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Lawyer: Craig will ask court to rescind plea today

By Matt Apuzzo Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Sen. Larry Craig will file court documents Monday asking to withdraw his guilty plea in a sex sting that seems likely to end his career, his attorney said.

Craig, an Idaho Republican, pleaded guilty in August to disorderly conduct following a sting operation in a men's bathroom at the Minneapolis airport.

He has said he regrets that decision, which he said he made hastily and without talking to an attorney. He said he was under stress and pleaded guilty only to put the matter behind him.

Attorney William Martin said Sunday night that a request to withdraw that plea would be filed Monday. Such requests are rarely granted. Martin would not discuss the argument he planned to make in court.

Martin said he was not involved in discussions about Craig's future in the Senate. Craig originally announced he would resign at the end of the month, then said he was reconsidering that decision. His chief spokesman later said Craig had dropped out of the race, all notions of trying to finish his third term.

"My job is to get him back to where he was before his rights were taken away," Martin said. Craig's congressional spokesman has said the only way that Craig is likely to remain in the Senate is if a series of events can be overturned the conviction, something that is unlikely to happen before the end of the month.

Republicans have urged Craig to say for sure that he will resign. That would spare the party an ethics dilemma and the embarrassment of dealing with a colleague who had been stripped of his committee leadership post.

It also would negate the need for a Senate ethics committee investigation, which GOP leaders had requested.

If Craig succeeds in undoing his plea, he would likely try to have the charge dismissed to avoid an embarrassing trial. A police report alleged that Craig had solicited sex from a male officer at the Minneapolis airport in June.

Life-or-death decision



Pat Cogswell, of Twin Falls, discusses what it is like to use a kidney dialysis machine and how it affects his life, Thursday afternoon at the DaVita Twin Falls Kidney Dialysis Center.

House bill may cut funds for kidney treatment

By Nate Poppo Times-News writer

Pat Cogswell has only been on dialysis for two months.

But she knows it's doing her a world of good. At age 72, her kidneys finally gave in to polycystic kidney disease, a genetic disorder characterized by the growth of numerous cysts. The disease has hit others in her extended family, she said, and she's not the first to make the trip to a dialysis center three times a week.

Each visit involves about four hours of sitting as blood is pumped out of Cogswell's arm and through a machine that cleans out toxins. But she's learned to deal with it — she spent Thursday's visit at the DaVita Twin Falls Dialysis Center watching TV and reading.

"Even this has made a difference in the quality of my life," she said.

Facts about kidney disease

... kidney disease is a very common condition, affecting about 10 million people in the United States. ... kidney failure in the U.S. is primarily caused by diabetes and high blood pressure. Patients have few choices to filter their blood if they're not on a transplant list.

... recent cost estimates weighing in at \$20 billion a year. The Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act, the U.S. House's attempt at improving the State Children's Health Insurance Program, would pay for its improvements with a cut of about \$2.5 billion over 10 years in money used for outpatient dialysis.

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CSI road plan in 'park,' pending decision on federal funds

By Nate Poppo Times-News writer

With federal funding for a proposed road around the College of Southern Idaho campus still uncertain, less is known about the road than when it was first announced — even its final placement.

The road, which would connect North College Road with the future expansion of Cheney Drive, is part of the college's Student Safety Initiative, a series of projects that will remodel the college's front entrance and reroute traffic from North College to Cheney, bypassing the campus.

The money for the road connecting to Cheney has largely come from federal grants, and college administrators are waiting to see if a final chunk — \$800,000 — makes it through Congress this fall.

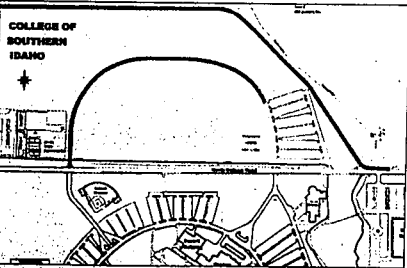
The money, which was originally slated for last year but removed by Congress at the last moment, is part of a transportation, treasury and general appropriations bill progressing through the Senate, CSI Foundation director Curtis Eaton said.

The recent controversy surrounding Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, shouldn't pose too much of a problem, Eaton said, even though Craig has temporarily given up his ranking position on a Senate appropriations subcommittee.

"I think he is certainly one of the main reasons that the \$800,000 made it through the appropriations committee this year," Eaton said. "Some of his work, at least, on that project is completed."

But not everyone at CSI is assuming the money will come through.

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A proposed road that would connect North College Road and a yet-to-be built expansion of Cheney Drive could touch property owned by Canyon Vista Family Limited Partnership, shown here in pink.

Numbers cloud debate as Congress awaits Iraq commander's report

By Richard Lattner Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In vertical bars of blue, green, gray and red, a briefing chart prepared by the Defense Intelligence Agency says what Gen. David Petraeus won't say: Inaugural attacks against Iraq civilians, their security forces and U.S. troops remain high, according to the report, obtained by The Associated Press. It is a conclusion that the well-regarded Army officer who is the top U.S. commander in Iraq is expected to try to counter when he and Ryan Crocker, the

U.S. ambassador in Baghdad, testify before Congress on Monday and Tuesday. More than four years into a conflict initially thought to be a cakewalk, the war has become a tangle of statistics, graphs and conflicting assessments of progress in a country of more than 27 million people.

The defense intelligence chart makes the point, with figures from Petraeus' command in Baghdad, the Multinational Force-Iraq, Congressional auditors used the same numbers to conclude that Iraqis are as unsafe now as they were six months ago: the Bush administration

and military officials also using those figures say that finding is flawed. With so much depending on how the statistics are collected and interpreted, policymakers in Washington are confused.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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MINI-CASSIA
Today: Mostly sunny skies with below average high temperatures. Highs in the low 70s.
Tonight: Mild overnight temperatures with clear skies. Lows in the low 40s.
Tomorrow: Rebounding temperatures with sunny skies. Highs in the low 80s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
That's OVAC Entertainment II, celebrating Howells Opera House 100th birthday with a variety of past musical performances. 7:30 p.m., Historic Howells Opera House, Oakley, \$5 donation (for the set/costume building), 677-2787.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
Retired Educators Association meeting, guest speaker Galen Smyer, Minidoka County Superintendent of Schools, 11 a.m., Morey's Steakhouse, Burley, guests are welcome, 438-5917.

Local Chapter 1959 NARFE monthly meeting, with speaker Carl Nellis, retiree of Fish and Game Department, 11:30 a.m., Long Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, for all retired or current Federal Employees and guests, 733-9477.

FAMILY SUPPORT
Grandparents as Parents support group meeting, guest speaker Tori Torginsson, LCSW of Family Health Services on "Dynamics of Change: When Grandparents Parent Again," 7 to 8:30 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, 736-2122 or 800-574-8656 to RSVP.

GOVERNMENT
Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7002.
Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home, 587-2129.
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main, 934-4841.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m.; City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-7801.
Hatley City Council, 6 p.m., city Hall, 115 Main St. S., 788-4221.
Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N., 543-5650.
Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school, 610 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.
Hansen City Council, 7 p.m., city Hall, 388 Main, 423-5158.
Harrison City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 246 Main, 829-5415.
Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., city Hall, 2392 Main, 655-4225.
Jerome County Planning Commission, 7 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 324-9116.
Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln, 487-2755.
Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 736-6900.
Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 7 p.m., media center, 682 Valley Road S.E., 829-5333.
Hagerman School Board, 8 p.m., elementary school, 324 Second Ave. N., 837-4777.

HEALTH
Sign up for College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert LDS church gym (temporary location), Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Buhl High School (LDS church on Main temporary location); and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost for students over age 60, 732-6475.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, exercise program designed for Medicare beneficiaries' health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
"Overcoming Addiction and Anger," Theophostic Therapy Intermediate Basic training video, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, donations, 734-9603.
Adult Children Anonymous meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 250-5676.

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To have an event listed, 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; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

MAGIC VALLEY



Denim losing its iconic appeal

Nationally, women's denim sales have taken a nosedive. U.S. sales were down 6.2 percent for the 12 months through June. In the coveted 18 to 34 demographic, they plummeted 15.5 percent.

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Pat Cogswell has only been on dialysis for two months. But she knows it's ending her world of good. At age 72, her kidneys finally gave in to polycystic kidney disease, a genetic disorder characterized by the growth of numerous cysts. One four-hour treatment at the Twin Falls center can cost \$500, and that's without the cost of the drugs she needs. Most patients get help through Medicare, but a bill pending in the U.S. Senate may make that harder to do.

Fish and Game cuts back on grouse season

When officials at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game first assessed the aftermath of the Murphy Complex fire, they knew sage grouse were in trouble. Department biologists and wildlife experts have studied the effects of the fire and other factors that have devastated regional grouse populations, and late last week the department made what it called "emergency changes" to grouse hunting rules for this fall.

Church backs pastor charged with battery

Sunday morning, the Rev. Ron Matheny led the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome as he always does. The original and the congregation prayed and Matheny delivered a sermon on Christian identity, compassion and forgiveness. The congregation seemed to take the sermon to heart in the weeks of charged. (led Aug. 28 against Matheny for allegedly beating his now-estranged wife, Darlene.

City eyes temporary government building

The Twin Falls City Council will discuss tonight whether to move some city departments down the road. City staff will update the council with the most recent appraisal for the new American Legion building, at 324 Hansen St. downtown. The city hopes to purchase the building and use it for its engineering, building and planning departments.

Canyon Ridge High project on schedule

Work on the Canyon Ridge High School facilities is on schedule and bids are starting to come in for such items as fire suppression and plumbing. The Twin Falls City School Board will hear during today's meeting, 7 p.m. at the district office on Main Avenue.

OBITUARIES

Jease Smith Searle, 85
Jonathan Medina Arevalo, 6
Jody L. Chambers, 48

NATION/WORLD

Rep. Simpson's brother dies in motorcycle crash

BOISE — U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson's brother has died in a motorcycle crash according to a spokesperson.

