled through a sloppy season-opening win.

Texas hopes to contend for the Big 12 and national titles, but will first have to shore up a defense that allowed Arkansas State (0-1) to grind out long drives and break off big plays.

About the only thing that looked solid for Texas was the normally reliable pass-catch combination of McCoy to Lomas Sweed. But even they cooled off after a 35-yard TD pass on Texas' first drive.

not for two missed field goals and an interception in the end zone, the Indians could have done the unthinkable and won it.

No. 6 Florida 49, W. Kentucky 3

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tim Tebow and Florida had an even easier day than expected against Western Kentucky. The Gators didn't even have to play 60 minutes.

Tebow threw for 300 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another score, and the Gators opened defense of their national championship with a rout in a game called with 8:23 left because of lightning.

Tebow, making his first career start, led Florida (1-0) to touchdowns in its first four possessions. He completed his first six passes for 156 yards and two TDs, proving he can be as dynamic with his arm as he can his legs.

With his first throw, Tebow hit Andre Caldwell in stride down the sideline for a 48-yard gain. Later in the first, he faked a step toward the line of scrimmage, then dropped back and

connected with Riley Cooper for a 59-yard score. He added a perfect strike for Percy Harvin to make it 21-0 in the second quarter.

No. 7 Wisconsin 42, Washington State 21

MADISON, Wis. — New starting quarterback Tyler Donovan threw three touchdowns and ran for another for Wisconsin.

With Washington State focused on stopping running back PJ Hill, the Badgers turned to Donovan, a fifth-year senior who was given the starting job by coach Bret Bielema only 10 days ago.

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transition from high school to Division I this season.

No. 9 Virginia Tech 17, East Carolina 7

BLACKSBURG, Va. — After 4½ months of mourning, Virginia Tech was ready to celebrate a victory for the first time since the Hokies to give their fans something to cheer about.

Getting off to a sluggish start in what figures to be an emotionally charged season, No. 9 Virginia Tech struggled to beat East Carolina, even hearing boos from a home crowd that honored a plea not to cheer the Pirates.

No. 11 Ohio St. 38, Youngstown St. 6

COLUMBUS, Ohio — No. 11 Ohio State took its first step toward forgetting the end of last season.

Todd Boeckman played well in his first start replacing Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Troy Smith and the Buckeyes made their first all the big plays in beating Youngstown State.

The Buckeyes welcomed the game's pace as a way to put some distance between themselves and the painful memories of a humiliating 41-14 defeat to Florida in the BCS national championship game Jan. 8.

It was the first time the schools met, with Youngstown State now playing in the new Football Championship Subdivision, formerly I-AA.

No. 12 California 41, No. 15 Tennessee 31

BERKELEY, Calif. — California scored one of its best wins with a redemptive win over the Volunteers.

DeSean Jackson scampered 77 yards for his sixth career punt return for a touchdown, and the 12th-ranked Golden Bears avenged last season's humiliating loss to the No. 15 Volunteers with a 41-31 victory.

Justin Forsett rushed for 156 yards and a score, and Nate Longshore passed for 241 yards and two TDs as the Bears (1-0) reeked up the most points scored against the Volunteers in 12 years to win the opening week's only matchup between ranked schools.

Erik Alinge had 271 yards passing and three TD throws despite an injured tanger, but Tennessee's first trip to the West Coast since 1937 was hardly encouraging for coach Phillip Fulmer's defense, which hadn't given this many points since a 62-37 loss to Florida in 1995.

No. 13 Georgia 35, Oklahoma State 14

ATLANTA, Ga. — Thomas Brown took two first-quarter touchdowns, Matthew Stafford threw two second-half scoring passes and Georgia shut out Oklahoma State in the second half.

Stafford, a sophomore beginning his first full season as the starting quarterback, was 18-for-24 passing for 234 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions.

Georgia (1-0) led 21-14 at halftime and Stafford put the game out of reach with touchdown passes to Bruce Figgins, a freshman tight end, and Michael Moore.

Oklahoma State's Bobby Reid was 16-for-30 passing for 191 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Reid completed a 20-yard scoring pass to Adarius Bowman in the first quarter.

Mike Henderson's 63-yard punt return set up Stafford's 3-yard touchdown pass to Moore in the fourth quarter.

No. 14 UCLA 45, Stanford 17

STANFORD, Calif. — Ben Olson threw five touchdowns passes and Khalil Bell ran for a career-high 195 yards as the Bruins spoiled Jim Harbaugh's first game as the Cardinal coach.

Olson's cool efficiency in his return to the starting lineup and 20 returning starters for the Bruins (1-0, 1-0 Pac-10) were too much for the emotion-fueled Cardinal (0-1, 0-1), who tried to match the high energy level of their new coach.

Harbaugh's imprint on Stanford's offense was evident as the Cardinal moved the ball much better than they did in a 1-11 season a year ago that led to Walt Harris' firing. Stanford's defense struggled with missed tackles and gave up 624 total yards.

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NFL PREVIEW

NFL 2007: A look at the upcoming season, by divisions

NFL VIKING (AP) — How the NFL divisions stack up this season, with projected record to parenthesis:

AFC EAST

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (12-4) Strength: Having someone created by coach Bill Belichick, quarterback Tom Brady and defensive leaders Richard Seymour, Tebey Bruschi and Rodney Harrison.

Weaknesses: They're getting a little old on defense, and there's questionable depth in the secondary and at running back. Moss has had injury issues.

Players to watch: RB Laurence Maroney, LB Adalius Thomas.

Biggest change: Most improvement in receiving unit.

Schedule key: Games 11-13 vs. Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburgh.

Why they will finish first: Patriots won the division last year — and they're even better.

NEW YORK JETS (9-7) Strength: Coaching with Eric Mangini and staff extracting every ounce of talent from the roster.

Weaknesses: Most upgrade significantly in run defense and get more pressing back on O-line. QB has struggled in preseason. Jones and S Kerry Rhodes.

Players to watch: KR Justin Miller, LB Bryan Thomas.

Biggest change: Adding Jones to so-so running game — if he's healthy.

Schedule key: Opening two weeks in Pittsburgh Ravens.

Why they will finish second: Tougher schedule than last year, nowhere near the talent of New England.

MIAMI DOLPHINS (6-0) Strength: End Jason Taylor's career as Defensive Player of the Year.

Weaknesses: Little stability with a new coaching staff in four years. Suspect running game and weak offensive line.

Players to watch: Taylor, LB Joey Porter.

Biggest change: Cam Cameron taking over as coach.

Schedule key: Games 10-12 vs. Eagles, Steelers and Jets.

Why they will finish third: Because the Bills have even more problems.

BUFFALO BILLS (6-0) Strength: Probably the best special teams in the NFL, led by RB Terrence McGee and P Bryan Moomman. Active DL sparred by end and Aaron Schob. Game-breaking WR Lee Evans.

Weaknesses: Loss of leadership on defense (CB Nate Clements, LBs London Fletcher and Takeo Spikes); suspect and overpaid OL linbacking.

Players to watch: Evans, Schobel.

Biggest change: Defensive moves that didn't improve roster.

Schedule key: Brutal opening five weeks: Denver, Pittsburgh, New England, Miami, Dallas.

Why they will finish fourth: Too many question marks on defense and offensive line, and killer schedule.

AFC SOUTH

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (12-4) Strength: A superb offense guided by QB Peyton Manning and loaded with weapons. A defense that showed its skills in its post-season.

Weaknesses: Manning's protection could be shakier than it's ever been.

Schedule key: Games 6-10 vs. Jacksonville, Carolina, New England, San-Diego and Kansas City.

Why they will finish first: Talent, confidence, experience, strong coaching.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (9-7) Strength: The NFL's best passer: DTs, Marcus Stroud and John Henderson. Dynamic CB Rashan Mathis. Good linbacking. The 1-2 punch of RBs DeShaun Foster and James Davis.

Weaknesses: Inconsistencies at quarterback, receiver and tight end. Recent falls in big games.

Players to watch: TE Marcedes Lewis, RB RHR Jones-Drew.

Biggest change: New offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter.

Schedule key: Games 12-14 vs. Indianapolis, Carolina and Pittsburgh.

Why they will finish second: The defense can stop anyone, but the offense won't challenge Indy.

TENNESSEE TITANS (6-0) Strength: QB Vince Young is a creative force and winner. LB Keith Brooking is among the league's top leaders in C Kevin Mawae and DE Kyle VanDon Brown.

Weaknesses: Who will be the main target for who will be the main target? How much has the Pcam Jones situation hurt?

Players to watch: Young, Bullock.

Biggest change: Young behind center from quarterback.

Schedule key: Opening month vs. Jaguars, Colts and Saints.

Why they will finish third: They'll take a step back from last year's 6-8 as they retool.

HOUSTON TEXANS (9-0) Strength: Exciting WR Andre Johnson. Defensive Rookie of the Year LB DeMeco Ryans. CB Dunta Robinson all have yet to peak.

Weaknesses: QB Matt Schaub is unproven, as are his blockers and offensive line. More is needed from the defensive line.

Players to watch: DE Mario Williams, QB Schaub.

Biggest change: No more David Carr at quarterback, but offensive line remains huge question mark.

Schedule key: Either opening three weeks, Panthers and Colts, or closing week of Denver, Indy and Jacksonville.

Why they will finish fourth: After five seasons, Texans still are building foundation.

AFC NORTH

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (10-6) Strength: After disappointing year following NFL title, team is on mission under new coach Mike Tomlin. QB Ben Roethlisberger's health and his strong receivers and runners around him. S Troy Polunaka is most feared DL in league. Team looks hungry.

Weaknesses: How will change in coaching affect them? Blocking is questionable, so are special teams.

Players to watch: TE Heath Miller, Polunaka.

Biggest change: Tomlin replacing coach. Bill Cowher.

Schedule key: Closing stretch against Cincinnati, New England, Jacksonville, St. Louis and Baltimore.

Why they will finish first: The most balanced team in a tough division, and they were embarrassed by flop in 2006.

BALTIMORE RAVENS (10-6, wild card) Strength: Big-play defense led by LBs Ray Lewis, Bart Scott and Terrence Sula. QB Joe Flacco. S Ed Reed. RB Willis McGahee does some versatility. QB Steve McNair is in second season at Baltimore. Good special teams.

Weaknesses: Some holes have popped up on offensive line and last year's top defender, LB Adalius Thomas, left for New England.

Players to watch: Reed, McGahee.

Biggest change: McGahee replacing Jamal Lewis.

Schedule key: Games 11-13 vs. Chargers, Patriots and Colts.

Why they will finish second: Showing some age and they will miss Thomas immensely.

AFC WEST

CINCINNATI BENGALS (9-8) Strength: A dynamic offense guided by QB Carson Palmer throwing to WRs Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh, handing off to Rudi Johnson. Solid kicking game.

Weaknesses: Some holes have popped up on offensive line and last year's top defender, LB Adalius Thomas, left for New England.

Players to watch: Chad Johnson (especially after a TD), S Madiou Williams.

Biggest change: Houshmandzadeh, but he's better.

Schedule key: Five of first six are against 2006 playoff teams.

Why they will finish third: Defensive and coaching shortcomings will offset offense's rise.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (4-12) Strength: TE Kellen Winslow and WR Dwayne Bowens are the difference makers. OL has been upgraded, although it's still mediocre. RB Jamal Lewis is running hard and with chip on his shoulder.

Weaknesses: Broken QBs, little depth anywhere. Pass rush is so-so. Lots of injuries.

Included Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Baltimore and New England... Why they will finish fourth: Too many injuries, not enough depth, holes at key spots, uncertainty at QB.

AFC WEST

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (12-4) Strength: The best offensive player in the game, RB LaDainian Tomlinson.

Weaknesses: Offensive scheme built on T.L. skills, TE Antonio Gates being a mismatch for defenders, and precision of QB Philip Rivers.

Players to watch: Tomlinson, Meriann.

Biggest change: Turner in for Marty Schottenheimer.

Schedule key: Games 9-12 vs. Colts, Jaguars, Ravens and Chiefs.

Why they will finish first: The most talented in the division, if not the entire league.

DENVER BRONCOS (10-6, wild card) Strength: The best cover cornerback in football, Champ Bailey, supported by experienced defenders and emerging star linbacker D.J. Williams.

Weaknesses: QB Terry Henry should continue 1,000-yard rushing tradition. Jason Walker is elite without.

Why they will finish second: Darrel Williams affect them? Special teams are mediocre, and both lines have slipped a bit.

Players to watch: QB Jay Cutler.

Biggest change: Cutler in second year season; is starter from the get-go.

Schedule key: Games 3-6 vs. Jaguars, Colts, Chargers and Steelers.

Why they will finish second: If Cutler takes next step, offense will be dangerous.

AFC SOUTH

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (7-9) Strength: Larry Johnson is epitome of a workhorse RB. TE Tony Stewart is most feared DL in league. Team looks hungry.

Weaknesses: Inconsistent situations at quarterback and offensive line, which used to be a strength. Was LJ's holdout a DJ?

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Miami at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 11 a.m.
The Chiefs City at Houston, 11 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.

Denver at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
New England at New York Jets, 11 a.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 2:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 6:15 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 10
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

Minnesota has taken some serious steps backward this year.

NFC WEST
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (9-7) Strength: A team that knows how to win when healthy, which it wasn't last year. But Seahawks return to NFC title game anyway.

Weaknesses: Offense and WR Delon Branch could be one. Linebacking is solid and defensive line got an upgrade. Most exciting player in NFC.

Players to watch: QB Shaun Alexander, RB Matt Hasselbeck.

Biggest change: Potential problems in blocking, which are in Seattle.

Schedule key: Midseason games with Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia.

Why they will finish first: Seahawks have been there before and know how to stay on top of a quickly improving division.

ST. LOUIS RAMS (9-7, wild card) Strength: RB Steven Jackson might have a Tomlinson type of season, and he's not the only top-notch talent on the team.

Weaknesses: Linebacking and secondary are weak. Special teams aren't special. Special teams aren't special.

Players to watch: Carrier, Jackson, Blount.

Biggest change: Defense has a tight end who can be big-time complement to wideouts and Jackson.

Schedule key: Play three of four vs. Baltimore, Seattle and New Orleans in midseason, but overall schedule is not imposing.

Why they will finish second: A dark horse to go far this year if the defense improves, which it should.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (9-8) Strength: Mike Nolan has enhanced a midseason franchise in two years as coach. Alex Smith could be a precise QB and RB Frank Gore is a beast. TE Vernon Davis could be one, too. Addition of Nate Clements boosted secondary.