Bush official: bin Laden 'virtually impotent'

WASHINGTON — Two days

before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush's domestic security adviser dismissed al-Qaida mastermind Osama bin Laden as "virtually impotent."

Gabrielle comes ashore in North Carolina

HATTERAS, N.C. — Tropical Storm Gabrielle

washed ashore and crunched slowly along North Carolina's Outer Banks Sunday.

Body found believed to be missing BYU student

PROVO, Utah — A woman's body found Sunday was believed to be a BYU student missing for more than a week.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today
Last day to register for fall semester and to drop classes.
All week
CSI library is open 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
CSI Adult Basic Education Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and Friday; 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Meyerhoefer building, second floor.
CSI Testing Center is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. today through Thursday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Meyerhoefer building, second floor.
Idaho and U.S. Tennis Association mixed-doubles league play, 6:30 p.m., CSI tennis courts (today through Thursday until Oct. 1).

Wednesday
Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization workforce development workshop, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room.
Idaho State Department of Agriculture pesticide applicators license exams, 8:30 a.m., Taylor 276.
Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., also Thursday.
Styx Narcotic Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
Thursday
CSI English majors' social, 1 p.m., Student Union, fireside room.
Silver Sage Grotto cave explorers meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256.
Friday
Tuition due for fall semester and last day to add classes.
Huggie Bears chapter, Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
"Hubbie Vilson," 7 p.m.; and "Altrageous Rock," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"The Mythia and Resettles of Ytcho Brab," astronomy talk, 7:15 p.m., followed by viewing in Centennial Observatory.

Tuesday
CSI New Student Services' Magic Valley Counselors Day, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room.
Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., also Friday.
CSI Nurses Christian fellowship, noon, Taylor 258.
CSI Jazz Club Jam, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fine Arts lobby (free; open to the public).
"Hubbie Vilson," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Anime Club meeting, 7 p.m., Shields 208.
John Kilmaster art exhibit premier and reception for the artist, 7 to 9 p.m., Herrett Center, Jean B. King Gallery.
Chi Alpha meeting, 8 p.m., Student Union, second floor.

Saturday
Twin Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., North College Road across from Eldon Evans Expo Center.
"The Dinosaur Chronicles," 2 p.m., "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time" and a live sky tour, 4 p.m.; "Hubbie Vilson," 7 p.m.; and "Altrageous Rock," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

ON THE AGENDA

Tuesday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.
Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 876-4367.
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second, 366-7418.
Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4321.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
Himberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 420 Madison W., 723-4151.
Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park, 544-2102.
Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 886-2038.

116 W. Main, 654-2124.
Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.
Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth, 432-6682.
Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., 432-5451.
Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 438-4101.
Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m. high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.
Thursday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-9131.
Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, (775) 755-2356.
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.
Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road, 764-2333.
Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer, 432-5469.
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main, 862-3313.
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E., 734-9450.
Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4301.
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Wednesday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
DelMary Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-3874.
Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2564.
Castletown City Council, 7 p.m., J&D Printing Enterprises, 300 W. Main, 537-6544.
Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall,

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House Armed Services Committee Chairman Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington on July 27. "What is really going on? What standards should we look for? Where do we go from here?" asked Skelton in a later hearing — questioning which statistical analysis Iraq led to believe.

Iraq

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Rep. Ike Skelton, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, summed up the situation during a hearing last week on the report by congressional auditors at the Government Accountability Office.

"What is really going on? What standards should we look for? Where do we go from here?" asked Skelton, D-Mo.

For every positive step, a negative one follows. Progress by the Iraqi army is offset by the failures of the national police, which an independent assessment rates as "operationally ineffective."

Nearly 77 percent of Iraqis want the militias in Iraq to be dissolved, according to the GAO, yet their government has not written legislation to do so. While the rights of Iraq's minority political parties are protected in the legislature, the GAO said violence against minority religious and ethnic groups continues "unabated" in most areas of Iraq.

The report used the defense intelligence's countrywide figures to conclude that the average number of daily attacks against civilians has remained "about the same" during the past six months.

"The auditors could not determine if sectarian violence had declined since the start of the president's troop increase."

The agency's findings are contentious because the Bush administration and military officials in Iraq have said security has improved over the same period due to the additional 30,000 U.S. troops in Baghdad and other trouble spots.

In July, the White House, citing "trends data" from Petraeus' command, said sectarian violence, particularly in Baghdad, had declined since the troop increase began in February.

"There's a difference of opinion — as a strong difference of opinion — as to whether or not sectarian violence has decreased," David Walker, who heads the auditing agency, said last week.

In a letter to his troops Friday, Petraeus acknowledged progress has been "made," but said sectarian violence has fallen considerably. The number of attacks across the country has declined in eight of the past 10 weeks, he said. The letter from Petraeus does not provide any figures.

According to the DIA chart, there were 897 attacks against Iraqi civilians in January and February. The bulk of the additional attacks against Iraqi security forces in January and 850 in July.

An attack is defined as a violent act that may or may not produce casualties.

Coalition forces, which include more than 160,000 U.S. troops, were attacked the most. Slightly more than 3,500 attacks were reported in January and 3,143 were reported in July, the DIA said.

Charts from the Multinational Corps-Iraq, the war-fighting command headed by Army Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, tell a different story with bar graphs and arrows. The charts contain no numbers, and they focus on Baghdad, where the bulk of the additional U.S. troops went.

The number of roadside explosions in the Iraqi capital dropped sharply between June and the beginning of August, according to one chart; so, too, have monthly car bomb attacks.

One chart shows a decline in monthly casualties in Baghdad, a trend that U.S. military officials attribute to the "diminishing effectiveness on the part of the enemy," according to the chart.

Telephone and e-mail messages left with Odierno's unit seeking more clarity about the charts were not immediately returned.

Critics say those gains amount to "cherry-picking" the most favorable data. But U.S. officials, including the head of U.S. Central Command, which oversees military operations in the Middle East and Central Asia, cite the gains as evidence Iraq is moving in the right direction.

"In the less than six months I've been in this job, I have seen a substantial change and it gives me some significant optimism that this place may just work out the way we had envisioned, or some had envisioned, when the tasks were undertaken," Adm. William Fallon told the Commonwealth Club of California, a public affairs forum, last week.

Fallon took over in March as head of the command. Gordon Adams, a former Clinton administration official who specializes in defense issues, said all the statistics against civilians from Iraq need to be questioned.

"When you really care about something you're really tempted to use the numbers that look best to you," said Adams, a professor at American University School of International Service.

Adams drew a parallel to Vietnam, when body counts became a measure of success.

"There have been too many claims of victory. Too many claims of progress. No one trusts it anymore," he said.

An independent panel led by former Marine Corps Gen. James Jones found much to criticize in a report it released last week.

Jones and other retired military and law enforcement officials concluded that Iraqi security forces would be unable to take control of their country in the next 18 months.

Among the shortcomings are a national police force that is so flawed it should be disbanded and reorganized, and a corrupt border patrol that leaves Iraq's boundaries "porous and poorly defended."

"The tension and violence is 'fed' by the slow and disappointing pace" of political reconciliation, according to the 26-member panel, which spent three weeks in Iraq. Nonetheless, they said there are "signs of encouraging tactical success" in and around Baghdad.

Road

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Even without Craig as a factor, officials said there's no guarantee the money will join nearly \$1.2 billion the college received in the 2005 and 2006 fiscal years. The project doesn't even have a timeline yet, CSI President Jerry Beck said, though the entrance remodel — which uses the same pool of money — is set to begin on May 10, 2008, the end of the school year.

Also unknown is where exactly the road will go. The road was previously reported as straddling the property line between the college and the Lutz J Ranch, and CSI officials were seeking Lutz's help in paying for it, both Beck said.

Lutz J co-owner Linda Wills disputed that report, and Lutz said administrators are still deciding what path the road will follow.

Wills, who was reported as waiting for a lawsuit against the Idaho Transportation Department to finish before working with CSI on the road, said she had not sued anyone and only owned about 1 percent of one of the plots Lutz J sits on.

"I haven't talked with CSI. I have never met Jerry Beck," Wills said. "We're not in negotiations with the college at all."

The land the road would possibly touch is owned by Canyon Vista Family Limited Partnership, whose local contact, according to county records, is Christy Williams, Wills' sister. Canyon Vista was awarded \$2.4 million in funding as part of a lawsuit against ITD regarding land taken for the expansion of Pale Line Road, possibly the lawsuit mentioned previously by CSI officials.

Attempts Tuesday and Wednesday to reach Williams resulted in a referral to her lawyer, John Lezamis of Twin Falls. The firm that employs Lezamis said he is gone for the next few weeks and could not comment.

Once funding is secured, the college will move more quickly on planning issues, Beck said. But the actual construction could be as far as four years out. Once completed, college officials will modify North College to be more pedestrian-friendly and lower its speed limit as it passes through campus, part of an agreement with the city from three years ago.

The idea of closing off North College broilers some residents. Twin Falls city engineer Jackie Fields said. But as long as east-west traffic can move smoothly on Cheney, the city's OK with it. And everyone she's talked to, from business owners to the public, is supportive of the Cheney extension.

"Everyone's all together now on wanting Cheney and Washington to be an intersection that works," Fields said.

obese and younger population at risk for kidney failure. DaVita isn't sure what would be cut if the bill passes, Zunwiler said. For now, the company's working with others in the industry to change the bill — something that might not be too hard, a spokesman for U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said.

Both of the SCIEHP bills are being negotiated right now. Crapo's press secretary Lindsay Northern said, and some of the Medicare provisions could slip off in the process. The Senate bill puts the costs entirely on tobacco taxes. Neither Rep. Mike Simpson nor Rep. Bill Sali, Idaho's two congressmen, voted for the bill, and it does not have support from Crapo thanks to the proposed changes to SCIEHP.

Cosponsors, plugged into her health care faith that as medicine advances, the herb will one day go down. Though she's looking into getting a transplant, she won't mind if some younger patient beats her out. "They've got a life to live and things to do," she said. "And that's the way it should be."