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Players to watch: Carrier, Jackson, Blount.

Biggest change: Secondary is primo.

Schedule key: A quick start will be valuable with division opponent, plus Steelers and Ravens before a bye.

Why they will finish third: In the NFC North or East, they might contend for division. Here, the Niners will come close to wild card.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Coaching changes

WHO'S OUT	WHO'S IN
Dolphins Nick Saban	Cam Cameron
Raiders Art Shell	Lamar Kilin
Steelers Bill Cowher	Mike Tomlin
Chargers M. Scottenheimer	Nov Turner

Rookies to watch

Jacoby Jones
WR - Texans
Rangy, very athletic, can use speed and frame to get open and can high jump the ball. Selected in third round, No. 73 overall.

Paul Posluszny
LB - Bills
Shifted from strongside to middle linebacker for the last four games with Penn State, producing 40 of his 119 tackles in the 2006 season.

Darrell Lewis
CB-PR - Jets
Won 2006 Jim Thorpe award (nation's top defensive back); made successful move to right CB from the left side prior to his final campaign.

Joe Thomas
DT - Browns
Has the best footwork and lateral quickness of any rookie tackle in the last five years. Fits as a need for a team, whose CBs were sacked 54 times in 2006.

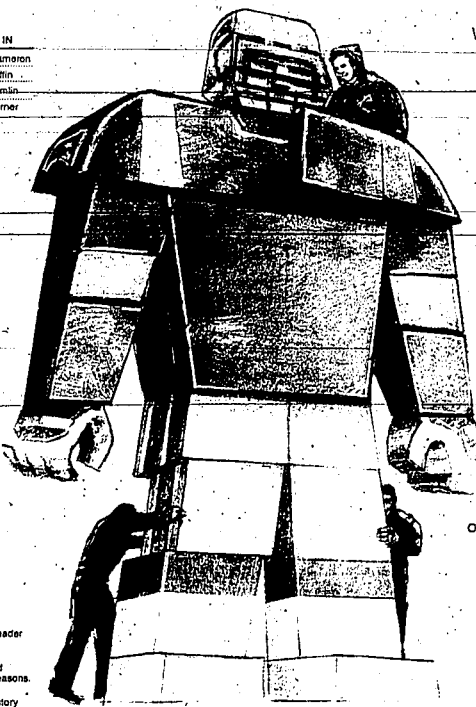
LaMarr Woodley
LB - Steelers
Total package at Michigan. A beast rushing the passer, and tough against the run; should have an immediate impact.

Milestones

- Tony Gonzalez** TE - Chiefs
Needs two touchdowns to become all-time leader in touchdowns for a tight end.
- Marvin Harrison** WR - Colts
Needs 100 receptions to pass Jerry Rice and become first player to have five 100-catch seasons.
- Rodney Harrison** S - Patriots
Needs 1.5 sacks to become first player in history with 30 interceptions and 30 sacks.

Power rankings Based on a scale of one to five, with five being the optimum ranking

	EAST					NORTH					SOUTH					WEST				
	BILLS	DOLPHINS	PATRIOTS	JETS	RAVENS	BENGALS	BROWNS	STEELERS	TEXANS	COLTS	JAGUARS	TITANS	BRONCOS	CHIEFS	RAIDERS	CHARGERS				
Offense	3	2	4	3	3	2	2	4	2	3	3	3	4	2	1	4				
Defense	2	4	3	3	1	2	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4				
Coaching	3	2	4	4	4	3	2	4	2	3	3	3	4	3	2	3				
Intangibles	2	3	4	3	3	2	2	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	3				



With three titles in the new century already, a rebuilt receiving corps and even more defensive power, another trophy will make New England a...

Monster machine

In the offseason, the Tom Brady-led Patriots' offense got a boost, adding linebacker Adalius Thomas from Baltimore, coach Bill Belichick's kind of versatile player, plus the wideouts they desperately needed: Donte Stallworth, Wes Welker and the former megastar, Randy Moss.

While the offense got better, the defense is the strong suit, ranked No. 2 in the AFC Conference in points allowed per game last season: Winner of three of four Super Bowls between the 2001-2004 seasons, New England is considered a favorite to get another Super Bowl ring.

2006 conference leaders

OFFENSE (Avg. yards per game)	DEFENSE TACKLES
PASSING	Jaguars 937
Colts 269.3	Chiefs 1,000
Bengals 239.6	Chiefs 1,023
Steelers 233.3	
RUSHING	SACKS
Chargers 161.1	Colts 25.0
Jaguars 158.8	Browns 26.0
Titans 138.4	Texas 29.0
RECEIVING	INTERCEPTIONS
Colts 274.8	Dolphins 8
Bengals 254.1	Texas 11
Steelers 251.6	Bills 13

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Coaching changes

WHO'S OUT	WHO'S IN
Cardinals Dennis Green	Ken Whisenand
Falcons Jim Mora	Bobby Patino
Cowboys Eli Parcells	Wade Phillips

Rookies to watch

Adam Thielen
DE-DT - Rams
A run-stopper who will help a team that finished 20th, 28th and 31st, respectively, in rush defense the last three seasons.

Calvin Johnson
WR - Lions
One of the most exciting players drafted; brings tremendous combination of size, speed and pass-catching ability to the pro level.

LaRon Landry
S - Redskins
Playmaker with a nose for the ball. Superb timed speed and size. Great instincts, range and ball skills; times and anticipates the action.

Greg Olsen
TE - Bears
Size, speed and physical ability. Ran 4.51 in the 40-yard dash at the NFL Scouting Combine, the fastest time by a tight end.

Adrian Peterson
RB - Vikings
Rushed 240 times for 2,315 yards and 32 TDs for Oklahoma last season. Has been timed at least as 10.8 in the 100 meters.

Milestones

- Brett Favre** QB - Packers
Needs seven touchdowns to pass Dan Marino for most in NFL history.
- Darrel Hall** WR - Rams
Needs one kickoff return touchdown to become first in NFL to have more than six in a career.
- Eric Decker** RB - Broncos
WR M. Eric Decker, Marcel Faulk and Walter Payton with another 2,000-yard season.

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A popular quarterback and vicious running duo are back to contribute to a ...

Booming Big Easy

Quarterback Drew Brees and the running back tandem of Reggie Bush and Duce McAllister make the New Orleans offense explosive enough to make up for a questionable defense. Two years removed from Katrina, the Saints remain sentimental favorites — they finished 10-6 and won the South last year after going 3-13 in that hurricane-displaced season.

The Saints look to be a better unit than the one that shocked the world by winning seven more games with rookie head coach Sean Payton than it had the year before, and reached the NFC Championship for the first time ever. They now are expected to contend for title. If Brees stays healthy, they should improve from their comeback season last year and to battle for the title.



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Lions 30.0
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INTERCEPTIONS
Redskins 6
Saints 11
Buccaneers 11

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and breezy at times. Unseasonably hot with highs in the middle 90s
Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy. A very warm evening will slowly cool overnight. Lows in the mid 60s
Tomorrow: Labor Day. Dry with scattered clouds. Highs back into the middle 90s

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Occasional breezy with partly cloudy skies. Hot, with highs around 90
Tonight: The evening will remain very warm with overnight lows cooling into the mid 60s
Tomorrow: Labor Day. Dry with unseasonably hot. Under partly cloudy skies, highs will reach the low to mid 90s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Unseasonably warm temperatures, low humidity and occasionally gusty winds will continue the high fire danger. These conditions will also aggravate the ongoing forest fire threat through Tuesday.

Today Highs: 77-87. Tonight's Lows: 58 to 61.
BOISE
 More hot and dry conditions will cover the remainder of the Labor Day weekend. Winds will be breezy at times during the afternoon hours. Rain is needed for a possible Monday night and Tuesday.

Today Highs: 69 to 80. Tonight's Lows: 48 to 55.
NORTHERN UTAH
 It will be partly cloudy and unseasonably warm throughout the Labor Day weekend. Mountain thunderstorm cannot be ruled out.



Yesterday's forecast was in Boise. Low: 40 at 2:00. Weather by 10:00: Partly cloudy. High: 86. Wind: light, light air. No rain. Partly cloudy. High: 86. Wind: light, light air. No rain.

REGG MIDDLEKAMP'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "I think the whole thing was started by a..."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 84	Low 64	95/68	84/55	76/49	79/53

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	86	57	0.00
Idaho Falls	86	57	0.00
Shoshone	86	57	0.00
Arctic	86	57	0.00
Blackfoot	86	57	0.00
Blaine	86	57	0.00
Boise	86	57	0.00
Butte	86	57	0.00
Camas	86	57	0.00
Chubbuck	86	57	0.00
Coeur d'Alene	86	57	0.00
Driggs	86	57	0.00
Elgin	86	57	0.00
Emmett	86	57	0.00
Franklin	86	57	0.00
Gardenburg	86	57	0.00
Hammond	86	57	0.00
Heppner	86	57	0.00
Jerome	86	57	0.00
Kimberly	86	57	0.00
Latah	86	57	0.00
Malheur	86	57	0.00
Minidoka	86	57	0.00
Nez Perce	86	57	0.00
Owyhee	86	57	0.00
Power	86	57	0.00
Shoshone	86	57	0.00
Teton	86	57	0.00
Teton	86	57	0.00
Valley	86	57	0.00
Wilder	86	57	0.00
Yellowstone	86	57	0.00

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday High: 84	0.00	78%	30.02	6:03 AM - 7:53 PM	Low
Yesterday Low: 64	0.00	78%	30.02	6:03 AM - 7:53 PM	Low
Record High: 95	0.00	78%	30.02	6:03 AM - 7:53 PM	Low
Record Low: 40	0.00	78%	30.02	6:03 AM - 7:53 PM	Low

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	84-95	84-95	84-95
Idaho Falls	84-95	84-95	84-95
Shoshone	84-95	84-95	84-95
Arctic	84-95	84-95	84-95
Blackfoot	84-95	84-95	84-95
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Boston	84-95	84-95	84-95
Chicago	84-95	84-95	84-95
Dallas	84-95	84-95	84-95
Denver	84-95	84-95	84-95
Detroit	84-95	84-95	84-95
Houston	84-95	84-95	84-95
Los Angeles	84-95	84-95	84-95
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Minneapolis	84-95	84-95	84-95
New York	84-95	84-95	84-95
Phoenix	84-95	84-95	84-95
Portland	84-95	84-95	84-95
San Antonio	84-95	84-95	84-95
San Diego	84-95	84-95	84-95
Seattle	84-95	84-95	84-95
St. Louis	84-95	84-95	84-95
Tampa	84-95	84-95	84-95
Washington	84-95	84-95	84-95
Wichita	84-95	84-95	84-95

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
London	84-95	84-95	84-95
Paris	84-95	84-95	84-95
Tokyo	84-95	84-95	84-95
Sydney	84-95	84-95	84-95
Mumbai	84-95	84-95	84-95
Beijing	84-95	84-95	84-95
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Former champion Kurt Busch can wrap up spot in Chase

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — Kurt Busch is doing his own version of scorched earth, watching as NASCAR's "regular season" winds to a close.
 "This is a big picture time," Busch said. "I guess I've looked at just about every mathematical scenario. The bottom line is that if we are 165 (points) ahead of the 13th place after Sunday night, then I think we are guaranteed a spot in the Chase for the Nextel Cup championship."
 Busch, the 2004 Cup champion, goes into the Shamp Aquos 500 at California Speedway holding down the 12th and final spot in the Chase, expanded this season from 10 to 12 drivers.

mat, each win leading up to the Chase is worth an extra 10 points for the start of the playoff.

ing, it's not out of the question that he could wind up matching the four wins by both series points leader Jeff Gordon and reigning Cup champion Jimmie Johnson.

With only this event and next Saturday night's race at Richmond before the start of the 10-race playoff, Busch — NASCAR's hottest driver over the past two months — isn't quite ready to breath easy yet.
 But, with a 157-point edge over 13th-place Dale Earnhardt Jr. and 175 points over 14th-place Ryan Newman, his Penske Racing teammate, Busch would probably need a blowup of disastrous proportions to fall out of the Chase.
 More likely, he will continue to pressure the two drivers just ahead of him — Martin Truex Jr. and Kevin Harvick, both within nine points.

"It really all has to do with your finish among the other cars that are around you," Busch said. "Yet, if you just go out there and worry about your own program and shoot for a top-10 finish, that means that there is only one race left for things to go back or go right."
 Busch, who will start from the pole for the first time this season, can get a five-point bonus for leading at least one lap by just staying out front for the first lap.
 Earnhardt, starting seventh, was hoping to leave Dale Earnhardt Inc., the team his late father founded, with a championship as a parting gift. He will need a near-miracle to even get into the Chase, thanks mostly to four engine failures this season, including two in his last five races.
 His only hope may be a combination of Busch having the same kind of problem Sunday, combined with a top-10 finish for Junior.

"If Kurt keeps up to as he is, it will be hard for me to do anything about it," Earnhardt said. "If he has an unfortunate engine failure or something like that, maybe we can capitalize on that. It would make it exciting at Richmond."

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209 General

MAINTENANCE
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209 General

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210 Medical

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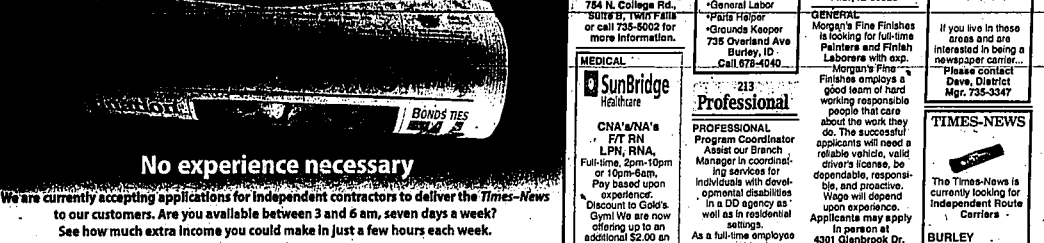
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212 Miscellaneous

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216 Trades

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Dyslexics untie?

The joke holds a serious message for people with this learning disability

Reading, writing and frustration

By Jacqueline L. Salmon
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The turning point in the struggle with our daughter's dyslexia came during Sarah's sophomore year in high school. She and I were in her bedroom, and, as usual, I was reading her lessons aloud to her. We'd started with chemistry, where I had barely navigated through the thicket of the periodic table. (Molybdenum? Yttrium?) Now we were deep into our thirteenth hour of Advanced Placement world history and reviewing a chapter on Chinese history.

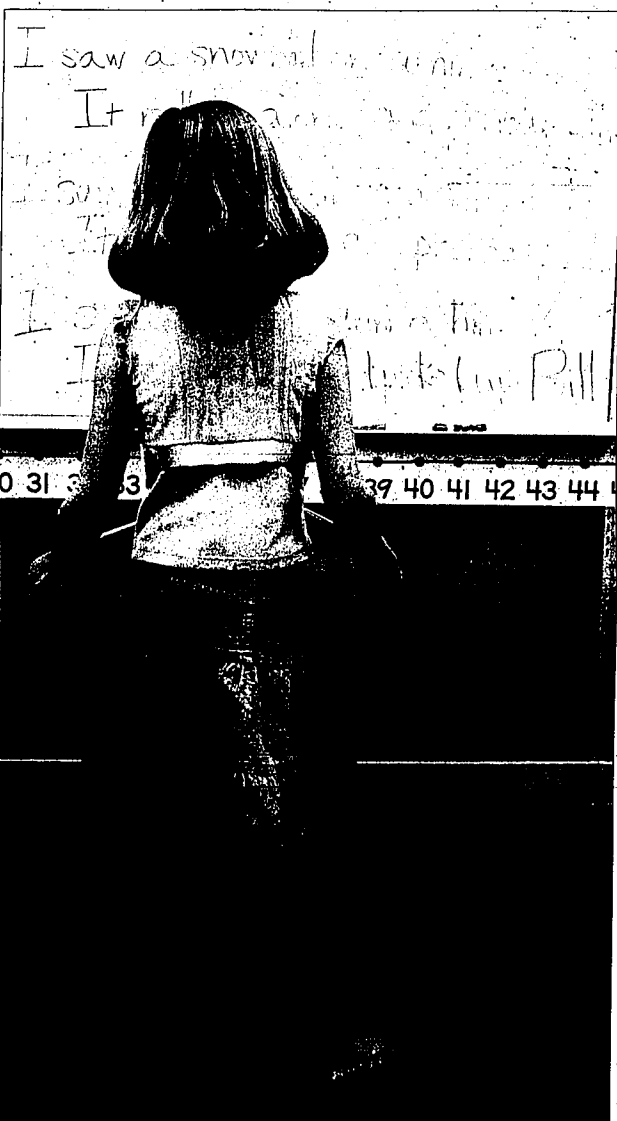
Sarah paced the room, repeating back key phrases about 3rd century B.C. China and orally summarizing the material, paragraph by paragraph. I made a wild stab at pronouncing the name of the emperor who united the warring provinces of China and built the Great Wall: Qin Shihuangdi. It came out like "Quincy-Honky."

Sarah grabbed the book back. "That's not how my teacher pronounces it."

"Then you do it," I snapped. Sarah burst into tears. It's painful to recall, but the episode pushed us to discover and take advantage of powerful new technologies that eventually helped our oldest child achieve her full potential — that of a girl capable of plowing through difficult coursework and pulling down a 4.1 grade-point average.

If only we could have foreseen the future. In first grade, when we had our first inkling of a problem. Back then, Sarah had a fondness for the book "Put Me in the Zoo," not great literature but great fun to read when you're starting out on that voyage to literacy. She'd read the tale, about a funny, spotted leopard desperate for a home in the zoo, seemingly effortlessly over and over again. "I would like to live this way. This

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Outside schools, dyslexia resources available but limited in the Magic Valley

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Once a child has been assessed and identified with special needs, the public school system is required, by law, to provide them.

"Based on student need, the school receives federal funding to provide that extra help," said Filer Special Programs Director Pamela Houston-Powell. "All students deserve good instruction." Sometimes a dyslexic student may need more instruction than can be provided during regular school hours. Most often, parents are referred to the Southern Idaho Learning Center in Twin Falls.

"We have a good working relationship with (SILC) and have had a number of students that have really been helped with their services," Houston-Powell said.

Over the past summer, SILC served 105 students. Some came from as far as Oakley, Shoshone and Rupert. The number of specifically dyslexic students was not readily available, as each student's instruction recommendation varies, but Center Director Melody Lenker said that they help many dyslexics.

"It's not always reading that a student comes in for help with. Some get interventions for math, listening or handwriting," Lenker said. "We probably provide 40 to 50 assessments each year and do personal work-ups on 15 to 20 percent of those."

Besides SILC's services and those provided within the school system, help is often hard to find.

"There are academic therapists that move in and out of the area. Right now we have contact information for two other academic therapists," Lenker said. "The schools are doing the best that they can given their confines. They are obligated by the federal government to provide services for every student but then only get 20 percent of the funding to do it. Understandably, some students fall through the cracks but that's why we're here, as a safety net."

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Dyslexia resources
Southern Idaho Learning Center
www.silc.org
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New technology available to help dyslexic students

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Basic words like 'cat,' 'half' and even 'the' can be troubling to a child with dyslexia. In some cases children will start to memorize short strings of phrases in order to cope with their learning disability — which stems from problems in the brain's language systems and not how they see words.

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Science suggests kids can't study and groove at same time

By Jeffrey G. Chase

The Washington Post

Memo to: Frustrated parents
Subject: Your kids' study habits
There's some impressive new scientific research on your side when you tell your kids they can't possibly do their homework with the TV blaring, instant messenger crawling out of their MP3 player, pumping. Unfortunately explaining it will

require you to get them unplugged from their iPod. Tell them this: A recent study shows that the more of such multi-tasking they do, the more the wrong parts of their brains to store information. Tell them they can look it up in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS)

Tell them it was done by researchers at UCLA (that's the University of California, Los Angeles. If they don't know). Tell them you know nearly every body has this bad habit, that a 2005 report by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that nearly 60 percent of seventh- to 12th-graders interviewed

Inside
Establishing homework rules — up to a point.
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reported multi-tasking while watching TV, listening to music, surfing the Web and chatting — some or most of the time while doing homework. You could even concede you know about people like Lauren

Kyla Pitts, a 19-year-old junior at the University of Maryland, College Park, who insists that listening to music (pop, R&B, "all kinds," she says) and IM'ing with her friends are important parts of her college study routine. "For the most part I think it helps me concentrate and avoid daydreaming, which can be really distracting to me," she says. But researchers have suspected for some time — just as

you may have — that they pay for trying to perform more than one job at a time. "Most would agree that there's always a cost associated with multi-tasking," said Russell Poldrack, associate professor of psychology at UCLA and co-author of the PNAS study. "We found that it can have a negative impact on learning."
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FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$4.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5.50 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
 Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bingo Center open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Meals:
 Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: Chicken party, potatoes and gravy, corn bread, coleslaw, banana cream pie.
 Wednesday: Pork chop, potatoes and gravy, beet salad, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit Cobbler.
 Thursday: Spaghetti, winter mix vegetables, French bread, salad, cinnamon roll.
 Friday: Soup and sandwich, green salad, fruit, dessert.

Activities:
 Monday: Closed.
 Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon.
 Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Friday: Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
 Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
 Lunch bingo
 Saturday: Super bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
 Lunch served at noon Monday through Thursday; \$1 for seniors, \$5 for under 60 Sunday buffet at 1 p.m.; \$4.50 for seniors, \$5.50 for under 60; \$3.50 for 12 and under

Meals:
 Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: Potato bar, salad, fruit, dessert.
 Wednesday: Cook's choice.
 Thursday: French onion burgers, Jell-O with fruit, deviled eggs, salad, dessert.

Activities:
 Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
 Farmers Market and sports, 1:30 p.m. through September.
 Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
 Blood pressure, 11:45 a.m.
 Friday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
 Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
 Full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; take-out available; suggested donation is \$4 for seniors 60 and above, \$5 for people under 60, \$2.50 for children under 12.

Meals:
 Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Wednesday: Beef stew, corn bread, lemon pudding, cookies.
 Friday: Baked ham, baked potato, corn, ice cream sundae.

Activities:
 Sunday: No Sunday dinner.
 Monday: AA meeting, 8 p.m. AI-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome.
 Wednesday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
 Friday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding
 All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3

for seniors.
Meals:
 Monday: Center is open but no meal will be served.
 Tuesday: Baked potato bar, green salad, muffins.
 Wednesday: Lasagna, cauliflower, fruit salad, garlic bread, banana bars.
 Thursday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, carrot-raisin salad, peach cobbler, rolls.

Activities:
 Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 6 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
 Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
 Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
 Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
 Saturday: Saturday night pinochle, 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake
 Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$4 for seniors; \$5 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12. Thrift shop open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free high-speed internet available on public computers during center hours.

Meals:

Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Wednesday: Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert.
 Friday: Lasagna, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert.

Activities:

Wednesday: Blood draws by a lab technician.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
 All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Meals:
 Monday: Closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce or white sauce, green beans, fruit, garlic bread, cookies.
 Wednesday: Chicken party or fish, baked potato, carrots, green pea salad, fruit, peanut butter, banana bread.
 Thursday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, sunshine salad, fruit-cocktail, zucchini bars.
 Friday: Hot barbecue chicken, twice-baked potato, creamed corn, fruit salad, Dutch apple pie.

Activities:

Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
 Wednesday: SilverSneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m. John and Dick entertaining, Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
 Friday: SilverSneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m.
 Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
 Suggested donation is \$3.50

Young professional Singers

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NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

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for seniors and \$5 for non-seniors. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Meals:
 Tuesday: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, coleslaw, fruit.
 Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken, rice, vegetables, salad, fruit.

Activities:

Wednesday: Bake day
 Friday, 7 p.m.
 Saturday: No breakfast

Richfield Senior Center

702 11th St., Rupert
 Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Meals:
 Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Thursday: Roast beef sandwich, onion rings, pea salad, peach cobbler.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
 Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Meals:

Tuesday: Beef taco salad with salsa, refried beans, dinner rolls, banana bread.
 Wednesday: French hot roast beef sandwich, onion rings, pea salad, peach cobbler.
 Friday: Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, California mixed vegetables, green salad, hot rolls, fruit, cookies.

Activities:

Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield
 Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Suggested donation for the meal is \$4 for ages 10-59; \$3 for 60 and above and \$2 for children under 10.

Meals:
 Tuesday: Beans and franks, summer squash, fruit, corn bread, fruit cobbler.
 Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, fruit, pudding.
 Friday: Roast beef with gravy, potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, Jell-O, dessert.

Activities:

Quilting, pool, table games, puzzling, videos and visiting available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Meals:
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, Harvard beans, biscuits, carrot-raisin salad; or banana bread with potato soup.
 Wednesday: Waffles, bacon, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, sherbet.
 Thursday: Carey/Halley picnic, lunch at Redfish - Fried chicken, deviled eggs, potato salad, chips, watermelon, brownies.
 Friday: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans.

hot rolls, cottage cheese, Jell-O salad with Cool Whip, cherry pie with ice cream.

Activities:

Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: Table tennis, 8:30 a.m.
 Caregivers' meeting, 10:30 a.m.
 Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
 Wednesday: Yoga, 5:15 p.m.
 Thursday: Table tennis, 8:30 a.m. at Halley.
 Picnic lunch for Carey and Halley at Redfish Lake.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
 Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Meals:

Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: French dip sandwich, fruit, vegetables, salad, peach cobbler.
 Wednesday: Ham and beans, corn bread, salad, sherbet.
 Thursday: Chef's salad, Texas toast, fruit, salad, apple turnover.
 Friday: Chicken or fish, ham and beans, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, ice cream.

Activities:

Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: French dip sandwich, fruit, vegetables, salad, peach cobbler.
 Wednesday: Ham and beans, corn bread, salad, sherbet.
 Thursday: Chef's salad, Texas toast, fruit, salad, apple turnover.
 Friday: Chicken or fish, ham and beans, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, ice cream.

Meals:

Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
 Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 SHBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwideman at 436-9107 or Katy Andrews at 878-0727 for appointments.
 Friday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 to 10 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2422 Overland Ave., Burley
Meals:
 Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: Ham salad sandwich, potato soup, salad, ice cream sandwich.
 Wednesday: Lee's birthday reunion.
 Thursday: Cabbage rolls, baby carrots, red potatoes, fruit cup, roll, chocolate cake.
 Friday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob, Jell-O salad, roll, cake.

Activities:

Monday: Closed for Labor Day.
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 8:56 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
 Dance, 7 to 10 p.m.

STORK REPORT

'St. Benedict's Family-Medical Center

Ted Kimball Butt, son of Steven and Katy Butt, was born Aug. 21, 2007.
 Benson Miteya Valdez, daughter of Ricardo and Maria Valdez of Gooding, was born Aug. 22, 2007.

Crystal Gomez Garcia, daughter of Sergio Gomez and Brenda Garcia of Glenns Ferry, was born Aug. 23, 2007.
 Wyatt Dean Dennis, son of Dan and Katina Dennis of Jerome, was born Aug. 27, 2007.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Quinton Landrum-Duval, son of Amy Landrum of Keelium, was born Aug. 9, 2007.
 Donovan Atteus Naranjo, son of Amanda Benson of Halley, was born Aug. 9, 2007.
 Giovanni Carranza, son of Yessenia Carranza and Manuel Carranza of Bellevue, was born Aug. 16, 2007.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Zogh JayDynn Koyle, daughter of Jacqueline Ann Bilal of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 17, 2007.
 Keyonna Kathleen-Ray Baker, daughter of Alisha Ray Livingston of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 18, 2007.
 Seth Alden Wright, son of Audrey Mae Wright and Kevin James Wright of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 21, 2007.

Opal Nicole Swinney, daughter of September Dawn Swinney and Lance Christopher Swinney of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 21, 2007.
 Elijah Eldon Walling-Amero, son of Sarah Deann Walling and Albert Samuel Amero of Filer, was born Aug. 22, 2007.
 Eoby Michael Page, son of Lori Lynn Page and Michael William Page of Gooding, was born Aug. 22, 2007.

Caterina Dayz Straligh, daughter of Barbara Jean Straligh and Mark Jefferson Straligh of Paul, was born Aug. 22, 2007.
 Tori Cheyanne Miller, daughter of Cheyanne Marie

Hudson and Jeremy Wade Miller of Buhl, was born Aug. 22, 2007.

Karla Guadalupe Alvarez-Vazquez, daughter of Patricia Alvarez and Jorge Alvarez-Benitez of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 22, 2007.
 Gage Bradley Eldredge, son of Jessica Ann Eldredge and John William Eldredge, of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 23, 2007.

Madelyn Faith Roberts, daughter of Jillian Lee Roberts and Jonathan Ryan Roberts of Jerome, was born Aug. 23, 2007.
 Jenise Martiguez-Santana, daughter of Maria Guadalupe Santana and Romulo Martinez of Jerome, was born Aug. 23, 2007.
 Jasmine-Marie Gomez, daughter of Laura Lynne Gomez and Stephen Ray Gomez Sr. of Kimberly, was born Aug. 24, 2007.
 Lander L. Norsteborn, son of Anni Nicole Norsteborn and Jeremy Lee Norsteborn of Hagerman, was born Aug. 24, 2007.