Both centers are seeing their patch loads increasing, their administrators reported, and their Medicare funding can't keep up — the centers aren't included in regular inflation-based increases in the program. Their patient numbers are likely to keep rising, thanks to an ever-more-

past three years destroyed habitat. Though the cause of the long-term decline is unclear, scientists have blamed oil and gas drilling, road building, grazing and residential development.

Despite the finger pointing, the federal government denied a 2004 petition to list the bird as an endangered species.

Environmentalists challenged that decision in federal courts, asking a judge to reverse a decision they said was flawed by bad science and political influence by the Bush administration.

In July, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill, of Idaho, heard oral arguments in the case, and a ruling is pending.

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The move, though relatively small, has spooked dialysis centers that might lose just enough funding to make expenses tight.

"When this program is so at-need, we think it's inappropriate," DaVita Vice President LeAnne Zunwiler said Friday. Any cuts, she said, should go to other ISRD causes, such as an education initiative that also found its way into the bill. "Don't cut our program and give it to something else."

DaVita treats about 106,000 patients through a network of 1,200 dialysis centers across the country, about one-third of U.S. patients on dialysis. About 114 of those are patients at the company's Twin Falls and Burley centers, which after a series of purchases are the sole dialysis centers serving the region.

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Thousands of troops coping with brain damage, uncertain futures

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The war in Iraq is not over, but one legacy is already here in this city and others across America: an epidemic of brain-damaged soldiers.

Thousands of troops have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury, or TBI. These blast-caused head injuries are so different from the ones doctors are used to seeing from falls and car crashes that treating them is as much faith as it is science.

"I've been in the field for 20-plus years dealing with TBI. I have a very experienced staff. And they're saying to me, 'We're seeing things we've never seen before,'" said Sandy Schneider, director of Vanderbilt University's brain injury rehabilitation program.

Doctors also are realizing that symptoms overlap with post-traumatic stress disorder, and that both must be treated. Odd as it may seem, brain injury can protect against PTSD by blurring awareness of what happened.

But as memory improves, emotional problems can emerge: One of the first "graduates" of Vanderbilt's program committed suicide three weeks later.

"Of all the ones here, he would not have been the one we would have thought," Schneider said. "They called him the Michelangelo of Fort Campbell" — a guy who planned to go to art school.

As more troops return from the war, brain injuries are a growing burden for them, and for the few programs to treat them, and for taxpayers who pay for their care and disability if they cannot hold jobs.

Most TBIs are mild, and most of these patients recover within a year. But one-fifth of the troops with these mild injuries will have prolonged or lifelong symptoms and need continuing care, the military estimates. Nearly all of the moderate and severe ones will, too.

Though the full number of those suffering from TBI is still unknown, the problem is escalating the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Until now "they were dealing with a cohort of aging veterans with diabetes, heart disease, lung disease," said Dr. Jeffrey Drazen, editor-in-chief of the New England Journal of Medicine and a VA adviser.

Now, these young, brain-injured troops need highly specialized care, and how much it will help long-term is unknown, he said.

Jordan Grafman, a neuroscientist who studies TBI at the National Institutes of Health.

"People don't want to lose these guys from their command — they can't replace them fast enough," he said.

During a surprise visit to Iraq with President Bush on Labor Day, Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the military was "much smarter about this now" and urged troops to watch for signs of TBI and post-traumatic stress.

"They are every bit as much head injuries as is a bullet or shrapnel. It is OK, it is OK to seek help for those kinds of war wounds, and I ask you to all to help your buddies understand what you see in them," he said.

But that was long after O'Brien was hurt. His TBI was not diagnosed for months, until his hip injury landed him back at Fort Campbell in Kentucky. By then, the Army needed help treating TBI and was contracting with private rehab centers like Schneider's at Vanderbilt.

Malone and O'Brien had become friends, helping each other cope with wounds.

"They were sent to us together," Schneider said.

"I told him and his workout partner: 'Put some more weight on it,'" prompting the men to get up. Seconds later, a rocket hit where they had sat. They survived, but a pressure wave from the blast coursed through their brains.

"I started myself down head to toe, making sure I wasn't missing a limb," and felt odd, like "I must be missing a chunk of my head," O'Brien said. He remembers little else except walking through debris to pick up his iPod and sunglasses.

As for Malone, an air conditioning vent had fallen on his head when he had shrapnel wounds. He had multiple surgeries, spent several months in Walter Reed Army Medical Center and now has titanium mesh reinforcing his skull.

O'Brien, however, had shrapnel removed from his scalp and then was sent back to his unit — "no antibiotics, no pain medication or anything. They just sent me on my way."

When he later complained of pain, doctors gave him Motrin. When he discovered a trickle of blood from his hip, they said he would be fine. Six weeks later, when he could barely walk, tests revealed shrapnel in his hip. By then, he was having headaches and trouble sleeping.

O'Brien had been through multiple previous explosions — troops average one a month, a study found — and each raises the risk that the next one will do harm. Soldiers and Marines are proud and reluctant to go "off mission" just because "they get their bell rung," said Dr. Michael Kilpatrick, a top Defense Department physician.

"Most of the treatment is explaining the situation and giving the incure of time — giving it time to heal," he said. If no big symptoms appear in eight to 12 hours, "they're probably ready to go back."

Officers also face pressure to return troops to duty, said

where a chunk of the past is missing.

"I don't have any problem remembering the past. I have trouble with now," O'Brien said. Multiple or complex tasks confound and irritate people with TBI. Therapists challenge them through exercises, like a computer game where they run a hot dog stand and must manage inventory, set prices, do banking and anticipate demand according to the weather.

Other therapy focuses on life skills like following directions while paying attention to something else.

Improving these skills is key to living a normal life, especially driving.



Bryan Malone, 22, an Army specialist from Houghton, La., exposes a scar on his scalp as he scratches his head while working with speech pathologist Sara Granberry at Vanderbilt Medical Center Aug. 2 in Nashville, Tenn. The scar is a result of a rocket attack on a Baghdad gym where Malone was working out.

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Church supports preacher charged with battery

By Melissa Davin
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Sunday morning the Rev. Ron Mathewney led the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome as he always does. The choir sang, the congregation prayed and Mathewney delivered a sermon on Christian identity, compassion and forgiveness.

The congregation seemed to take the sermon to heart in the wake of charges filed Aug. 28 against Mathewney for allegedly beating his now-stranged wife Darlene.

Mathewney was charged with one count of felony domestic battery, one count of felony attempted strangulation and one misdemeanor charge of removing the phone to prevent Darlene from calling the police.

"Because a person has committed a crime... for the rest of their lives they will never be able to live down their crime."

— Rev. Ron Mathewney who has been charged with allegedly beating his estranged wife

None of this seemed to matter to congregants Sunday. Mathewney greeted the parishioners after church and many warmly hugged him in return.

Although his charges have become public, Mathewney chose not to directly address them in front of the congregation. He alluded to having had "a bad week," but said nothing more about his legal problems in his sermon.

Instead, Mathewney spoke of his time at a rehabilitation clinic. Although the pastor said the lesson wasn't about him, the message hit close to home for the light-knit church family.

"Because a person has committed a crime... for the rest of their lives they will never be able to live down their crime," he said. But he said, even Bible guilty of sins are deserving of forgiveness.

None of Mathewney's congregation wanted to comment on the charges, but many were eager to talk about their experiences in front of the congregation.

"It's a wonderful place. It's a family," congregant Susan Pohankas said after the service. A lot of that has to do with Mathewney, she said. The

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TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

District: Canyon Ridge right on schedule

Details on new high school on today's agenda

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Work on the Canyon Ridge High School facilities is on schedule and bids are starting to come in for such items as fire suppression and plumbing, the Twin Falls School Board will hear during today's meeting, 7 p.m. at the district office on Main Avenue.

Twin Falls School District facilities director Dale Thornsberry said Friday that he plans to make recommen-

dations on three of 35 bid packages involving work on the school building and grounds. The three packages — plumbing, fire protection and concrete work — would cost the district about \$3 million if the suggested bids are adopted, he said.

The three companies Thornsberry will suggest for the jobs — Gambrel Construction in Kimberly, Shloh Automatic Sprinkler in Nampa and Johns Plumbing Inc. in Jerome — were selected because of their low bids and quality reputations, he said. The district is required by law to select the lowest reasonable bidder for the job, he said, a description meant to avoid contractors who bid low but can't do the work. "We check with other com-

panies," Thornsberry said. "Were there any licensing issues?"

The district plans to open Twin Falls' second high school in time for the 2009-10 school year, and the bids are all competing for a slice of the \$49.7 million plus interest the district raised in a bond election for CRHS work and other projects around town.

S. Erwin Excavation and Burks Excavation, both of Bellevue, have been cutting in roads, starting sewer lines and preparing the site for the construction to come.

"What will hopefully be the final draft of plans for the building were submitted to the city of Twin Falls for approval about two weeks ago, Thornsberry said.

Some of the money for the school will also come from selling off about 10 acres on the west and northeast edges of the plot, land the district decided it "didn't need." Thornsberry will also ask the board tonight for permission to prepare documents for selling the land, should board members decide to.

Between the rules on selecting bids and selling land, the district is approaching the issues very carefully, Thornsberry said.

"The last thing we want to do is end up with a legal question," he said.

Twenty-three other projects came in within 3 percent of the budget numbers, but no bids have been recommended because the district is still researching bidders

and investigating ways to save more money. Eight packages will be restructured and re-bid because they came in far over budget. Thornsberry said, and the last bid — for electrical work — contained a mistake and will also be redone.

Also tonight: The board will consider changes to the activities code allowing ineligible athletes to attend practices and other after-school team events. The change was suggested by Twin Falls' High School Athletic Director Mike Federico in response to study groups formed by several coaches.

The board will consider about 30 new contracts for teachers and staff and 15 resignations.

School district's projects include safety concerns, remodels

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Canyon Ridge High School may be the flashiest construction project on the Twin Falls School District's plate. But that doesn't mean other buildings are remaining untouched.