Emma Margaret Rawlins, daughter of Stephanie Ann Rawlins and Christopher Michael Rawlins of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 24, 2007.
 Tynne Kate Schmidt, daughter of Stacie Sue Schmidt and Keith Edward Schmidt of Castletown, was born Aug. 24, 2007.
 Emerson Ryan Stuhlberg, son of Cynthia Kay Stuhlberg and David Michael Stuhlberg of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 24, 2007.

Amy Marjorie Whitby and Carl Layne Whitby of Jerome, was born Aug. 24, 2007.
 Tanner Hyrum Coleman, son of Valerie Rae Coleman and Darren Wayne Coleman of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 25, 2007.
 Christopher Dalton Carter, son of Argyle Jean Carter and Daniel Lee Carter of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 25, 2007.

Timothy Edward Mark, son of Naomi Eva Wright and Ronald Dale Mark Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 25, 2007.
 Alyssa Elaine Swett, daughter of Frances Elaine Kissee and Robert Henry Swett of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 27, 2007.

The fish on the wall

Televisions hang on the wall these days, so why not aquariums? The AquaVista 500 is a wall-mounted, all-in-one freshwater aquarium that measures a little more than 2 feet square and holds about 6.6 gallons. You can choose from an assortment of frame colors and styles, as well as different backgrounds. The pump and filtration system are built in, as are the overhead lighting and heater. Available for \$299.99 from www.aquavista.com or call 888-627-8284.

Record-setting Russian Olive

That's what one Twin Falls man thinks he may have along the banks of Rock Creek. The tree was planted in 1938 by a schoolchild.
 TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS

SINUSITIS or ALLERGY

Because the symptoms of sinusitis and allergies are so similar, it's easy to think you have a cold, you may not realize you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	ALLERGIES
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow-green	Thin, watery or clear
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes

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Dyslexia

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 Is where I want to stay." At least, we thought she was reading it.

We soon discovered, when Sarah tried to read books that she had been memorizing the words. Basic words such as "hall," "the" and "dog" baffled her. Sometimes she recognized words on one page but had no recall when she saw the words again a page later. At times, she reversed the order of words in sentences or skipped them entirely.

"We brought up our concerns with her first-grade teacher. 'You need to read to her more' was her response. But we were already reading heavily to Sarah. My husband and I read to her every day with a passion. We redoubled our efforts, regarding the number of books on a log we kept on the kitchen table. Once a week, she took to school, where her teacher would give her gratulatory stickers on it. By the end of the year, she'd hit 460 books.

Surely Sarah would pick up the ball and run with it, we thought. But while the other second-graders in her public school were sailing through "The Magic School Bus" and "Amber Brown" — books with simple plots and simple thoughts — Sarah was stuck with basic readers such as "The Snowball." "I saw a snowball on a hill," it read. "It rolled along and picked up little things and little things, tumbling over the simplest words. She surprised and baffled us by doing well on spelling tests, until we realized she was once again memorizing. Gradually, however, on Sarah, too, that there was a problem.

"Why can the other kids read better than me?" she asked us. We didn't know what to say. How do you measure a child that her brain works fine — especially when you yourself don't know what the problem is? When Sarah was again placed in the lowest-level reading group in her class, we decided to follow a friend's recommendation and, swallowing hard, shelled out \$5,900 for a full battery of tests from an educational testing service.

Sarah turned out to be a classic dyslexic — among the 5 to 15 percent of schoolchildren with normal or above-average intelligence who perform significantly below their potential when handed a book or paper. One of the hallmarks of dyslexia is a 15-point difference between IQ and reading achievement. Sarah had a 23-point gap.

Studies have shown that dyslexic students have significantly more academic and behavioral problems than children without learning disabilities. One 1996 study found that 60 percent of children with learning disabilities go on to a four-year college.

Studies have also found that adult dyslexics have a lower satisfaction with health and friends, and exhibit more psychiatric problems than non-dyslexics. Fewer are employed and, even if employed, hold jobs that are part-time, minimum wage and unskilled. We spent Sarah's childhood in almost constant anxiety that our daughter, too, would spend her life as a frustrated underachiever.

It was the advent in the 1990s of functional brain imaging, technology began providing answers. To find the physical basis of "word blindness," researchers at four leading universities gathered nationwide, among them the Center for the Study of a Learning at Georgetown University in Washington, are using magneto-resonance imaging to map the neural pathways used in reading. By watching the brain as subjects read, researchers can track words and symbols as they bounce from the eyes to the visual cortex and through the circuitry of the brain.

In just the past few years, scans have revealed stunning details of what goes right — and wrong — when we read. Scans have found that normal readers activate three interconnected neural systems in the brain's left hemisphere. Commonly seen words are processed in the area behind the left ear (the occipital cortex). The more

How dyslexics differ

To most people, a dyslexic is someone who reverses letters when he reads or writes. But dyslexia is not a deficit in the visual system. Dyslexics see words correctly. It is a deficit in the brain's language system — in the neurons that are used to process the distinctive sound elements that constitute language.

Dyslexics have a flawed ability to develop phonemic awareness — that is, the ability to divide the written word into its underlying segments, called phonemes. Phonemes are the smallest discernible segment of speech (for example, the word "cat" consists of three phonemes: kuh,

ah, tuh) and the backdrop of reading. When learning to read, children naturally break apart each word into its phonemes and then reassemble it into a coherent word. Eventually, they learn to pay attention to the word's meaning rather than its sounds, and they read text rapidly, smoothly and effortlessly.

By contrast, dyslexics struggle to blend letter sounds to create whole words. For them, reading and spelling is like trying to crack an impossible code, and the effort can take a toll.

— Jacqueline L. Selmon

New technology to help dyslexics

WASHINGTON — A burgeoning number of "assistive learning" devices — which bypass or compensate for a learning disability — have revolutionized the reading and writing processes for many people with learning disabilities. Some devices are already included in computer hardware and software. Others must be purchased separately. Prices are usually from \$75 to \$300.

*Audio books are available in a variety of formats, such as cassette tapes, CDs and MP3 downloads. Resources include *Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic* (which requires proof of a diagnosed learning disability) and Web sites such as *Audible.com*. A growing number of libraries also offer downloadable books through a service called *NetLibrary*.

*Speech recognition software translates speech into text. Programs include *Dragon Naturally Speaking* and *Simply Speaking*.

*Word prediction programs anticipate a word that a user intends to type. WordQ, for example, suggests words and provides spoken feedback to help users find mistakes.

*Screen readers read aloud typed words. Some also read aloud from books and other printed material once they have been scanned into a computer. Computerized, portable "pens" can help dyslexics with certain words or phrases. Users use the "pen" over a word or phrase, and the device reads it out loud.

*Talking electronic spell-checkers allow users to enter words by how they sound and then read the correct spelling out loud. An increasing number of programs combine assistive technologies. I've found two Web sites especially valuable: *ScholarlyLearning.org*, for parents of children with learning disabilities, has an array of assistive technologies. The *International Dyslexia Association's* Web site, www.interdys.org, also provides information.

— Jacqueline L. Selmon

"Best of all, Sarah stopped referring to herself as 'dumb' or 'not as smart as the other kids in my class.' Instead, she matter-of-factly told teachers and classmates that she had dyslexia. Now, it was a disorder she could name and see — and, with the technology, control."

complex work of picking apart words appears to be rooted in another area, above and slightly forward from where the inferior parietal lobe is. A third area, just behind the left temple (called the inferior frontal gyrus), is responsible for analyzing word meaning — that is, the articulation of a word.

In dyslexics, the areas in the back, where words are formed and analyzed, aren't as engaged, while other areas, such as the front and right side of the brain (used mostly for visual processing), become more active, perhaps as dyslexics struggle to compensate for the failures of their rear brain neural systems.

By taking thousands of images as dyslexic and normal readers identify letters flashing above them inside the glowing tunnel of the MRI, the Georgetown center and the other labs expect to soon determine whether intensive reading therapy can "rewire" the dyslexic brain. Eventually, they expect the research to lead to better diagnoses and treatment of dyslexia, perhaps before a child shows any signs of problems. In the meantime, there have been dramatic advancements in technologies that assist dyslexics in bridging the gap between their potential and their performance.

During Sarah's elementary school years, such tools were helpful but rudimentary. After her diagnosis, she started using an electronic spell checker and a portable word-processing device so she could type her in-class assignments rather than handwrite them. By seventh grade, she used a regular laptop, where spell-checker became a lifesaver.

By then, she'd grasped the hard lessons of life as a dyslexic — that any task involving reading and writing would take her twice or three times as long as it took other kids. She went into victim mode, complaining that other kids had it too easy and that she was the only one who had

to work so hard. One day, she locked herself in the bathroom. "I'm dumb! I'm stupid!" she screamed through the door. "Those tests that said I was smart — they were wrong!"

In high school, concerned that she was sinking into a nucleus of self pity and anger, we had her retested by a private educational consultant, mostly to help her understand that her dyslexia was real. The results were the same. Her ability to blend sounds while reading, her reading fluency, her "word attack" (that is, her ability to process and sequence sounds) were far below average. As we'd requested, the consultant was blunt as she went through the results with my husband, me and Sarah. She ticked off Sarah's many strengths and then turned to her prospects for academic success.

"You are never going to get a lot of As," she told Sarah. "It wouldn't be fair to expect that of yourself. Bs and Cs are more realistic, and therefore nothing wrong with that."

My husband and I were relieved. Maybe this would take the pressure off Sarah and reassure her that there was no shame in an average performance in school.

Sarah's face darkened. She nodded stiffly, and as soon as we were out the door, she turned on us furiously. "She's wrong," Sarah hissed. "I can so get As. I'm going to get a 4.0."

Sarah signed up for honors-level and Advanced Placement classes at our public high school. She plunged into dense college-level textbooks and demanding writing assignments. But her laptop and Franklin spell checker couldn't keep up with the growing demands of her schoolwork. We ended up reading many of her assignments to her — a process that took four hours or longer each night. Then came the outbreak over

the Chinese history lesson.

The next day, I found the Web site for *Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic* — a nonprofit organization that produces recordings of books and textbooks for people with visual impairments and learning disabilities — and signed her up. The educational consultant we'd seen in third grade had suggested it, but I had always thought that Sarah could get by without it.

For decades, RFB&D issued its recordings on cassette tapes, a cumbersome process and bulky procedure that involved listening to as many as 10 cassettes for one book. In 2002, the organization took a giant leap forward by introducing digitally recorded textbooks stored on CDs. With a special CD, Sarah could listen to her textbooks and skip around with a press of a button.

To our surprise, RFB&D had a massive array of textbooks in stock — even science and French texts. The organization receives educational curriculum lists from around the country, and volunteers recruit most books. The organization will also take requests. We either ordered her books online or called the Washington office. The CDs, in a slim cardboard sleeve, showed up about a week later.

With the textbook recordings, Sarah could now do what most students do. She could move around a chapter or section, skipping or fast-forwarding through sections that she knew weren't relevant. She would curl up on her bed, earphones on, thumb on the buttons, looking at charts, maps and graphs as she read along, the words pouring into her ears. She also got *Write Outloud*, speech synthesizer software that read aloud what she wrote, reducing her end-less hours of proofreading or relying on us to do it. The CD's stored an hour or so off her homework each night. The speech synthesizer improved her writing by let-

ting her hear what she couldn't see. The next year, she missed words (she often left out conjunctions such as "or" and prepositions such as "in" or "by") and misused words (frequently typing "their" instead of "your"). She was able to express more complete sentences and more complex thoughts.

Even more important, the technology freed her from a dependence on others. She could now close the door of her room and do her homework on her own. It was still slow and painful. But it was her homework time, not our homework time.

Her math and English grades climbed from B's to A's. French went from a B to a B-plus. History went from an occasional A- to consistent As. An English teacher who had noted early in the year that Sarah's sharp observations in class weren't reflected in her papers told us at the end of the year that Sarah's writing was much more fluid and, at times, even eloquent.

Best of all, Sarah stopped referring to herself as "dumb" or "not as smart as the other kids in my class." Instead, she matter-of-factly told teachers and classmates that she had dyslexia. Now it was a disorder she could name and see — and, with the technology, control. She made jokes about her chronic misspellings on e-mails and IMs. "What do you expect?" she wrote to a friend after mangling the spelling in one. "I'm dyslexic."

Sarah's grades kept climbing. In her junior year, she reached her Holy Grail — a grade-point average for the year of 4.1.


As Sarah heads for college next year, assistive technology continues to develop. Among other tools, there are now \$150 "reading pens," the size of a large felt-tip marker — hand-held text scanners that read aloud the text on the page. Screen readers are now built into word-processing software to read information on the screen using synthesized speech. More advanced versions will read aloud the text on Web pages. And that's just the beginning.

Studies have shown that assistive technology improves the reading rate and comprehension of students with reading disabilities. Improves their spelling and helps them find significantly more errors in their written compositions. One study found that college students with learning disabilities get higher writing scores when using speech recognition software than those who use a human transcriptionist or write without assistance.

As important, it frees dyslexics such as Sarah from relying on someone else to read, giving a boost to their self-confidence.

Will Sarah continue availing herself of all this new technology in college? She's still a stubborn teenager, so probably not at all. But I feel good knowing it's there whenever she needs it.

Twin Falls Schools Answers




Rendering of the new Canyon Ridge High School

- Who oversees the construction of the buildings? Beniton Corporation, a construction management firm with local offices in Twin Falls, is assisting in the design and planning for the facilities. The firm puts together the bid packages that are offered to vendors and contractors for the materials and work that will be required to complete the projects. Beniton provides the day-to-day supervision, and works with Hummel Architects and representatives of the district to ensure the quality and cost of the building projects.
- What are specialty classrooms and why are they needed? A traditional design for elementary schools typically contained a "footprint" for classrooms of 700-800 square feet. Over time, many classrooms in older elementary schools have been subdivided into smaller instructional support areas to accommodate the need for additional intervention spaces to serve the needs of special education and Title I students. As remodeling has taken place to address overcrowding issues, these smaller intervention spaces have been pushed out, forcing special education and Title I teachers to work with students in less than acceptable conditions. There is a significant need to re-configure or add space at each elementary school to accommodate the needs of small learning and intervention groups.