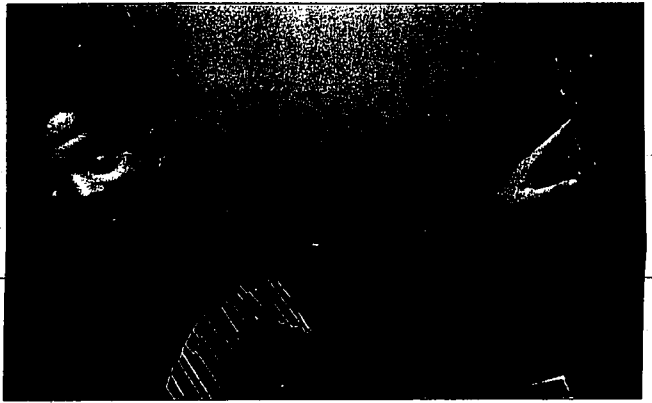
Three recent projects helped improve student safety at elementary schools around town, district facilities manager Dale Thornsberry said Friday. Two parking lot expansions at Morningside and Perrine elementary schools will make it easier for parents to pick up their kids, and an elevator installed in Lincoln Elementary brought the building in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act and will allow handicapped students to reach the second floor more easily.

All three projects enjoyed popular support at each school, with the parking lot expansions requested by parents as part of a 2006 bond election, district spokeswoman Lisa O'Leary said. The principals at the two schools said the expansions have already made a difference.

"It's a one-way flow of traffic, so it's safer for kids," Perrine Principal Bill Bruttole said.

At a school that shares space with Robert Stuart Junior High, Perrine parents and staff were used to traffic crunches. But the new drive, with a safety drop area for parents to let off their children in the morning and 20 additional parking spots, relieves the pressure a bit. A future study will help Bruttole and the district decide if more steps should be taken, he said.

Morningside's drive came with more of a price, principal Steve Hoy said. The new loop drive runs through most of a field on the



Nick Valenzuela, a sixth-grade student at Lincoln Elementary School, demonstrates the use of the new elevator at the school Friday in Twin Falls. For the first time, because of the elevator, Nick was able to view the upper floor of Lincoln Elementary.

school's southern side of the street for baseball, soccer and other sports during recess. But parents would double- and triple-park on Morningside Drive at the end of the school day, Hoy said. It was a serious concern.

"The kids that were being called across the street to get into cars. It was a real, real unsafe deal," Hoy said.

The school has adjusted recess schedules to help younger and older students share time on the remaining playground area, he said, and when the sixth grade moves to O'Leary Junior High in two years, the school may remove two portable buildings, freeing up space.

The change to Lincoln wasn't nearly as obvious, except for those present

"We don't let everyone use it, or else it becomes the circus ride."

— Lincoln Elementary School Principal Beth Olmstead on the new elevator installed at her school

when the elevator was lowered in with a crane. Lincoln Principal Beth Olmstead said the elevator is restricted to staff and handicapped use, though at the moment only one boy needs it.

"We don't let everyone use it, or else it becomes the circus ride," she said.

The projects are only a few of those the district has in mind for the next several years. Though timelines for

some projects have changed, the district was looking at these in a July 2007 report:

- A remodel for the chemistry lab and improvements to the football stadium at Twin Falls High School.
- Multipurpose rooms at Bickel, Harrison, Morningside, Perrine and Sawtooth elementary schools.
- Specialty classrooms at Bickel, Harrison, Morningside and Sawtooth.

Twin Falls City Council to discuss possibility of buying building

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council will discuss tonight whether to move the city departments out the door — and down the road.

City staff will update the council with the most recent appraisal for the original American Legion building, located at 324 Hansen St. in downtown Twin Falls. The city has a "one-stop shop" for its engineering, building and planning departments.

"The city, which for several years has been looking to relieve crowded offices, desperately needs more conference rooms, officials have said, and the building is just a few blocks from other government offices."

The building, with an upstairs and basement, would house about 25 city employees. It is the former home to the South Central Head Start program run by the College of Southern Idaho.

CSL is asking \$300,000 for the building. The new appraisal values the building at \$230,000. The council will decide tonight whether to allow the city to

enter negotiations. Purchasing and improving the building for the city's needs would cost more than \$400,000, regardless of which price is accepted, according to city staff.

The council toured the facility Aug. 13 and, following the tour, the council was supportive of using the building. The use is expected to be temporary for five years until a permanent city structure can be constructed.

"The answer is, I think it can eliminate a lot of the space demands in city hall," Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow said Friday. "For now, this resolves a lot of our space demands."

The city council meets at 5 p.m. at 305 3rd Ave. East. Meetings are open to the public.

Other business is expected to include: • Consideration of funding for Gary Stone to expand the mural at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. • Consideration of amending a contract with Redieser Engineering to redesign the water and sewer extensions for the Joyce utility project.

Wendell to purchase fire truck

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Receiving a smaller insurance bill seems to get rarer all the time, but that is what could happen for Wendell property owners if the city buys an additional fire truck.

The city is currently ranked a "5," on the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule developed by ISO, a company that collects and analyzes risk data. On its rating scale of 1-10, one is the best a community can rank.

"We've had the same rating for probably 20 years," said Wendell Fire Chief Bob Bailey. "With the purchase of this fire truck, according to everyone I've talked to, we should be able to drop that rating to a four."

Bailey said the city currently owns 50 percent of two trucks, while the Wendell Rural Fire Department owns the remaining half of each vehicle. "The city will completely own this truck meaning that they

won't have to share resources with any other department," Bailey said. "This truck will also be the first one to respond to fire calls."

The lower risk rating could lower property owners' insurance by 3 percent to 5 percent.

"It should be closer to 5 percent," said Councilman Don Bunn, who runs an insurance agency in Wendell.

"The truck the city is considering is a 1992 Pierce Dash Purpiner, which is being sold by the Spokane Valley Fire Department. Asking price: \$25,000, which is about half what it's worth," Bailey said.

Other trucks the department looked at included a 1986 model, selling for \$50,000 and similar trucks selling close to \$39,000. Bailey called the purchase a "great asset to the city" and was pleased the city moved so fast in acting on the offer presented by the Spokane department. In other Wendell news, the

city outlined a repayment plan for its outstanding balance for emergency calls dispatched through SIRCOMM.

Currently, Wendell owes \$74,000 to SIRCOMM for a billing back to 2005. The city council plans on paying current bills in full, as well as spreading the back debt over five years.

"During a recent council meeting, it passed a resolution that would require future administrators to review the plans each budget season."

"We are very concerned about paying back this back debt," said Council President Irene Rounsfall. "We intend to stay current."

Estimated yearly payments come to \$25,000, which includes future yearly SIRCOMM payments as well as the back debt. The city intends to have the balance paid in 2012.

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Jonatan Medina Arevalo

RAFT RIVER — Jonatan Medina Arevalo, the 6-year-old son of Gerardo Medina and Graciela Arevalo, of Raft River, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Bloss de Vida Church, 8th and J Street in Rupert, with the

Rev. Dago Martinez officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church.

Jody L. Chambers

TWIN FALLS — Our Mom has completed her Journey of life. She has returned home to our Heavenly Father on Sept. 9, 2007. Her life started on Jan. 31, 1959 in Worland, Wyo. She grew up in the Twin Falls area where she had two children. She later attended the College of Southern Idaho to start her career in accounting. Mom later she moved to Boise, where she met her soul mate and best friend, Kent Chambers, in 1987. They were married May 16, 1992.



Her most passionate hobby was playing pool. In 1993 she founded the Women's Pool League. "Girls Just Want To Have Fun." She received many trophies and was awarded many plaques.

She is the brightest star in the sky, always shining down like a beacon of light. She was a symbol of strength and hope. Even in her challenging days she was always the most beautiful woman and mother in our eyes, and we will miss her very much.

She is survived by her husband, Kent Chambers, of Boise; her son, Jeremy Miller, of Boise; her daughter, Tonya Alderman, of Twin Falls; her three grandchildren, KC, Jalyssa, and Baylorn, of Twin Falls; her parents, James and Margaret McMichael, of Twin Falls; two brothers, Jess (Paula) Grijalva, of Twin Falls, and Bob (Jody) McMichael, of Kelso, and Orval, of Twin Falls; her aunts, Pamela and Matilda Guerrero, of Twin Falls; Linda (Ivy) Miller, of Twin Falls; Tracy Cardenas, of Heyburn, and Melody (Rich) Young, of Burley; an attended sister, Roxie (Roy) Lemos, of Boise, as well as numerous nephews, nieces and unlimited number of friends.

She started her career with Miller Stephens, now known as Larry Miller Pontiac Buick Cadillac, in 1988. In the Boise Auto Mall, Jody started as a parts runner and worked very hard to accomplish her goal of becoming bank manager. Within the 19 years of dedicated service her career took her on adventures; she saw numerous states and drove Shelby Race Cars. She met a lot of people and warmed their hearts. Many would say she was part of their family. She met and helped many wonderful people and met everyone her friend. Everyone that met her loved her, and there wasn't anyone she wouldn't help.

There wasn't anything she wouldn't try from cooking, making floral arrangements, wood working projects and restoring old furniture. She was also well-known for cookies and fudge, especially dur-

Jody requested no services. There will be a viewing for family and friends on Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2465 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

"She is clothed in strength and dignity... give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates." — Proverbs 31

Jesse Smith Searle

NAMPA — Jesse Smith Searle, former Burley resident, passed away Sept. 7, 2007, of an extended illness in Nampa. Jesse was born July 13, 1922, in Alpine, Utah, to Mable Emerine Smith and Jesse Fielding Searle. He was a long-time resident of the View area. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received an honorable discharge.



Jesse was preceded in death by his wife, Ada Searle; his father-in-law, Richard Smith Searle, and one great-grandchild.

Jesse is survived by his wife, Ada; three sons, Francis Fielding Searle, Dennis Wayne Searle, Blake Kevin Searle, and four daughters, Larene Brown, Marcia Searle, Suzanne Maier and Janice Searle; two brothers, Eldon (Gwen) Searle and Glen (Faye) Searle; both of Burley; three sisters, Phyllis (John) Howard and Helen (Richard) Lowder, of Rupert; and Ludene (Ronald) Tanner, of Rupert; 23 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Jesse married Ada Larlene Noble on Aug. 6, 1941, in the Logan Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Temple and had eight children. He worked as a farmer with his dad and two brothers. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and held several positions in the church. Jesse and Ada also served as missionaries for the church.

Funeral services will be held at noon today at the View LDS Second Ward. A viewing will be held today from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Burial will follow at the View Cemetery with military graveside rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

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SERVICES

William Reed "Bill" Harris of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Shoshone LDS Church, 507 N. Greenwood, viewing from 9:30 a.m. until time of the funeral today at the church; graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Portage Cemetery in Portage, Utah (Farrarworth Mortuary—Jerome).

Marge Garner Butters of Burley, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Ffarrarworth Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Judith Ann Gleeves of Gooding, rosary at 7 p.m. today at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel; funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the chapel.

Jesse Smith Searle, formerly of Burley, funeral at noon today at the View LDS 2nd Ward, from 10 a.m. until time of the service today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Bulah K. Archer of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Dr. Jerral Wimberley of Buhl, funeral and interment at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Church of God in Christ Menoite grounds, west of Buhl; at 11:00 E. 4100 N., community memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church at Broadway and Poplar in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Descendants push for federal protection for massacre gravesites

By Jennifer Dobner, Associated Press writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah — On the eve of the 150th anniversary of a massacre that took the lives of 220 members of an Arkansas wagon train, the descendants of some victims continue to push The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to loosen its hold on the burial grounds.

The Arkansas-based Mountain Meadows Massacre Foundation sent Mormon church leaders letters and petitions signed by more than 1,200 last month asking the church to consider seeking national landmark status for the 2,500 acre massacre site.

"The foundation believes the church should not own the

four known gravesites, because the massacre of Sept. 11, 1875 was perpetrated by church members. A memorial service is planned for Tuesday to mark the anniversary.

Earlier this year, the foundation asked the church, which owns and maintains the gravesite 35 miles northwest of St. George, to donate the land to the U.S. Department of Interior.

"That request was rejected in June, although the church said it plans to continue to maintain the site in a manner that appropriately honors the deceased."

In a cover letter, the foundation's president asked Mormon church President Gordon B. Hinckley to consider a compromise to seek

national landmark status for the land, which would place some federal oversight rules on the gravesites.

"Given its historical significance, the Meadows certainly deserves to be protected and honored as a National Monument," a foundation leader Phil Bollinger wrote.

The letters and petitions include members of Arkansas' congressional delegation, the state's governor, 55 members of the state legislature and nearly 400 direct descendants of the 17 massacre survivors and other relatives. Copies of the letters and petitions were

also provided to The Associated Press.

"We will still our dying breath always be trying to honor the victims at the meadows in the highest way possible," Bollinger told the AP Saturday. "We have the majority of the closest descendants asking for this and that's what it's going to take for closure."

Church spokeswoman Kim Farah said she knew the petitions had been presented to Mormon elder Marlin Jensen, but she did not know if the information had been forwarded to Hinckley and other top leaders.

Matheney

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church, which was struggling before he arrived two years ago, is now thriving with 100 people who attend every week to hear Matheney's lively sermons and soulful singing voice.

"It's built the congregation," Pohank said.

John Day agrees. "We didn't have the power at God the Spirit until Ron came in," he said.

Day said he was concerned the public might get the wrong idea about the church in light of the allegations. "At this point, we're just going to let things come as they are," Day said.

Matheney, who is free on a

\$50,000 bond, is accused of wanking Darlene in the middle of the night on Aug. 14 and forcing her to have sex, beating her and preventing her from calling police.

The pastor maintains Darlene was the aggressor and threw the first punch, although he admits hitting her twice during the fight.

He said she insisted on having sex.

Regardless, when Matheney steps into court on Sept. 21, it appears he will have the support of his church family.

"This is who we are; a loud-mouth preacher with a friendly church family," Matheney said.

Magic Valley 4-H Air Rifle Club to start new season

FILER — The Magic Valley 4-H Air Rifle Club will start its season at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the 4-H building at county Fairgrounds.

The club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the age groups 14 to 18. New shooters are welcome. Cost is \$1 per night for pellets and targets. Rifles will be provided.

This past year, club members competed at monthly matches in Blackfoot, the National Rifle Association Sectional Match in Meridian, the National Air Rifle Championship in Akron, Ohio, and the U.S. Army-sponsored National Junior Postal Match.

Air Rifle shooting is a lifetime sport where size and speed does not matter and girls can compete on an equal basis with boys.

For more information, call John Pitts at 733-5234.

Jerome Dems to meet Tuesday

JEROME — The Jerome County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the EMT building on East Main.

The agenda includes planning and organizing for the

2008 election year. All interested Democrats are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 324-5493.

DEATH NOTICES

Willia Wilcox
Twin Falls — Willia Wilcox, 91, of Twin Falls, died Saturday morning, Sept. 8, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

A celebration of Willia's life will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2465 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Bishop Brent White conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial

Park. At Willa's request there will be no public viewing. A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition of the *Times News*.

Carrie M. Shaffer
SHOSHONE — Carrie M. Shaffer, 98, of Shoshone, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, in Shoshone. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

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Lodge-style library opens in Coeur d'Alene

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — After more than a decade of dreaming, scheming, raising money and planning, officials in this northern Idaho city have completed a \$6.6-million, lodge-style library.

"It's very obvious through the donations and support from the community that people still want community gathering places," Bette Ammon, director of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library, told the *Spokesman-Review*.

"When this building is buzzing with people — not construction workers but library patrons — that's when we'll know we've been successful."

The 30,500-square-foot library had a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sunday afternoon and was scheduled to start checking out books today.

"It is truly the soul of the community," said Coeur d'Alene Mayor Sandi Bloom. "It gives us a sense of who we are today, and imagination for the future."

She said the library will be "a place the community is going to be proud of."

The new library replaces the old library that was housed in a building originally intended as an office complex.

"One of my staff members said she never thought she would work in a building this beautiful," Ammon said.

The library includes study areas and nooks for reading. The children's area has a wildlife theme, the building itself has an open feel of spaciousness, with large windows that offer views of Lake Coeur d'Alene and Coeur d'Alene Resort. There is also artwork throughout the library.

U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson's brother killed in motorcycle crash

BOISE (AP) — U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson's brother died in a motorcycle crash, the congressman's spokesman said Sunday.

Steven N. Simpson, of Blackfoot, was driving his motorcycle Saturday north on U.S. Highway 91 in eastern Idaho and attempted to pass farm equipment on the left just as the driver made a left

turn, Idaho State Police reported.

Simpson, 60, died at the scene, police said.

Mike Simpson, a Republican, planned "to be with his family and with his brother's wife and daughters. This is a really tough time on them," Mike Simpson spokeswoman Nikki Watts said in Boise. Steven Simpson had

two adult twin daughters, Watts said.

Mike Simpson, 57, on Thursday withdrew from contention as a possible replacement for embattled U.S. Sen. Larry Craig.

Craig, "blunt" Otter has been looking at possible replacements for Craig, who said he intended to resign after his June arrest in a men's

room sex sting operation at a Minnesota airport came to light in August.

Police said the driver of the farm equipment involved in Saturday's crash, 80-year-old Heber C. Swainston, was

taken to the Franklin County Medical Center in Preston.

A hospital spokesman on Sunday declined to give out any information on Swainston, including whether he was a patient.

Body found in Utah canyon believed to be missing BYU student

By Fay Foy
Associated Press writer



An undated photo provided by Utah Valley State College shows Camille Cleverley, The 22-year-old college student has been missing for nearly a week.

PROVO, Utah — A woman's body found in a canyon Sunday was believed to be a Brigham Young University student, Idaho police said. The body, which was missing for more than a week, authorities said, and it appeared that she fell to her death.

Camille Cleverley, 22, has been missing since Aug. 30, A body matching the description of the blonde, blue-eyed woman was found at the base of a 200-foot cliff east of Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon, said Lt. Yvette Rice of the Utah County Sheriff's Department.

The body was being carried down from the canyon Sunday evening. An autopsy would be conducted to confirm the woman was Cleverley.

Provo police Capt. Cliff Argyle said the woman's body had injuries consistent with a fall, but it was too early to rule out foul play.

"How she ended up there, we're not sure," Argyle said.

Authorities had been searching mountain trails

Sunday afternoon, and Rice said the clothing matched the description Cleverley's family had given investigators.

"The family was always determined to find Camille," said Robert Grossman, who has been acting as a spokesman for the Cleverleys. "They had never wavered in their determination. There was never an iota or hint of giving up, and they were out there every day and they were out over by the bike trails and the falls, trying to use their best intuition to think of where she was."

Cleverley, from Boise, Idaho, was scheduled to start her senior year on Sept. 4. The day after she disappeared, her debit card was used to buy doughnuts and fruit drinks at a Provo store, but investigators had no other clues to go on until the bike was found.

Police also gave her boyfriend a lie-detector test, which he volunteered to take and passed, although an FBI regional supervisor was to review the polygraph results.

Provo, home to BYU, is about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Sighting in Nevada isn't Fossett's plane; crews focus on 50-mile area near where he took off

By Martin Griffith
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Rescue crews searching for famed millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett stumbled upon another false lead Sunday when they discovered what they thought was a downed airplane — but didn't find the missing aviator.

"Once again, you had your hopes raised and dashed, just as we have," Nevada Civil Air Patrol Maj. Cynthia Ryan told reporters during a news conference.

Rescue crews spotted an object southeast of the private ranch where Fossett was staying 80 miles southeast of Reno when he took off Monday for what was supposed to be a three-hour flight. Authorities did not say what the sighting was, only that it wasn't Fossett's plane.