What if I have a question? Send your question to the Twin Falls School District at 201 Main Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401, or e-mail Dale Thornberry at thornberryda@tfd.k12.id.us.

The questions will be collected and answers will be posted in the Times-Herald. You may also contact your Board Member, and he/she will answer questions or refer them to the district office staff for a response.

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FAMILY LIFE

Widow looks for single men to date but finds only married ones instead

DEAR ABBY: Why do I keep meeting married men? I need a single or widowed man... if they're not married, they are too old. I am a wonderful widow. However, I am attracted to married men. Any remedies for me? Help!



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Marie Phillips

THE WIDOW QUEEN: DEAR WIDOW QUEEN: It might help if you stop identifying yourself as royalty. You didn't mention your age, but if you are over 50, part of the problem may be that single men in your demographic are already coupled up...

the popular match-making sites where you can meet men who are eligible and looking for partners. Of course, that will mean learning current internet dating language and remembering what it was like when people used to meet in nightclubs...

refused contact and have disowned him. John is now my parents' son. The only thing I feel toward him is hate...

I am a survivor of molestation myself. My parents can't understand my feelings. Mom is mad at the whole family because no one will take him in so he can be paroled...

allow your mother to lay blame or guilt at your feet. It doesn't belong there. You are under no obligation to shelter the person who molested you as a child...

DEAR ABBY: What do you say to someone who responds to an invitation with an endless recital of allergies, food and animal dislikes...

Some ways to widen your circle would be to join a singles group, become politically active, and/or venture onto the Internet and join some of

DEAR ABBY: In 2002, my brother "John" was arrested for sex crimes against his stepdaughters. He's in prison until 2010 at the most. I have

DEAR PISSURED: Do not

Who let the dogs out?

Rounding the bend toward the blue house I met the dogs. I'm preparing my song. I started singing to the dogs a few weeks ago...



PERSONAL FILE Jeanne Marie Laskas

I prefer shade. I started jogging again this summer. After giving my poor knees a break on one of those low-impact elliptical machines...

So, one fine morning, I took the shady route. I hadn't run before I passed the blue house, which sits just off the edge of the road...

The dogs charged after me. I thought, "Oh, darn," at first, because I am not afraid of dogs. I know to keep running and not show fear...

They get over here! Hey! Get back here! Can't a man's voice and they obeyed, and I was gone...

I got a visor and tried to get used to the sunny run, and I was fine. As soon as I saw them, the hot sun was my excuse not

to run. Forget it. Too hot. I'll get skin cancer. But I couldn't go back to the "Today" show. Forget it. I deserve a break. I was talking myself out of an exercise plan...

I considered calling the people in the blue house and explaining, but I never got past an imaginary conversation that had them coming after me with an AK-47...

I set out, then, to tame the pit bulls, or maybe to tame the growl of my own bias. A few weeks ago, I again took the shady run, but this time with a plan...

My husband said, "have a voice that can tame a pit bull." So now here I am, once again rounding the bend toward the blue house...

"Yeah, I'm thinking you go," I say. She invites me in for tea and tells me the dog's name is Emerson and Thoreau.

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Remain serene, Aries

IF SEPT. 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It is wonderful when you have big plans or dreams, the lunatic ability or education necessary for success...

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

You have faith in things that defy logic. Today your common sense will keep you in line. There may be a temptation within the next few days to agree to something that is not

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The same old grid holds no attraction. Your desire to join the glittering night world may find that a loved one could find it all a bit troublesome. Avoid extremism this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A creative mind looks for opportunities, not obstacles. The happy-go-lucky theme of the upcoming week may invite you to be extravagant with cash and eager to spread good will.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be invited to mingle with people who can only see the glass as half full. The unlimited optimism that is in place early this week might make "unfilled promises."

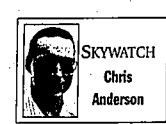
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Joys shared are often doubled. Although someone close could get carried away with a "black and white" or "cease" generate a situation during the next few days, you should be reassuring and positive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The odds aren't necessarily in your favor. If you spin the wheel of fortune, it is always fun to take a chance, but the things that bring true joy seldom require risk or danger.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): New isn't necessarily better. Fight off a tendency to stir things up or argue a debatable point during the first several days of this week. Certain matters improve all by themselves.

Using a major planet to find a minor one

Most people have seen planets, whether they know it or not. In fact, four of the six naked-eye planets can outline the brightest stars. Only one of them is so bright that it's never going to be seen without optical aid...



SKYWATCH Chris Anderson

Binoculars can brighten asteroids enough to make them visible. But they are still indistinguishable from stars. "Asteroid" means "star-like" because that's how they look in a telescope. The only exceptions are the closest asteroids viewed by super-scopes like Hubble and Keck...

One way to wait for an asteroid to skim past something bright and obvious is like a bright star or planet.

It so happens that the brightest asteroid (or "minor planet"), Vesta, will be seen by Jupiter this week. Vesta will appear or "pass so close to Jupiter (in a nearly perfect straight line, with Vesta a little farther away from Jupiter) on Tuesday night...

Here's how to see Vesta this week. Tonight, go out around 9 p.m. and look at the same field of view of a pair of binoculars. Next week: What's the deal with the red lights?

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Venus E, very low; Mars SE, very high; One hour after sunset: Jupiter SW, low; Moon: Third quarter; Morning: 6:52 p.m.; Close to Mars: Tuesday morning

a star, considerably dimmer than Jupiter, called Omega Ophiuchi. To the left of Jupiter, and slightly higher, will be Vesta, fainter still.

If you want to be sure you see Vesta, go out again on Monday night. All three objects will still be in a nearly straight line, with Vesta a little farther away from Jupiter. On Tuesday night, the three will form a nearly perfect straight line with Vesta, Jupiter, and Omega Ophiuchi evenly spaced along it.

Next week: What's the deal with the red lights?

Picking the right puppy for your lifestyle

By Denise Flinn Newsday

Q: We have never owned an dog. We have never owned an dog. We have never owned an dog. We have never owned an dog.

many sheep. The other five groups are sporting dogs (bred to hunt very closely with humans); hound dogs (bred to hunt independently); terriers (literally "earth dogs") they have the pluck to corner and kill vermin; working dogs (many of which had a guarding element in their background) and toy (lap-warming, their specialty). The last group, non-sporting, is where the AKC puts those breeds that don't fit anywhere else - which is about the only thing they have in common - so consider those breeds individually.

dogs are good choice for new owners. They aim to please, and are very forgiving of a newbie's fumbles. This explains those suburban icons, Labs and Golden Retrievers.

While there are no truly hypoallergenic dogs, some breeds have less of a propensity to trigger allergic reactions because they have hair rather than fur. These include poodles, Portuguese water dogs, and Bichon Frises.

Once you zero in on a breed that seems right, do not go to a pet store. Instead, visit your local shelter to find a mix that likely contains the breed you're looking for. Or contact purebred rescue groups. If you must visit a pet store, find the breed club Web site (Google the breed name and the words "parent club"), and call the names on their breeder directory, or contact their breeders. Most reputable breeders are delighted to meet prospective owners before they have puppies on the ground.

Look what Twin Falls Orthopedics has to offer. Randal L. Wraalstad, DPM. A podiatrist, or DPM (Doctor of Podiatric Medicine), is the only health care professional whose total training focuses on the foot, ankle and related body systems. Dr. Wraalstad is Board Certified in Foot Surgery and Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Over the last several years, Dr. Wraalstad has been involved in Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition foot activities. He volunteers many hours to conduct free foot exam clinics for people with diabetes and train CSI nursing students to perform foot exams. Dr. Wraalstad was recently awarded the 2007 "Health Hero Award" presented by the South-Central Health District for his many hours of volunteer service. In 2002, Dr. Wraalstad was also awarded the "Extra Mile Award" by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for Outstanding Customer Service. Twin Falls Orthopedics, P.L.L.C. Orthopedic & Fracture Surgery 734-3455 37 years serving patients in the Magic Valley. www.twinfallsorthopedics.com

ANNIVERSARIES



THE EHRMANTRAUTS

JEROME — John and Frances Ehrmantraut of Jerome, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family at the home of Tom and Carol McKay Jr. of Jerome.

John C. Ehrmantraut and Frances Marie Scheer were married Aug. 26, 1947, in Jerome.



Frances and John Ehrmantraut

They have resided in Jerome since.

The celebration was hosted by their four daughters, Linda (Darryl) Schellhammer of Lewiston, Jean (Kenneth) Thompson of Jerome, Rita (Timothy) Nutsch of Twin Falls and Carol (Tom) McKay Jr. of Jerome.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



THE HALLS

JEROME — Layne and Bev Hall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 31, 1957, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome.

They have lived in Jerome since.

He worked for the state of Idaho Department of Transportation until his retirement. He now manages the



Bev and Layne Hall

family farm north of Jerome. She was a legal secretary and a homemaker, raising their two children, Clay and Kelly.

The couple enjoys gardening. Their home is a showplace of various gardens and landscaping features, where they often host tours for local garden clubs.

In addition to their two children, the couple has five grandchildren.

THE KNOWLES

DIETRICH — Don and Jeanetta Knowles of Dietrich will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Dietrich City Park.

Don Knowles and Jeanetta Mills were married Aug. 29, 1947. They have lived in Dietrich since.

He worked his entire adult life for the Union Pacific Railroad — he retired. He enjoyed bowling and spent many years in leagues.

She was a cook at the Dietrich school and a nurse's aide at the Shoshone Care Center. She has served as mayor of Dietrich for nearly 20 years.

She was the girls' camp director for her church for several years, was a 4-H leader for many years and has been



Jeanetta and Don Knowles

involved with Operation Lifesaver promoting railroad crossing safety.

They have enjoyed camping in the mountains.

The event is hosted by their children, Ron (RaNeelle) Knowles of Declo, Leon (Jury) Johnson of Idaho Falls, Lorinda Husted (Dave) of Mountain Home and Sunny (Tim) Hunt of Twin Falls.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

THE REDMANS

ALBION — Odeen and Darla Redman of Albion will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Albion Event Center.

Odeen Redman and Darla Anderson were married Sept. 8, 1957 at the Church of the Transfiguration in Moose, Wyo.

They lived in Salt Lake City for three years while they attended the University of Utah. He graduated from the Salt Lake School of Electronics in 1961. They returned to Albion to work for the family-owned Albion Telephone Company. They have lived in Albion since.

They have three children, Vikki Lynn Nald of Manhattan,



Darla and Odeen Redman

Mont; Richard (Connie) Redman of Albion; and Deana Lee Crane of Belgrade, Mont.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The event is hosted by their children and Darla's mother, Helen Anderson.

The couple also celebrated their anniversary with family in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and renewed their vows at the Church of the Transfiguration.

THE FRESSES

RUPERT — Lawrence B. "Bud" and Minda Fresser of Rupert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 31.

Cards can be sent to the couple at 331 E. Baseline Road, Rupert, ID 83350.

THE TONERS

PAUL — George and Rosie Toner of Paul celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 25 at their home with family.

The couple was married Aug. 25, 1947, in Elko, Nev.

He was born and raised in Cassia County and went to school in Burley. He is in the auto repair business for 25 years and has been a building contractor for 35 years.

She was born in Chinook, Mont., and moved to Burley at the age of 14. She enjoys painting, embroidering, crocheting and gardening.

Their children are Sandra



Rosie and George Toner

(Charles) Biermann of Shelly, Michael (Tressa) Toner of Albion and Dan (Pat) Toner of Pocatello.

The couple has 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

WEDDING

HESS-GONZALES

DECLO — Sarah Lyn Hess and Dane David Gonzales were married Sept. 1.

The bride is the daughter of Roy and Helen Hess of Declo. The groom is the son of David and Debbie Gonzales of Burley.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Declo High School and is employed at Wal-Mart in Burley.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Burley High School and has an associate degree from the College of Southern Idaho.

He is working toward a bachelor's degree in business



Dane and Sarah Gonzales

administration, which will be completed in spring 2008. A reception was held Sept. 1 at the home of Dennis and Marie Dayle in Burley.

The couple will reside in Twin Falls.

Study

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To test the relationship between multi-tasking and learning, he and colleagues assigned 14 twenty-somethings to an exercise that involves learning how to sort various shapes into different piles based on trial and error. Each participant performed the task under two conditions: first, without any distractions; then, while listening to high and low beeps and counting only the high ones. Participants were tested on what they learned under each condition.

(At this point your kids will point out they are not counting beeps while they listen to music. Call for Cutie. Tell them to just be quiet, that you're getting to that.)

The researchers used functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) a technique that tracks increases in blood-oxygen content as an indicator of activity in different parts of the brain — to evaluate participants' brain activity and function during both conditions.

"Our results told us that people can learn under either condition, but the way they learned (material) and the brain systems involved were different," said Poldrack. "For the task performed while multi-tasking, abstract knowledge was less flexible, meaning they could not extrapolate their knowledge to different contexts."

Investigators also discovered a difference in the brain systems and types of memory activated under multi-tasking and non-multi-tasking conditions.

The hippocampus, a region of the brain involved in sorting, processing and recalling information, is critical for declarative memory (things you can learn from text). While performing the sorting task without multi-tasking, the hippocampus was active. The distraction, however, shifted activity away from the hippocampus to the striatum, which is necessary for procedural memory (that is, habitual tasks, like riding a bike).

Memories in the hippocampus are easier to recall in different situations, said Poldrack, whereas those stored in the striatum are tied closely to the specific situation in which they were learned.

"This means that learning with the striatum leads to knowledge that cannot be generalized as well in new situations."

"The bottom line is that active distractions involved in multi-tasking are going to reduce one's ability to learn," he said — even if standard performance measures, like grades, show otherwise.

Homework rules — up to a point

How far should you go to control the homework habits of your children? William Strud, a Silver Spring, Md., neuropsychologist specializing in child and adolescent learning issues, offers parents this advice:

- **Model behavior early.** Young children and pre-teens tend to be more receptive to demonstrations of good habits and more willing to abide by parental restrictions. Set clear study rules (no IM'ing, watching TV, listening to music) while studying. Teach kids as soon as they get their first homework assignment that dividing their attention can affect how well they learn.
- **Set the environment.** It's up to you to see that your children have a quiet place to study, away from distractions and with adequate space for books and papers. It doesn't have to be a separate bedroom — the dining room could suffice — as long as other members of the household are respectful.
- **Back off as they get older.** There may be no piece of advice that tests parents more than this one. Get used to it. Too much parental oversight and interference can trigger a rebellion in teens. Better to take a deep breath and express confidence in a teen's ability to make positive study choices — even if they don't match yours.
- **Engage them.** Have an open discussion with your child about study-time distractions and seek his or her perspective on the matter. Parents can help kids test the effects of multi-tasking on learning by designing a rating scale to measure their level of focus and how much they remember under different study conditions.
- **Respect them.** There is no one surefire strategy to promote learning. It is important to allow students to figure out what strategies work best for them.