The false alarm further dampened spirits of the rescuers, whose chances of finding the 63-year-old Fossett alive in the rugged, concealing landscape of western Nevada are becoming more and more slim.

"The mood is very somber

but very focused," Lyon County Undersheriff Joe Sanford said.

At least six times during the search, rescue crews have spotted airplane wreckage they thought might be Fossett's, only to learn it was from crashes years and sometimes decades ago.

To some, that is an ominous sign of how hard it will be to find the aviator.

"That's always a possibility — that he may never be found," Lyon County Undersheriff Joe Sanford said. "But I'd like to believe that with our state-of-the-art technology, the chances of finding him are much better."

Fossett, a former commodities trader who was the first to circle the globe in a balloon, is considered an expert pilot and survivalist. Search teams have tried to remain optimistic but acknowledged the futility was beginning to take a toll.

"It's not frustrating, but tiring," Nevada National Guard Capt. April Conway said.

Leaders of the search-and-rescue operation have tried to put the best face on the

discoveries of previously unknown crash sites. At the very least, they say, the finds have demonstrated that crews can indeed spot small planes from the air.

The search has spread across an area of 17,000 square miles, twice the size of New Jersey. Crews will continue combing sections of that vast landscape, but on Sunday they began focusing on the territory within 50 miles of the ranch. Most crashes occur within that radius during takeoffs or landings, Ryan said.

"We've got close to 100 percent covered, at least in some cursory fashion," Ryan said. "We have to eliminate a lot of territory."

The discovery of at least six previously unknown wrecks in such a short time has been a stark demonstration of the odds against finding Fossett's single-engine Bellanca Citabria Super Decathlon.

The Florida-based Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, which is helping coordinate the search, maintains a registry of known plane wreck sites.

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Law agencies hold job fair in SW Idaho

BOISE (AP) — More than 15 agencies, including the U.S. Secret Service, took part in this year's Law Enforcement Career Fair and Public Safety Day in southwest Idaho looking for new recruits — and looking for people who are very interested in law enforcement.

"We've had people who are very interested in looking for careers in law enforcement," said Kerry Davis of the Ada County Sheriff's human resources department.

Idaho State Trooper Shane Langton said many area law-enforcement agencies deal with a shortage of qualified workers. Several agencies at Sunday's event told they were holding "great" in finding people for open positions, he said.

Law-enforcement agencies arrived with patrol motorcycles and other massive emergency response vans to try and impress job seekers.

"We're trying to put all our boys on display to help educate the public," Davis told the *Idaho Press-Tribune*.

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OTHER VIEWS

Government has a role in battling obesity epidemic

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Does this new survey make us look fat? You better believe it does.

According to the latest findings from the Trust for America's Health, adult obesity numbers increased in 31 states. In no state did the obesity rate decline. Obesity is a national crisis — with every state pulling its weight.

Of course, it's no laughing matter. Obesity can trigger a host of health problems: type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and some forms of cancer. Lose the extra pounds and keep them off, and you may live longer and live better.

At some level, we seem to recognize the health risks of letting our inner Homer Simpson gorge with impunity. If there's any good news to come from the Trust for America's Health study, it's the finding that 85 percent of Americans believe obesity is an epidemic.

Acknowledging a problem is the first step, right? Sure — unless obesity, like the weather, becomes something we complain about but do nothing about.

For starters, the study finds that 22 percent of American adults engage in no physical activity. The couch potato capital of America is Mississippi, where 31.6 percent of adults don't exercise. Mississippi also topped the nation with an obesity rate of 30.6 percent. Funny how that works out.

Eat less, much, exercise too infrequently, and the weight starts to creep up — and not just in Mississippi, either. As the patron saint of the portly would say, "D'oh!"

Government needs to play a role as well. As long as the government is providing taxpayer-financed health care — be it through Medicaid, Medicare or publicly subsidized visits to the emergency room — the government has a fiscal stake in establishing public policy that encourages good nutritional and exercise habits.

Idaho could certainly stand to do better. The Trust for America's Health study spells out where Idaho may come up short for its children: no nutritional standards for school lunches (17 states have them); no statewide nutritional standards for vending machine items (22 states have them); and no state laws limiting when and where foods can be sold on school grounds (26 states have such laws). Given Idaho's lax laws, it's remarkable that only one in 10 Idaho children is overweight; only three states have a lower rate.

Those numbers are cause for relief, but not complacency. Says last week's study: "The strategy of focusing on personal responsibility alone is failing."

Yes, state laws on obesity may seem nosy, even invasive. In a state like Idaho — where small government and personal responsibility are held paramount — an anti-obesity policy may seem as appealing as brussels sprouts. Not so nationally. According to the Trust for America's Health Study survey, 81 percent of Americans believe government should have a role in battling obesity.

Count us among the 81 percent. But Americans can't afford to just sit idly by junk food at their side, waiting for government to solve this problem alone. They still need to do their part by taking a good hard look in the mirror — a full-length one, if necessary.

Their view:

The Idaho Statesman said that Idaho is doing far too little to battle child obesity. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Actions on wind power speak louder than words

Jim Miller of Idaho Power says they have been trying to integrate Idaho wind power into their system. Let's see what they have actually done.

In 2004, they insisted on 90/110 clauses in their PURPA contracts. PURPA is a federal act that requires that electric utilities buy power at an established rate from small renewable energy power producers.

With a 90/110 clause, Idaho wind farmers predict many, many months in advance exactly how much power they were going to produce during a certain month. If they did not meet 90 percent of their prediction or went over 110 percent, they were going to be paid 65 percent of the mid-C market price, which could easily be less than half of the established PURPA rate.

Idaho Power cannot predict how much snow will fall each year for its hydro dams, but it demanded crystal ball certainty from small farmers.

This 90/110 clause created unreasonable uncertainty in already variable project revenues for most investors and most projects did not get built.

A couple of small wind farmers kept trying to forge ahead with their farms, even despite the probability of half of the income they had expected — I guess farmers by nature might be more optimistic than investors. So, in June 2005, Idaho Power asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for a moratorium on PURPA projects altogether.

The PUC realized it did not have the authority to suspend a federal law entirely, so it squeezed the maximum allowable size of a project down from 20,000 nameplate kilowatts to 100kw. This essentially created a moratorium on PURPA projects as no project today can financially work at 100kw. Idaho Power demanded the small farms that were already along in the process and were still allowed to proceed pay \$60 million in transmission upgrades to connect a project (average project cost, \$36 million).



READER COMMENT
Kiki Tidwell

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embarrassingly skewed modeling assumptions.

In August 2006, Idaho Power filed a PUC application to reduce payment to its smallest renewable energy producers, solar panels and tiny hydro projects — 27 net megawatts. Who, if they produce more power a month than they use, would get a credit on their bills at the same rate they pay for power.

Only three of these 27 net megawatts produce more power than they use each month. Idaho Power withdrew its request after a flurry of public comment to the PUC. (The public can currently comment to the PUC until Sept. 21 about PURPA projects.)

Finally, when Idaho Power did award a power purchase 100mw contract to a wind farm, it awarded it to a project in Oregon, not Idaho. Idaho has some of the best natural wind resource in the nation, yet it has become the hole in the donut in terms of developed wind projects.

While Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and Montana have each 300 to 600mw of wind power, Idaho has only 75mw installed. Idaho had zero projects built in 2006 and 2007 while Texas is installing approximately 2,000mw in 2007.

Idaho Power could do a lot more than just claim that it is misunderstood when it comes to integrating renewable energy.

Kiki Tidwell of Halley is president of Idaho Land and Pine Inc., a private investment company that has investments in the renewable energy field.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why focus on Clinton campaign donations now?

Something doesn't look right.

At the beginning of last week I heard the Clinton campaign received two large identical donations at the same time — one from a felon wanted by the state of California and the other from one in California — right after the news media started condemning Craig for something that happened two months ago.

Why now?

DEBORAH THAETE Rupert

Local library has public service shortcomings

I recently moved to the Magic Valley, and was surprised to find the public library missing some of the valley's magic!

My personal computer wanted to blink, and wishing to type a resume for employment, I headed to the library. It was a weekday morning, 10 a.m., and I was surprised to find a row of empty computers. I had brought my identification and an immunization record with my name and new address on it, but after being suspiciously questioned, I asked, "Can I please just use a computer?"

Since I had used up my one free pass the day before, I was shown no mercy. I wanted to drive all the way to Jerome where they let anyone anytime use their computers! The supervisor approached me with a very smug smile for my very smart question. "No, we would want you to drive all the way over to Jerome. Here, (she opened up a CSI brochure) are the times listed for CSI's library. They will let you use a computer if a student doesn't need it."

I felt very frustrated as I left the Twin Falls Public Library's empty row of computers to travel over to CSI's library to slip into a computer slot until a student needed it!

I had admitted to the library attendant that I could understand where their policy would be good for those who wanted to check out books. However, it wasn't as though I planned to walk out the library doors with a computer as they wouldn't know where to find me!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if public services really served the public!

VALLERIE COLLEEN COOPER Twin Falls

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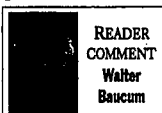
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Stop the slaughter: Elk have right to protection from wolf attacks

What Michael Vick has done to dogs is nothing compared to what non-native Canadian wolves are doing to elk in Idaho.

Lewis Turcott of Orofino camped for weeks at a time on the North Fork of the Clearwater River during the past few winters filming the terrible predation taking place on elk winter ranges. I have 30 of his photos showing dead elk lying in the snow.



READER COMMENT
Walter Baucum

surplus (i.e. "sport-killed") elk left to rot. During the winter, elk are driven down low and are concentrated along the river. They are easy prey to these vicious killers that just keep killing both old and young in a feeding frenzy.

Clearwater Region (now seven calves per 100 cows, a figure too low to sustain elk) once told me that a wolf will kill and leave to rot four to six elk per summer, to teach her pups how to hunt. Two other Fish and Game people pretended ignorance of this when I mentioned it to them.