— Jeffrey A. Ghassemi

needed to determine the effects of such stimuli.

There is no fixed rule for what works best, and kids' study preferences will vary, says William Strud, a Silver Spring, Md., neuropsychologist in private practice. He admits that multi-tasking activities can affect the depth of learning and application of concepts, but he suggests that background music may provide some benefit.

For some kids, music functions like white noise, drowning out distractions, according to Strud, who also teaches study skills to his clients. For others, it can have an emotionally soothing quality — especially if the thought of school increases their anxiety — or may even help some tolerate boredom associated with their work. And for those with attention-deficit disorder, who are constantly seeking stimulation, some distraction may be what they need to concentrate on their studies.

While Strud understands the claim that music can help some kids learn, he is loath to accept other forms of distraction as study aids. He suggests that TV, instant messaging and other "constantly changing" media are more likely to divide the mind and interrupt studying, he says.

"The most important thing to me is for kids to understand themselves and what they need," he said. Strud encourages students to conduct their own experiments with and without multi-tasking behaviors, to see what works best for them.

Poldrack agrees with the advice.

"If listening to music makes doing homework more enjoyable for kids, then it's probably a good thing on the whole even if it does slightly affect their learning," he said. Through future studies, Poldrack wishes to address outstanding questions on the subject, including the effects of multi-tasking on brain development and the kinds of distractions that have the most impact on learning and those, if any, that may actually help.

"In the meantime, you may search for the good in your children's study habits. Jim Fishel hopes that multi-tasking — so long as it does not disrupt learning — may actually help equip children with skills to deal with the distractions of the workplace. "The world isn't a quiet place. Multi-tasking now could just be the preparation for the real world."

But you may not want to tell your kids that.

For many experts, these results are just confirmation of what they already suspected.

"With multi-tasking, you're getting — at best — a superficial understanding of the studied material," said David E. Meyer, a professor of psychology at the University of Michigan.

Meyer offers the example of reading: "You read at various depths of understanding. You can get the bare minimum or, 'With multi-tasking, you can also make inferences about the work.'"

"When learning with distractions, students' brains are trying to wing it by using a region that is not the best suited for long-term memory and understanding," said Meyer, whose own research suggests that multi-tasking takes more time and involves more error.

York, finds music or TV to be relaxing while studying.

"I'm particular about my study environment, and music makes me more comfortable," he said. He also appreciates the consistency of music, which helps him avoid the distractions of erratic ambient noises.

His 14-year-old sister Gwen, who is entering ninth grade, prefers quiet when studying for tests. "For exams, I most definitely don't have anything going. It's just me and the textbook," she said. "But for simple things like worksheets, I may turn on some music," she said.

"I would rather have them study in silence," said Jim Fishel, the siblings' father, "but they've proven that they're able to learn the material."

Please listen: It helps me

Just background music

At this point your teens may insist that their distractions enhance their studying.

According to Meyer, multi-tasking has less to do with study help and more to do with pleasure. "It's sort of like eating dessert while skipping on a proper meal — you forgo nutrition for enjoyment," he said.

There are students, like Parker Fishel, 18, of Alexandria, Va., who've learned to passively ignore distractions. Fishel, who is about to enter Columbia University in New

According to Poldrack, results from the UCLA study give researchers a good idea that active tasks — involving "doing" processes, like counting beeps or singing along with a song in your head — interfere with learning. The less clear it is whether passive tasks, like simply listening to background music while doing homework, is really such a bad idea.

"Our findings do not speak to passive kinds of distractions," Poldrack said. He admits that more research is

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TEEN'S FILM PUTS FOCUS ON INJURED SOLDIERS

By Margaret Webb Presler
The Washington Post



ABOVE: Thirteen-year-old Ian Scott Wilson, who made a 10-minute film about problems at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, won a national competition for student-made documentaries, sponsored by the public service cable channel C-SPAN. TOP: The 10-minute film included an interview with his teacher Ellen Deeb, middle, of Luther Jackson Middle School, and was dedicated to his brother Gordon David Hansen, right, a soldier in Iraq.

Washington — Thirteen-year-old Ian Scott Wilson thinks kids don't get enough respect from the grown-up world. "Kids are usually ignored by adults," he said. "They're like, 'That's a silly idea. You can't do that.'" Ian, who just completed eighth grade at Luther Jackson Middle School in Falls Church, Va., had been thinking about ways to be heard and make an impact. Then he found out about a national competition for student-made documentaries, sponsored by the public service cable channel C-SPAN.

A documentary is a film or TV show that examines a serious issue. Ian had never made one and wanted to try. The result — a 10-minute film about problems at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington — won first place in the contest's middle-school category.

Walter Reed, a hospital for injured soldiers, is taking care of many Iraq War veterans. Earlier this year, following a four-month-long investigation, The Washington Post reported that some of the hospital's rooms were unclean and poorly maintained and that many soldiers were struggling to deal with the hospital's lengthy procedures and paperwork.

The controversy at Walter Reed, which Ian had read about in The Post, bothered him so much in part because his 23-year-old brother is a soldier in Iraq.

"I thought about how bad it would be if these things happened to my brother," Ian said.

But that intense feeling that helped make his video stand out in a field of 500 entries, said Joanne Wheeler, who helped run the competition for C-SPAN. He was very passionate, but also he was a good listener," Wheeler said. The judges were impressed by the amount of work Ian did, including 100 in-person interviews. They also liked how C-SPAN's coverage was weaved into the film. To do that, Ian taped entire days of the cable channel's programming, which he later reviewed to find the best clips of soldiers and administrators at Walter Reed testifying before

Student filmmakers tackle serious subjects

C-SPAN got 500 documentaries from students of all grade levels nationwide.

The most common topics were global warming, the war in Iraq and immigration. Other subjects included alternative fuels; the No Child Left Behind law, which determines what schools teach; the conflict in the Middle East; and helmet laws for skateboarding.

To see the winning entries, go to www.studentcam.org.

Congress about the controversy. Ian's documentary also reported on the Army's efforts to fix the problems.

In making the documentary, Ian did nearly everything himself, asking his parents only for help with transportation. "It wouldn't let me touch it," Ian's dad said of the film.

After winning the contest in May, Ian was invited to visit Walter Reed, where he talked to soldiers and met the general in charge of the Army's medical system in the region. Ian would like to donate his \$1,000 prize to an injured soldier and is exploring ways to do that.

Now, Ian is hooked. A second documentary is in the works. "It's about how kids can have an impact on the 2008 presidential election, even though we can't vote," he said.

Ian thinks filmmaking will be his career, but not until after college. "It's fun to do now just as a hobby because I've got school in the way."

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

'The sight'

By Tracy Grant
The Washington Post

By Erin Hunter,
for ages 9 and older

"The Sight" is the opening novel in the third series of books featuring clans of brave, jealous and cunning cats. As the books progress, new generations of cats come to lead their clans. It helps to have read the first two Warriors series before starting this one, but it's not necessary. You can appreciate these characters and their adventures without knowing much about their parents and grandparents, the main characters in the earlier books.

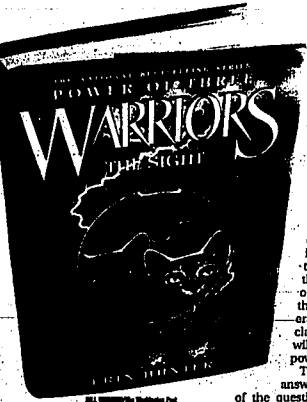
As "The Sight" opens, the cats of the ThunderClan have staked at a new lakeside home. They have lived in relative peace for several seasons. New kits have been born and are

growing up — ready to take their place as leaders of the clan.

Three of the kits — Hollypaw, Jaypaw and Lionpaw — seem destined to be the new generation of leaders. Each cat has a unique talent. Lionpaw is the strongest hunter; Hollypaw is a fighter; and Jaypaw, who is blind, is a medicine cat who can walk into the dreams of other cats.

But if these three are to rise to power, it will not be easy. Each has a secret flaw to overcome, and the code of warrior conduct that has helped keep order for generations, even amid battles, appears to be in jeopardy.

Then there's the issue of the prophecy. (Can you think of another book coming out this summer that deals with trying to figure out the meaning of a prophecy?)



There will be three, kin of your kin, who hold the power of the stars in their paws.

Chuckling with comedian, actor Shawn Wayans

By Sarah Edwards, *Nickelodeon and Johnny Show*
Kidsday reporter, Newsday

We spoke with actor and comedian Shawn Wayans in Manhattan recently.

Question: You and your brothers (Marlon Wayans and Keenen Ivory Wayans) created the Nickelodeon cartoon "Thug-A-Boo." Are the characters based on people you know?

Answer: Yes, they all are based on people we knew growing up in New York City. Some are based on friends of mine and Marlon. The character Dirty is a combination of this kid from down South that we knew and one of my nephews who didn't like taking a bath.

Q: You do the voice of Slim. Why did you choose him?

A: He's a fun character that I could bring a lot of.

Q: Is he your favorite character?

A: He's one of my favorites. My other favorite is Dirty.

Q: What's more fun: writing episodes or recording voices?

A: Recording the voices (he) is fun, but watching the whole thing come together from scratch, that's a different sense of satisfaction — so I like doing both.

Q: Do you draw any of the

characters?

A: No, I can't draw. I told an artist exactly how the characters should look and he drew them. I know what I wanted them to look like.

Q: We've seen "Thug-A-Boo" books and CDs. Do you have any "Thug-A-Boo" toys?

A: There aren't any yet, but there will be dolls that can rap and teach kids life lessons in songs and video games. There will be all kinds of stuff.

Q: Do you and your brothers fight like in real life?

A: Me and Marlon (fought) like kids' playground. Sometimes, we get in arguments, but we always make up or work through our disagreements. So we do have obstacles, but our bond is real strong.

Q: What's it like to be on the red carpet? Do you get nervous?

A: I'm not a red carpet fan. I'm not really like to do it. It's part of the business. I don't get nervous, but they (interviewers) ask you the same question over and over, so you kind of get bored.

More summer reading

If you liked "The Sight," you might also like:

- The Guardians of Ga'hoole series by Kathryn Lasby. The newest book in this series about a society of owls is "River of Wind," published this month. If you're not familiar with this series, get started: "River" is the 13th title. Ages 7 and older.
- "Sliverwing," by Kenneth Oppel. This tale of a young boy's adventures while searching for his family has been compared to Richard Adams' rabbit tale "Watership Down." Ages 10 and older for "Sliverwing," 12 and older for "Watership Down."

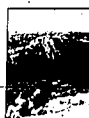
Summer book club trivia

Kate Cary, Cherit Baldy and Victoria Holmes are the authors of the Warriors series.

Book club tip

Whether it's bats or rats, cats or dogs, or frogs or hogs, authors love to create fantasies where animals run the show. Have everyone in your club write down the name of an animal on a piece of paper and give the paper to someone else in the club. Then give each person 15 minutes to come up with the beginning of a fantasy story featuring his or her animal.

For more ideas, see "The Kids' Book Club Book" by Judy Gelman and Vicki Lay Yopp.



WINTER IN FALL



A young polar bear cub nuzzles his mother, in the shrub and tundra outside Churchill, Canada, November 2006. There are only a few places on the planet where humans can see polar bears in their natural environment, and, even then, for just a brief window before winter sets in. But during the last weeks of autumn — usually from the middle of October to early November — no place on Earth has more polar bears than Churchill, in Manitoba.

Fall is the time to see the polar bears in Manitoba

By Ellen Hale
Associated Press writer

CHURCHILL, Manitoba — "Over there, I see something!" someone yelled. On a lakeshore a few hundred yards away, across a thin sheet of ice, a yellowish blob lay in contrast to the new white snow. Glenn Hopfner, our driver, steered closer, and everyone reached for their binoculars and cameras.

Collectively, we gasped. A mother polar bear, rocked back on her haunches, head tilted skyward and eyes closed, was nursing a cub. It was like a renaissance painting: the Madonna of the Tundra. "I can't tell you how lucky you are," Hopfner marveled. "In 700 trips I've made out here, I've seen this eight times."

It was our second day tracking polar bears in the tundra off Hudson Bay in the far reaches of Northern Canada. We had 27 sightings the first day out. Polar bears of up to our eyeballs, long-lens cameras

and spotting scopes at the ready, we trundled along in trailer-like buggies set atop tires as tall as me that put us out of reach of any curious — and, most likely, murderous — 1,000-pound bears.

There are only a few places on the planet where humans can see polar bears in their natural environment, and, even then, for just a brief window before winter sets in. But during the last weeks of autumn — usually from the middle of October, to early November — no place on Earth has more polar bears than Churchill, in Manitoba. It is here that hundreds of bears, stranded by melting-pack ice, spend the warmer months (in relative measure this far north), waiting for temperatures to drop and the ice to form again so they can start hunting and fatten up for the colder months.

During these few weeks, visitors can take carefully guided tours to see the bears, heading outside of the historic, frontier town of Churchill to clamber about tundra buggies for a



An adult polar bear nibbles at a piece of grass in the tundra near Churchill, Canada, last year.

day of inching along rutted trails in search of wildlife. Our group of about 20, organized by Victor Emanuel Nature Tours, had met up in Winnipeg (two nights earlier, before heading north the next morning aboard a puddle jumping prop plane.

Warm soup and sandwiches served us during the long

hours on the trails. The buggies, while heated, instantly grew frigid whenever a window was opened to look at the bears. The smartest thing I had done was buy a fleecy Polartec blanket, thinking it would keep my lap warm. Instead, I used it for cushion and insulation on the thin, vinyl seats. If your bottom

stays warm, I discovered, so does the rest of you.

But while it was cold for us humans, the snow and freezing temperatures were late this year — an omen for a species that, perhaps more than any other, has come to symbolize the potential

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MAGIC VALLEY TRAVELING

Places to go, things to do in Arco

County: Blaine
Established: 1907
Trivia: Arco was the first community in the world ever to be lit by electricity generated by nuclear power. This occurred on July 17, 1955.

Craters of the Moon

18 miles west of Arco on Highway 20. The Craters of the Moon lava field spreads across 618 square miles and is the largest young basaltic lava field in the lower 48 states. Sixty distinct lava flows form the Craters of the Moon Lava Field ranging in age from 15,000 to just 2,000 years old. The Kings Bowl and Wapi lava fields, both about 2,200 years old, are part of the National Preserve.