Doug Smith, Yellowstone wolf biologist (*Times-News*, Feb. 20, 2005), said hunters and outfitters were blaming wolves for fewer elk, but that research shows drought and years of great hunting to be the real cause. He said "wolves and other predators have helped thin out the weaker elk leaving stronger, healthier animals because wolves tend to pick off prey less likely to put a big fight." I.e., the opposite of what Turcott's photos and studies show.

that an elk herd in the north-central range near Gardiner, Mont., lost over 100 elk to Idaho, had dropped from 19,000 elk to 9,545 from 1994 to 2005.

"That's not just coincidence," he said. "Wolves, reintroduced in 1995, are killing the industry."

The industry is dead already in most of Idaho. We must have had lots of sick and weak elk, especially in central and north-central Idaho, for very few elk to be left.

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Walter Baucum of Gooding is a retired school teacher with a master's in counseling. He is an avid hunter and outdoor person.

'Wild' designation for stretch of Snake River poses serious threat to water users

The Snake River Headwaters wild and scenic rivers bill in Congress is bad legislation and Idaho's water-user community stands firmly united in its opposition.

The issue is not whether the Snake River is one of our most important treasures. Certainly it is. But sometimes the best intentions result in the worst of all possible results. A federal "wild" designation for the 42 miles of the Snake River between Jackson Lake Dam and Palisades Reservoir is one of those situations.



READER COMMENT
Norm Semanko

There is an inherent feedback factor when the environmental community and its friends seek to have Congress officially designate a stretch of river as "wild." But there are two sides to every issue.

Contrary to the rhetoric being trumpeted by the liberal,

pro-environmental press, a "wild" designation for that particular segment of the Snake River poses a serious threat to farmers, ranchers and other water users from Idaho to Twin Falls.

The water stored in Jackson Lake Reservoir plays a central, crucial role in the economic lifeblood of Idaho's agricultural economy. Hundreds of thousands of acres of irrigated farmland depend on the annual delivery of that water. The only real knee-jerk reaction has come from the ill-informed, shortsighted editorial

writers who cannot see the forest for the trees when it comes to Idaho's most crucial natural resource.

The issue is what happens when federal bureaucrats decide — or are forced by environmental lawsuits — to use the "wild" designation to change the operation of the reservoir, thereby reducing our precious water supplies.

Don't be misled by claims that "wild" status has no effect on water rights. Federal attorneys are already using existing wild and scenic river designations in Idaho to challenge

central Idaho irrigators' longstanding water rights in the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

Idaho's political leadership and water-user community have a long, painful history of dealing with federal bureaucrats and environmental groups who try to manipulate policies or rules to achieve results never intended.

Given that track record, it is only a matter of time before those same forces attempt to use a "wild" designation to drive Jackson Lake water management, resulting in reduced

water storage supplies for Idaho irrigators.

Just imagine how that would exacerbate existing surface water-groundwater conflicts in Idaho. The more that senior storage water rights are lost to the "wild" river designation, the more demands will be made on junior groundwater users to make up the difference. That is added pressure that we just can't afford.

Norm Semanko is the executive director and general counsel for the Idaho Water Users Association Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Logic, humility and grace aid intelligent thought

I know what I know, and I know I might be wrong. I know that a virtuous government requires a virtuous electorate. I may be right.

With a disassembling presidency, a disgusting Legislature, a politics of judicial activism and a clueless electorate, we need help. By the gift of prevalent grace, we have the inherent inclination to good. We also have temptations to evil. That makes for conflict. The conflicts are the consequence of creation. They are the leftovers from creating order out of chaos. The remnants of creation are truths that don't fit.

I don't know what it means to say the truth doesn't fit. It may mean that truth doesn't fit our way of thinking. Logic is philosophy's way of contributing to the art of thinking. Logic makes it possible to pursue difficult questions through to a conclusion.

Logic achieves this by reducing any condition to a two-sided question where there is no middle ground. This "exclusion of the middle" is a great simplification that gives logic power, but it prejudices the argument to the side.

Furthermore, logic can't deal with a class of truths which includes paradoxes, inconsistencies, anomalies and contradictions. Even with the best logic, we need humility, intuition and inspiration to accord with truth.

Secularism achieves greater simplification than logic by excluding all ill-fitting truth. There are no sides, just one. With only one side, truth is established by declaration and ridicule replaces debate. Secularism typically relies on authoritarian text as a source of truth. For this reason, sects appropriate scripture and other useful texts. Das Kapital. Origin of the Species, the U.S. Constitution, along with scripture, are staples of sectarian thought. Secularism and certitude impede, and logic, humility and grace assist intelligent thought.

TED QUIGLEY
Buhl

Intelligent design ended when man took over

"Roses are God's gift to mankind: man through his act made his own improvement and so now have the means to appreciate with the roses."

Celebrate with me the gasoline additive that was to have solved California's smog problem and instead polluted the groundwater. E. coli in spinach, rat hairs in hot dogs, antifreeze in toothpaste, formaldehyde in candy coat-

ing, lead in toys, mercury in fish, dairy effluent in the aquifer, cloped sheep, rivers that catch fire, irradiated fruit, rockets that blow up, chickens purged full of synthetic hormones, pornographic literature available to our children through the Internet (and the pedophiles that follow up).

Children are not being created in the new Utopia they were creating are the same professionals that claimed there was no "intelligent" design to the universe and we evolved from the slime.

Maybe we should finally acknowledge that "intelligent" design ended when man took over.

VAUGHN PHELPS
Twin Falls

How young is too young to start school?

I have talked to a number of people and teachers who believe that the state's starting school age is too low.

Starting school at the age of 3 does not give the kids time to be kids. Children starting school at 3 years of age do not have the social and behavior skills needed for preschool or kindergarten. Some believe that parents need to keep them home until the age of 5 and teach their children some of the basic skills needed as behavior skills for preschool and kindergarten.

Over the years and in today's society's opinion, children have become necessities to the marriage and home.

Students entering high school could have a two-track curriculum — general and academic. The academic track would prepare those students who would go on to college or university and they would take those additional classes in math and science. In general track, students would learn a trade or job skill and would take the required curriculum

classes. The exit exam would be geared to both tracks.

HENRY HIBBERT
Glenns Ferry

Letters are like choruses of a classical Greek drama

Letters to editors are a little like choruses of a classical Greek drama, warning unheeding actors against their excesses. Americans have warned apparently "deaf" presidents and congresses of consequences to signing the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

Both agreements establish free trade unfettered by any national laws. Also called "neoliberal economics," global businesses seek to privatize public-owned entities and reduce welfare to zero, if possible. They ignore all national laws and are restrained only by agreements among the signatories.

Ordinary folks, however, will not go global. They will, instead, be held in check by increased governmental surveillance, imposed fears for their safety and increased "legal" obligations to the state.

As these global will swell the mass of peonage, leaving the United States with a two-class system.

A vigilante effort to forestall implementation of the NAFTA agreement to open the Mexican border has been to no avail. Mexican wobbly 18-wheelers may be rolling toward

Canada, an investor without a shirt being fired, except for the miscarriage of justice in which two border guards are doing 10 years in flemmer for shooting a dope peddler in the buttocks.

Students entering high school have legal rights to sue governments which get in their way of making profits under NAFTA

and CAFTA agreements, governments will lose power to control environmental laws. Worse yet is American constitutional government becoming a toothless bulldozer piloting the New World Order.

Canada, the United States and Mexico make up NAFTA. CAFTA is an agreement among the United States, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. A chorus of United States citizens has demonstrated against these latter-day robber barons and their political hirings whose greed exceeds both their knowledge and wisdom. The light of a people's government dims in their rear-view mirrors.

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Financial Lesson of the Week

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Lump Sum vs. Annuity: The Choice is Yours

Does your employer offer a pension? If so, you'll want to be familiar with your payout options before it's time to start taking money out—because your choice can have a big impact on your retirement income.

If you participate in a pension (also known as a "defined benefit" plan), you'll receive, upon retirement, a specific amount of money based on your salary history and years of service. But how you take that money is up to you.

You have two basic options: You can accept the pension as a series of annuity payments, spread out over your lifetime or a certain number of years, or you can take the money as a lump sum. (Not all pension plans offer the lump-sum option, however.)

Which option is better? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. But at some point before you retire, you should go over some possible arguments for both choices. Here are a few to consider:

- Choosing a lump sum**
- **Can help you avoid effects of inflation.** In many cases, annuity payments are not indexed to inflation. Consequently, you're getting paid with dollars that are essentially worth less and less each year, while some costs—such as health care—may be rising at a rate faster than the Consumer Price Index, a common "yardstick" used to measure inflation. But if you take your pension as a lump sum, you're getting all the money in today's dollars.
 - **Can help you leave more to loved ones.** Once you and your spouse die, annuity payments from a pension may stop. However, if you take a lump sum and then reinvest the proceeds into other securities, you may have more assets available to leave to family members.
 - **Can help you control when you pay taxes.** Your annuity payments will be taxable. Of course, so will your lump sum, but if you roll it over into an IRA, you'll have more control over when you take funds and pay income taxes provided you are over the age of 59½.

- Choosing an annuity**
- **Can give you greater flexibility in managing retirement income.** If you choose to accept your defined benefit payments as an annuity, you may be able to structure your payments to match your needs and goals. Your options may include a "straight-life" annuity that provides a monthly payment for your lifetime or a "joint and survivor" annuity that covers your life and that of your spouse. Or, you may be able to choose a "level income" option, which provides you with larger payments before you start receiving Social Security and smaller payments after. Another option may be a "period certain" payout, under this arrangement, you would receive a reduced annuity over your lifetime, but if you were to die during a specified period, such as ten years, monthly payments would be made to your beneficiary for the remainder of the ten-year period.
 - **May give you more money over the course of your lifetime.** If you end up living a few decades past your retirement date, you might end up with more money, in total, if you accepted an annuity instead of a lump sum.

As you near retirement, consult with your financial advisor and tax professional to determine which option—lump sum or annuity—is right for you. You worked hard for your pension—so make sure it works hard for you.