Mountain Man Trading Post

2334 West Highway 93. A variety of natural holistic health products and local craft items, fresh produce includes hormone and antibiotic-free dairy products, lotions that are locally made with no preservatives and from the same recipe used by pioneers.

King Mountain Launch Site

King Mountain, in the Lost River Range north of Arco near Moore, is a popular site for hang gliding and paragliding. According to King Mountain Gliders in Moore, King Mountain is a big air hang gliding/paragliding site with strong, thermal and high wind conditions. Extensive mountain/desert flying experience plus good judgment are necessary in order to fly King, Coyote, Big Southern and Jump Off safely. Call King Mountain Gliders at 390-0205.

Natural Bridge

Near King Mountain in the Arco Pass area of the Lost River Range is a huge limestone arch that stands 80-feet high from the shoulder of the mountain.

Idaho National Laboratory

Located near Arco, the laboratory works with government, universities and industry partners to discover new science and develop technologies that underpin the nation's nuclear and renewable energy, national security and environmental missions. Tours can be tailored to your group and can cover many areas of interest, including science and engineering research, archeological and cultural topics, and the historic impacts of the INEL as a nuclear research facility. Call Don Mickey at 526-5523.

Ski resorts starting to offer new dry summer tubing activity on slopes

By John Ruby
Associated Press writer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — To get a sense of the popularity of Canaan Valley Resort's new summer inner-tube park, watch the squealing kids scamper back up the hill after completing a run. "This is so much fun!" said Dillon Morris, 11, of Reedsville. The slopes that thrill thousands of skiers in the winter at this Tucker County resort are no longer idle in the summer. Canaan Valley is one of a half-dozen resorts in North America to offer the tubing runs, which use a bivy technology that offers dry tracks rather than wet slides. Two of the other resorts are

located in Virginia, one is in Western North Carolina, one is in Oregon, and the sixth tube park is in Ontario, Canada.

"By adding this new feature, it's keeping our ski area business going for the summer," said Dave Knorr, Canaan Valley's assistant ski area manager. The resort spent \$56,000 for two 306-foot runs at the base of the resort's Meadows I slope, using the technology manufactured by Italy-based Neverglast.

According to Neverglast's Web site, the low-friction synthetic carpets, known as Tubby tracks, have the same slippery properties as snow. "It's a great summer venue source for old areas, and the cus-

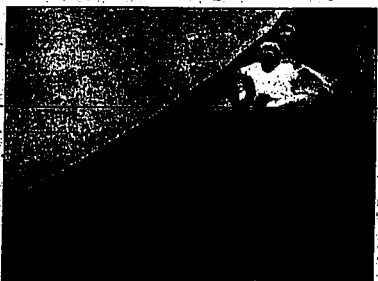
tomers seem to be enjoying it — screaming all the way down," said Ryan Locher, Neverglast's U.S. sales representative.

Ski resorts have long offered summer tubing and tobogganing on slippery tracks without the snow, and some also have wet slides for tubes. The Tubby system is different because it uses inner tubes but no water.

Installation at Canaan was simple. Locher helped assemble the tube runs in about five hours.

The sheeting is fastened to the terrain. Each 4-foot-wide run has raised edges and slightly lowered centers to keep riders

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In this photo provided by Canaan Valley Resort, visitors to Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, W.Va., ride the resort's new summer tube ride on July 25. David Vance, the resort's assistant ski area manager, said Canaan Valley spent \$56,000 for two 306-foot runs at the base of the resort's Meadows I slope, becoming the sixth North American resort to install the technology manufactured by Italy-based Neverglast.

TRAVEL

FEARLESS TRAVELER

Hunting for one-way travel bargains

By **Essa Leibowitz Poma**
Special to The Washington Post

Q: What travel sites offer one-way flights from Europe to the United States at good prices?
A: One-way fares are available for purchase through airlines, airfare-booking Web sites and consolidators, but unfortunately, they aren't always cheaper than a round-trip flight. In fact, they can cost more.

"Sometimes the airline pricing algorithms just work out that way," says Sean Keener, president of the travel Web site BookIt.com.

Searching booking sites such as Cheapflights.com and Expedia.com don't produce the best results. Instead, have a travel agent contact an airline wholesaler such as McCabe Tours (800-622-2335, www.mccabec.com). Note that

this agency and others only work with travel agents, not directly with the public.

You can also book a ticket through a European discount airline that serves the United States, such as Flyglobespan.com (011-44-131-466-7612, www.flyglobespan.com). It offers flights to and from New York, Boston and Orlando, Fla. A one-way flight from Glasgow, Scotland, to Orlando starts at \$296.

Some bargain hunters use a different — and controversial — tactic: They purchase round-trip tickets that are cheaper than one-way fares and ditch the return portion. "While this practice indeed is frowned upon by the airlines, we in the travel industry are forced to use it because of the outrageously high one-way Europe airline fare structures for travelers other than youth and stu-

dents," says Ann Lombardi, a Europe travel specialist with the Atlanta agency The Trip Chicks (770-454-7205, www.thetripchicks.com).

If you go this route, be sure that the flight you actually take is the outbound flight, not the return leg. US Airways, for example, will cancel your entire reservation if one portion of the ticket goes unused, spokeswoman Yvette Mynder says, noting that the airline "highly discourages" this practice.

Q: We're heading to Argentina and plan on spending a few days in Buenos Aires and a few days in another region. Should we choose Bariloche or Mendoza?
A: Both regions are excellent choices for a jaunt from Buenos Aires for a few days, thanks to vistas of snow-capped mountains, outdoor recreation and

read cats. Mendoza is the heart of Argentina's wine country, with dozens of vineyards and bodegas surrounding the city. The city is also a base for mountain-climbing treks and has a fine art museum about 20 minutes from the city center.

While Bariloche has a college-town vibe, it's a popular vacation spot for South Americans, and thus can be quite touristy.

Accommodations — in Mendoza are reasonable — for example, the new NH Hotel (www.nh-hotels.com) is near the main square and has rooms for \$91; youth hostels and small hotels run as low as \$25 a night.

Mendoza is about 500 miles due west of Buenos Aires. Bariloche is more than 1,000 miles southwest of Buenos Aires, on the border with Chile. Flights are available to both.

Bears

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impact of climate change. The bears feast on ringed seals, which live year-round in the Arctic waters, but they must have pack ice to serve as their hunting platforms.

As the arctic ice continues to retreat, the bears must swim longer distances to find food. Scientists already have documented polar bear drownings, and just last month researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey reported that the melting ice may be forcing the bears to move onto land, where food supplies are scarce. The U.S. Department of Interior last year proposed designating them a threatened species.

But it was hard not to see bears on this trip. Generally, polar bears aren't gregarious. But many congregated off the Hudson Bay shoreline, so we drove there to watch the young males wrestle endlessly with each other, rolling around as if they were born without joints. Often, one would come up to our buggy, stand on its hind legs and peer up at us.

Bears, of course, weren't the only creatures on the agenda. We took time, too, to search out the beautiful arctic hare, so gill and white only the dark tips of their ears gave them away. We saw an arctic fox, white like the hare, repeatedly jump straight up into the air and pounce on a

If you go...

POLAR BEAR TOURS: Several tour operators conduct trips to see the polar bears of Churchill mid-October to early southern. The Victor Emanuel Nature Tour ran about \$3,500 a person, not including airfare to Winnipeg, but covering all other costs; <http://www.vem-nature.com> or 800-328-5300. Many other companies and organizations, including National Geographic, also sponsor bear tours. You can find listings, as well as other information on polar bears, at <http://www.polarbearinternational.org>.

found of seaweed trying to force out something edible. Birds included owls, auks, the plump willow ptarmigan and even a gyrfalcon (in pursuit of aforementioned willow ptarmigan).

But the bears stole the show: How could they not? At one point we pulled over to watch a mother and her cub near the edge of a small pond. As she snoozed, the young bear practiced using his front legs as a battering ram against the ice — what adults do to break through ice and get to a seal. After a while, bored, the cub took to sledding across the pond on his chest, all four legs played out. He looked like a rug.

Tubing

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on the track. The resort's inflatable tubes already used on winter slopes had shell linings attached to their undersides to help them glide along the orange-and-green track. For enthusiasts, it's hard to beat the price. At Cannon Valley, two-hour tubing sessions cost \$10 per person. The sessions, limited to the first 50 people, are held three times daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Riders must be at least 42 inches tall.

"This is great for kids and grandparents alike and is something we can do together," said resort guest Glen Jarrell of Charleston. "My grandson enjoyed racing me to the bottom."

Neveplast, which also makes artificial alpine and nordic ski slopes and trails, has more than 300 summer tubing installations world-

If you go...

SUMMER TUBING AT SKI RESORTS: Resorts around North America offering summer tubing on dry tracks:

- **Canaan Valley Resort:** Davis, W.Va.; <http://www.canaanresort.com> or 800-622-4121.
- **Bryce Mountain Resort:** Basye, Va.; <http://www.brycesort.com/activities.html> or 800-821-1444.
- **Massanutten Resort:** Elkton, Va.; <http://massanuttenvacation.com/massanutten-resort/summer-tubing.php> or 800-644-1355.
- **Sapphire Valley:** Sapphire, N.C.; <http://www.8ix.com/sapphirevalley/tubby/> or 828-743-7663.
- **Mount Hood Ski Bowl:** Mount Hood, Ore.; <http://www.skihood.com/> or 800-754-2695.
- **Chicopee Tube Park:** Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; <http://www.chicopeeintubepark.com/> or 519-895-1178.

wide. There are 20 proposals out for more U.S. tubing parks in 2008, Locher said.

"It's just catching on here," he said. "Next year should be very busy."

Troy Hawes, the managing editor of the National Ski Areas Association's trade pub-

lication, said he was unaware of any similar dry-tubing at U.S. resorts other than those using the Tubby system. Locher, who also is the mountain manager at Virginia's Bryce Resort, heard about Tubby and had it installed at the resort two

years ago. Bryce operates three summer tubing runs. It's too early to tell whether the new tube parks will significantly boost resorts' incomes. At least it's creating a summer niche at some places.

The Tubby runs average about 200 riders at day at Oregon's Mount Hood Ski Bowl and about 100 per day at North Carolina's Sapphire Valley Resort. There are also Tubby runs at Massanutten in Elkton, Va., and Chicopee Tube Park in Kitchener, Ontario.

"It's so simple. That's really the beauty of it," said Bill Rouda, Sapphire Valley's ski school director who financed the Tubby run with his own money because he was looking to open a summer business. "All you're selling is gravity. You get on an innertube and slide down the hill. There's no moving parts."

TRAVEL/COMMUNITY

Trekking in Tasmania? Oh, you devil

By Alice Reid
Special to The Washington Post

We hadn't meant to court danger that day. But here we were, staring straight over a Tasmanian cliff at a lake 200 feet below and wondering how to get there on a trail that seemed headed into thin air.

Five hours of rock scrambling had left our quadriceps quivering, and we were beginning to worry about sunset. So my husband and I did what we had to: We scouted down on our families, grabbing at roots and rocks to slow our descent. Eventually vertical became horizontal, and we were headed toward dinner, a warm fire, a bottle of Syrah.

In a part of the Southern Hemisphere best known for serious multi-day walks along famous "tracks" such as Milford and Routeburn in New Zealand and Overland in Tasmania, we chose something a bit less complicated. Call it "trekking lite" — long, challenging day hikes from a comfortable home base that is not a tent.

And there is no better place to try it than rugged little Tasmania, Australia's island state. Scenic, unspoiled and manageable, "Tassie" boasts 19 national parks, all of them crisscrossed with thousands of miles of trails ranging from dirtdevil to desultory.

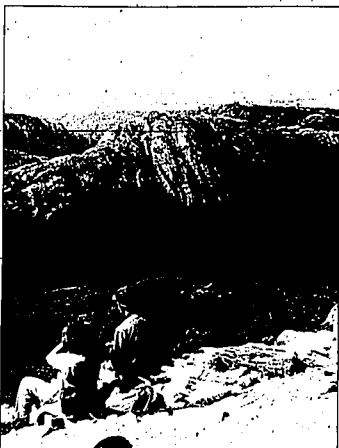
The advantage of trekking lite — as opposed to planning, often months in advance, lengthy outings requiring permits and guides or camping expertise — is simplicity. An added advantage is affordability. For our visits to two of Tasmania's best-known parks, Cradle Mountain/Lake St. Clair in the interior and Freycinet on the east coast, we spent less than \$1,000 over the five days we were able to snatch from our business trip down under. We overnights in self-catering cottages in both places and ate out a couple of evenings, but otherwise made simple fare in our own little cabin kitchens. The cost included our \$50 park pass and a rental car (\$300 plus gas).

To trek comfortably in these parts, as part of a group accompanied by an outfitter with access to private lodges along the trail and meals can cost upward of \$300 per day per person.

And reservations are best made about six months ahead.

So what to expect if you decide to taste the Tasmanian outdoors? Expect encouragement.

Tasmania's Parks and Wildlife Service wants people out of their cars and into their hiking boots. At Cradle Mountain, the park service even provides free shuttle buses every 10 minutes from a large parking lot outside the gates to most major trail heads. And if demanding isn't your preferred brand of ramble, there are miles of gentle boardwalks stretched over low-lying



The view down to Dove Lake, among the scenic features of Cradle Mountain/Lake St. Clair National Park in Tasmania.

hogs. Some are stroller- and wheelchair-friendly.

Expect weather — lots of it, including rain and cold, even in summer. Heard of the flooring 40th Tasmania sits astride those latitudes. The westerly wind howling across the Tasmanian mountains last saw land at Terra del Fuego. And it can bring a sharp change in less time than it takes to locate a fuzzy in the bottom of a day pack. A walk through the Tasmanian mountains may require everything from T-shirts to turtlebacks, and all in the same day.

Central Tasmania is but 1,900 miles north of the Antarctic Circle, about the distance between Washington and El Paso. Sensible hikers carry extra gear, and signs warn of sudden thermal changes on every trail.

If you choose to be a trekker, life don't be intimidated by the trekking heaves. At our bed-and-breakfast in Hobart, Tasmania's capital, we were gently teased by a fellow guest, who called us "wussies." An Australian, she was off to do the Overland Track with an outfitter. Later, about the time I was staring over that cliff, I figured she was settling down to afternoon tea, served by her guide. Seemed like I had the tougher deal.

Then there were the three blokes from Melbourne we ran into that first day, two doctors and a retired banker. The trio, shouldering monster packs, were prepared for eight days on the Overland Track, which starts at Cradle Mountain. Sixty-five kilometers, or 40 miles, the distance they would cover, seemed pretty impressive. No worries, they said. Seasoned trackers, they annu-

ally tackle part of the multi-land's 400-mile Alpine Walking Trail, but with Australia parched after five years of drought, bush fires are almost daily dangers.

"We thought Tassie would be safer," one of the docs said.

About the only thing our experience shared with these guys is that we also made our own breakfast each morning. At self-catering cottages, the ingredients for breakfast arrive in a basket. Each morning we cracked big brown eggs into our frying pan and showed bread into the toaster. On at least one occasion, "we" made breakfast and then dined later that evening on our generous supply of eggs. Milk and orange juice were always in the fridge. Aussies love their coffee, and usually that means there's a French press pot ready to brew a good strong cup or two.

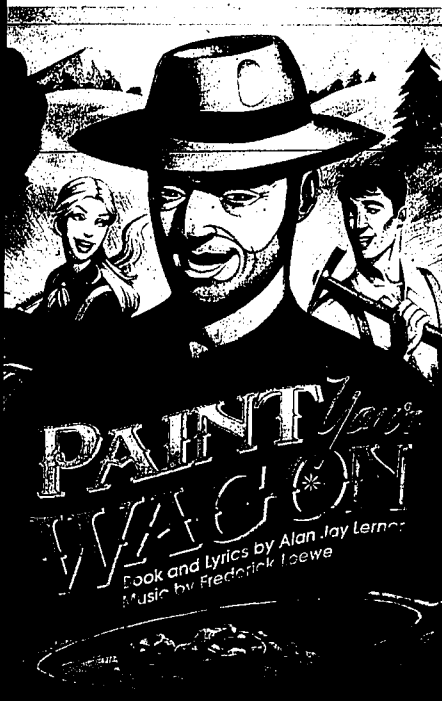
They wed head out for the day's adventure.

To walk in Tasmania is to pass through temperate rain forests loaded with exotic flora: stands of gracefully tall eucalyptus trees languidly waving their leaves in the breeze; carpets of coral fern, knee-high tussocks of charthouse button grass and stretches of other vegetation with somewhat bizarre names. Try "King Billy Pine" or "Ginn's Gebung" or "wombat." At the end of the summer (March), many wildflowers had withered, but the spiky bubble-colored blossoms of the banksia trees were everywhere.

Then, of course, there's the fauna. Our first encounter with a wombat — not a bat at all but a plump, groggy marsupial about the size of a cocker spaniel — was along a trail at twilight. He'd fallen asleep over his dinner, curled up where he'd been munching tender grass shoots. Awakened by my footsteps, he glanced up, unperturbed, and ambled away. Wombats are everywhere, but mostly invisible. What you will see is their poop, cube-shaped pellets that conveniently refuse to roll off rocks and other spots where they are deposited. It's apparently a form of territory marking.

Also, no Tasmanian devils came out to play. Their very survival is threatened by an aggressive and very contagious facial cancer that Australian scientists are struggling to understand and eradicate.

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Students on ISU deans list

POCATELLO — Sara M. Turner of Burley, Mark L. Hansen of Rupert, and Cheryl L. Lowman of Twin Falls have earned a place on the Idaho State University 2007 summer semester deans list for the College of Arts and Sciences, said Dr. Maureen Brandon, interim dean of the college. To qualify for the deans list, students must complete at least six semester credits and receive a grade point average of 3.60 or higher.

Scout receives Eagle award

BURLEY — Dallin B. Baggett was awarded his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor held June 16 at the Unity 1st Ward church in Burley. His Eagle Service Project was repairing and repainting the Basketball backboards and the bleachers at the Unity Pavilion. He also had the lights at the pavilion repaired. He was assisted by his friends and family and fellow Boy Scouts. His Eagle mentor was Curtis Stoker.



Baggett

Wombats are plentiful but usually hard to spot in Tasmania's Cradle Mountain/Lake St. Clair National Park.

COMMUNITY

Castleford FFA brings home awards

CASTLEFORD — Recently, the Castleford FFA participated in the Idaho State FFA Career Development events in Moscow.

These events are the culmination of the years work and study in each student's respective area of interest. "I am very proud of our members," said advisor Roger Wells states. They studied and practiced very hard before going to Moscow and represented our chapter and community very well.

"It is always fun to see members from Castleford compete competitively with students from much larger schools. These students make sacrifices to participate in these events, but in the end they are gaining skills, knowledge and connections that will benefit them the rest of their lives."

FFA members from Castleford competed against FFA members from all across Idaho. In the FFA schools are not separated by school size, enrollments or chapter sizes. The goal of each chapter team is to win the state area and compete in the National Career Development events in Indianapolis.

In order for an individual to place in the top 10 or for a team to be in the top 10 in the state is considered to be a huge achievement in the FFA organization.

Before teams can compete at the state level, the Castleford

chapter requires that team members have already competed in the district event earlier in the year and that their team be in the top three in the district before competing at state.

This year the Castleford chapter took 19 members that competed in seven different areas. The dairy evaluation team placed third out of 47 teams. Team members were Joe Lobo, fourth place individually out of 179 participants; Gabrielle Machado, eighth place individually; and Michael Wiseman.

The forestry team placed sixth out of 32 teams. Team members were Rachel Rodgers 16th out of 70 participants, Michael Wiseman, Aubinda Elser, and Belinda Kinyon.

The meats evaluation and identification team placed eighth out of 28 teams. Jessica Elser was 18th out of 108 participants; Megan Durham, Jessica Schlund and Chase Routt. The dairy foods team placed eighth out of 32 teams. Team members were Miranda Bernier, finishing 12th out of 126 participants, Anna Lopez, Rikki Wiggins and Courtney Alford.

The livestock judging team placed ninth out of 49 teams. Miranda Bernier finished fourth out of 194 participants, David Zavala, Michael Wiseman and Samantha Gulna.

The environment and natural resources team finished ninth as well. Team members were Anna Lopez, Rachel Rodgers, Rikki Wiggins and Allison Rodgers.



Dairy winners include, from left, Michael Wiseman, Gabrielle Machado, Joe Lobo.



Environmental Science and Natural Resources winners include, from left, Rikki Wiggins, Rachel Rodgers, Allison Rodgers, Anna Lopez.



Food products winners include, from left, Rikki Wiggins, Anna Lopez, Courtney Alford, Miranda Bernier.



Meats winners include, from left, Jessica Elser, Megan Durham, Jessica Schlund, Chase Routt.



Livestock judging winners include, from left, Michael Wiseman, Miranda Bernier, Samantha Gulna, David Zavala.



Forestry winners include, from left, Michael Wiseman, Rachel Rodgers, Belinda Kinyon, Amanda Elser.

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Castleford also competed in the Agricultural Mechanics competition. Team members were Gabrielle Machado, Chet Hunsaker and Ethan Harkins.

Filer scout receives Eagle award

FILER — Justin C. Borges, 17-year-old son of Darrin and Rachelle Borges, will receive his Eagle Scout at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Filer LDS Church, 841 W. Main St.

Borges has completed 30 merit badges and has qualified for bronze palm. For his Eagle project, he built steps for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He was assisted by 10 other scouts and the project took 53 hours to complete. The wood was donated by

Quality Truss and Lumber, and screws were donated by Whitehead Home and Energy.

He is a member of troop 72 sponsored by the LDS Church, Filer 1st Ward. Borges is a senior at Filer High School and has participated in soccer, wrestling, football, baseball, track, French club and service projects through his church. He served as junior class president, senior patrol leader for Troop 72, and helps train new-voice members in Filer.



Borges

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- Original voting ballots will be available during the 3rd Annual Pet Idol contest in selected editions of the Times-News, online at www.magicvalley.com, and at the Times-News front desk.
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- The Times-News reserves the right to make all final decisions concerning administration, procedures and eligibility.
- Pets of employees and their immediate families are not eligible to win. This will be determined by computer generated tie-breaker program.

If you have any questions please call Maggie Amador at 735-3294 or email mamadorm@magicvalley.com

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Please mail photo with entry form. No photos will be returned.

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SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Drivers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Mini-Cassia area to take senior citizens to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Call Kirby at 677-4872, ext. 2.

Drivers — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Call Karen at 734-5084.

Respite — Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in Twin Falls, Filer, Buhl, Gooding, Wendell, and Jerome for two to four hours per visit, once a week. Call Edith at 736-4764 or 736-2122, ext. 4764.

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is inviting caring people, who are willing to make a difference for caregivers and for those facing end-of-life issues, to be a part of the hospice team. Through the Junior volunteer program, family and corporate volunteers, the hospice volun-

teers can be a part of many creative and compassionate programs for caregivers and for those facing end-of-life issues. Call Heidi at 734-4064 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers that are familiar with Quick Books. Help is needed bi-monthly for

a few hours. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

Donations/Tutors — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Program is in need of dishes, bicycles, household furniture, telephones and televisions in working condition. Volunteers also are needed to tutor English as a second language or be a social/cultural ambassador to a new family.

Call Shannon at 736-2166. To donate items, bring them to the office at 1526 Highland Ave. E. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is closed from noon to 1 p.m.

Volunteers — Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers for their new program, Eleventh Hour Angels. They are in need of volunteers who feel they can spend time

Want to help?
This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.
If you need a volunteer, call the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 4764, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Call weekly to retain your request.

with patients who are in their final hours of life. Training is available. Call Hospice Visions at 735-0121.

Buhl district conducts Child Find screening

BUHL — The Buhl School District will conduct its annual early development screenings for 3- and 4-year-old children from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Child Find is a free screening to identify children who are delayed in one or more developmental areas. The screening includes testing on social skills, fine and gross motor skills, cognitive skills, daily living skills and language skills.

The Buhl School District offers an early intervention pre-school program to those that qualify. To schedule an appointment for a screening, call Michelle Wright or Robin Tverdy at Popplewell Elementary at 543-8225.

For more information, call Alicia Bartolo, early childhood special education teacher, at 543-8225 or Suzanne Wilkin, director of Special Education, at 543-9208.

Oakley Arts Council celebrates 100 years

OAKLEY — Oakley Arts Council celebrates 100 years and will present "That's OVAC Entertainment" at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7, 8 and 10 at the Howell Opera House.

The show will feature favorite songs from shows performed at Howell Opera House.

Admission is a \$5 donation that will go towards building the new set and costume building.

There will be general admission seating only.

For more information, call 677-ARTS.

Auditions for the fall production of "Little Shop of Horrors" directed by Beadie Clark will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 6 and 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 8. The directors are looking for an adult cast of about 10-12 actors.

Those who wish to audition should come prepared with a musical number.

OVAC is always looking for crew members to assist with set and costume building as well.





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COMMUNITY

Learn new skills at the College of Southern Idaho

TWIN FALLS — Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will be offering several classes.

Beginning and intermediate/advance German will be held Mondays, Sept. 10 to Dec. 10. The beginning class will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. and the intermediate/advanced class will be held from 8 to 10 p.m.

Both classes will be in Shields 106 and cost \$69 and the instructor is Eldora Miller. The course number for this non-credit beginning German class is XLNG 001 C01. The course number for intermediate/advanced German is XLNG 009 C02.

In beginning German students will discover basic conversational German and gain an understanding of the German language through class practice and participation. Continue the study of this language in the intermediate/advanced class with emphasis on verb tense, high-

er level of conversations, and language uses.

"Paper Lace Parchment Craft" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 10 to Oct. 22 in Shields 109. The cost is \$95 and the instructor is Jennifer Echtes. The non-credit course number is XART 010 C01.

Students will be taught a modern approach to the

ancient craft of Pergamano. By using a variety of tools on parchment paper, participants will gain the skills to create intricate lace work designs.

Techniques will include tracing with white ink or pencil; embossing; coloring with oil pastels; dips dots using ink; and color using brush tip or felt tip pens. The patterns will be provided and all equipment

will be available for your use. Students are asked to bring any supplies they may already have such as erasers, white pencil, a small candle, and a roll of paper towels.

Two pottery classes will be held. A Tuesday night class will be held Sept. 11 to Nov. 13 and a Thursday night class will be held Sept. 13 to Nov. 15. Both sessions will be held from 6:30

to 9 p.m. in the Art building, RM 113. The cost is \$110 per class with an additional clay fee of \$15 paid to the instructor, Alta Harris. The non-credit course number for the Tuesday class is XART 000 C01, and the Thursday class is XART 008 C02.

Students will explore the wide range of ceramic building and glazing techniques while

developing their own personal style using clay as an expressive medium.

Participants will discover and work on all aspects of hand building and wheel throwing as well as several different techniques for firing the pieces.

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

Variety of CSI courses offered in Mini-Cassia

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia enrichment program has a variety of courses starting early in September.

Towel Animal Mania will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 4 and 11. Students will learn to fold, roll and rubber band towels into the animal designs seen on cruise ships and fine hotels. Students will need to bring a towel, hand towel and wash cloth to class. The two-session course is \$20.

Microsoft Word 2007 class is set from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 5 to 26. Students will work with the newest version of the Microsoft Office programs and the many new features. Microsoft Office 2007 is a completely new approach to document construction, organizers say. Cost is \$40.

Pottery for Beginners class is 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 6 to Nov. 8. The 10-session course will cover from clay block to finished pottery, including hand and wheel construction. Class is open for ages 12 and older. The cost is \$69 plus \$15 clay fee to the instructor.

Microsoft Movie Maker is 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 6 to 27. Students will learn to download photos and videos and then edit the digital images into videos complete with music and captions. Instructor RaNae Bonella-Anderson worked in music video and feature films before bringing her skills to the Mini-Cassia area. The cost is \$40.

Conversation Spanish for Beginners will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 6 to 27. This course is designed to teach student's basic vocabulary and pronunciation through reading, writing and oral practice, organizers say. Virginia Hansen will gear lessons so participants can start using their new language everyday. The cost is \$40 and includes a book.

Digital 9-1-1 was designed to help new camera owners with the complexity of digital photography. John Berglund will help students discover the settings and controls from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 10 to 17. Students need to bring camera and camera manuals to class. Cost is \$20.

Dog obedience classes are 7 to 8 p.m. on Mondays from Sept. 10 to Nov. 19. The ten-week course will cover basic obedience for pets and their companions. Dogs must be current on distemper complex and parvovirus shots. Cost is \$40.

Digital Images class will cover fixing photo flaws from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11 to Oct. 2. Lance Pincock will cover red-eye, red faces, bad lighting, crooked shots and crooked antics. Cost is \$40.

For more information or to register, call 678-1400.

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