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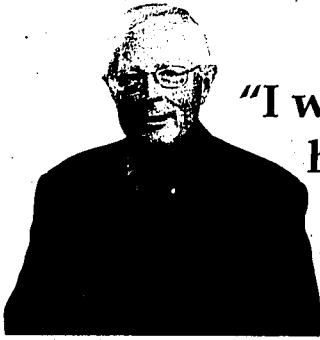
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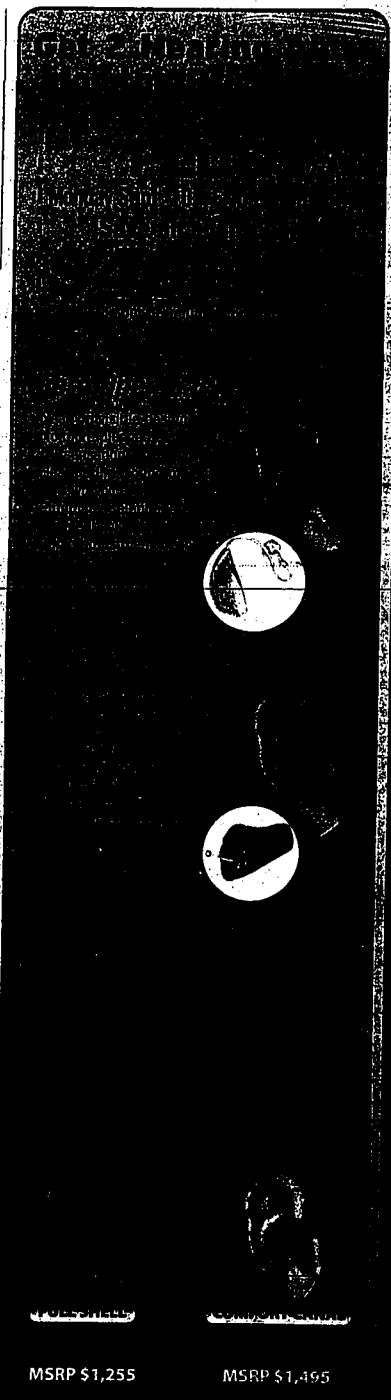
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Healthy Seahawks open season with win over Bucs

By Greg Bell
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Beware, the Seahawks' stars are well again. And so is a remake, hard-hitting defense.

Shaun Alexander, playing pain-free for the first time since he broke his foot 12 months ago, ran for 105 yards and one touchdown Sunday in a 20-6 victory over Tampa Bay. Matt Hasselbeck was sharp in his first game following a mediocre season that included two broken fingers.

Hasselbeck went 17-for-24 for 222 yards and threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Maurice Morris to clinch the win. Alexander's backup ran free down the left sideline past Derrick Brooks, the Bucs' defensive leader, to make it 20-6 with 7:55 left.

The Buccaneers, who scored 10 points or less in eight games while sinking to a 4-12 last season, found better defense when back Jeff Garcia's first start for them.

Just as Tampa Bay was attempting to rally in the second half from a 10-6 deficit, Garcia and lead running back Carnell "Cadillac" Williams left the game on the same drive. Each got hurt following simultaneous hits at the end of runs.

The 37-year-old Garcia, signed after he went 5-11 in his career in Philadelphia to end the 2006 regular season, had just scrambled for a first down midway through the third quarter. Julian Peterson hit him low and Leroy Hill hit him across the shoulders. Garcia stayed on one knee for a couple of minutes before trainers helped him off the field and eventually to the locker room.

By the time he returned midway through the fourth quarter under two dead-end drives with Luke McCown, Seattle led 20-6.

The Seahawks appeared headed to a halftime deficit of 6-3 until Nate Burleson cut inside blocks by Kelly Jennings and Niko Koutouvidas and ran

back a punt to the Bucs 14. Alexander ran 5 yards, then fell across the goal line from 1 yard to give the Seahawks a 10-6 lead at the half.

"Typical first game," Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said of the uneven performance — on offense, anyway.

Even without Garcia and Williams, who ran 12 times for 60 yards before he went into the locker room holding his arm after a simultaneous hit by two Seahawks, Tampa Bay trailed just 13-6. But then Morris, not the primary receiver, beat Brooks, a 10-time Pro Bowl selection.

Hasselbeck found him.

Garcia was 12-for-19 for 152 yards before he left with Tampa Bay down 10-6 and 6:48 left in the third quarter.

When Garcia returned, he moved his team to the Seattle 21 with 4 minutes remaining. But Earnest Graham fumbled when Lofa Tutupu punched the ball out at the 12. Jennings recovered to clinch the victory.



Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander, left, tries to get the stop on Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback Brian Kelly (25) as Buccaneers Gaines Adams, second from right, and Derrick Brooks, right, look on in the second quarter Sunday at Qwest Field in Seattle.

Denver scores last second win over Bills

By John Warrow
Associated Press writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — In his 15 NFL seasons, Jason Elam had never missed three field goals in one game. The Denver Broncos kicker wasn't about to start a new trend.

Elam and the Broncos field goal unit scrambled onto the field to convert a 42-yard attempt just as time ran out, lifting Denver to a 15-14 season-opening win over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

"The Broncos were out of timeouts when Igy Coulter hit Javon Walker for an 11-yard catch with 14 seconds left, leading to a mad scramble onto the field, Broncos holder Todd Sauerbrun got the ball down with 1 second remaining.

"I'm going to look back at this game down the road and this is going to be one of my favorites," said Elam, who has scored more points for one team than anyone else in NFL history. "Out of all the kicks I've had, I've never had a scenario like that."

The field goal, though, was overshadowed by a frightening moment, when Bills reserve tight end Kevin Everett was knocked cold after sustaining cervical spine injury and taken off the field by ambulance at the start of the third quarter.

Bills spokesman Scott Berchok said that Everett went into surgery at a Buffalo hospital at about 8 p.m. but he had no further information, and didn't know whether Everett had shown signs of movement.

Everett fell immediately to the ground after a helmet-to-helmet hit when he tackled Denver's Dominik Hixon during a kickoff to open the second half. Everett had his eyes open but showed no signs of movement as he was placed on a backboard with his head and body immobilized, and carefully loaded into an ambulance at the Broncos 30.

"It was real hard," Bills cornerback Tarenes McGehee said. "I watched the whole thing and he never moved."

Several Broncos players expressed concern over the severity of Everett's injury, with Elam opening his news conference by saying, "What we heard is not good, so for our whole team, our prayers go out to him."



Denver Broncos kicker Jason Elam (1) celebrates his game-winning field goal with holder Todd Sauerbrun (10) as time expires at Ralph Wilson Stadium on Sunday. The Broncos won 15-14 when Elam got the kick off with a second left.

Federer wins fourth straight U.S. Open title

By Howard Fedrick
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Roger Federer got the Novak Djokovic chance, all sorts of chances, to pull off a major surprise in the U.S. Open final Sunday.

Federer knows how to win these things, while Djokovic is still learning, and that might have made the difference. Hardly at the top of his game, Federer came through, beating Djokovic 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2), 6-4 for his fourth consecutive U.S. Open championship and 12th Grand Slam title overall.

Federer is the first man since Bill Tilden in the 1920s to win the American Grand Slam four years running, and he moved within two of Pete Sampras' career record of 14 major titles.



Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts after beating Novak Djokovic of Serbia to win his fourth consecutive U.S. Open singles title Sunday.

Once again, he showed he's the best," the No. 3-seeded Djokovic said. "He deserved to win. He was the better player."

The 20-year-old Djokovic was in his first Grand Slam final, yet he led 6-5 in each of the opening two sets. In the first, he held five set points. In the second, he held two.

Federer erased all of those, showing the craft and cool that have allowed him to hold the No. 1 ranking for the past 188 weeks, the longest run by a man or woman.

In Djokovic, Federer was facing the only man to beat him over the past three months, but that was at Montreal, not New York, and in a Grand Slam tournament, not the real deal.

So, not just talented with a racket but resilient, too, Federer pretty much predicted what would transpire. Shortly before walking out for Sunday's match, he said knowingly, "I'll be interesting to see how he handles the final."

Sure was.

After Sunday, Federer was generous, though, noting that the scorching didn't necessarily reflect how close things were, saying "Straight sets is brutal for Novak, to be honest."

In the end, about the only category Djokovic won on this day was "Most Intriguing Guests," with 2006 Open champion Maria Sharapova and actor Robert De Niro sharing a box with his parents in the stands.

Federer — dressed for an evening on the town, he was all in black, from headwear and wristband to socks and shoes, from shirt to shorts with tuxedo-like satin stripes down the side — finished things under the lights by breaking Djokovic in the last game with the help of a no-look, over-the-shoulder volley winner.

It's the type of shot that has prompted plenty of people to call Federer the greatest to ever swing a racket — and at 26, he's still in his prime.

Latham wins battle, Newhouse the war at MVS

By Linda Brittain
Times-News correspondent

It had been mentioned all week how luck was going to play a part in the races that took place at Magic Valley Speedway Saturday night. The predictions turned out to be right on.

For the Rocky Mountain Challenge Series, John Newhouse of Twin Falls captured the 2007 championship while Bobby Latham III wrapped up his rookie season with another main event win. He finished runner-up in the series final standings.

As the NAPA Auto Parts 150 began to unfold, Bruce Quale established himself as the leader by lap 16. However, Bobby Latham was on the move, while David Mingar and Newhouse — who were one-two in the

point standings going into the event — held back waiting for things to shake out in front of them. Then at lap 25, Mingar and the No. 12 car of Tom Hill got together along the front stretch, causing enough damage to Mingar's ride to keep him out of the race for the rest of the night.

With Mingar out of the picture, Newhouse needed to stay out of trouble while trying to gain ground.

Just as Newhouse was setting into third, a tire began to go down causing him to lose positions on the track. But before Newhouse could make it into the pits, the caution flag flew for oil on the track, and the red flag was displayed while the mess was cleaned up. Newhouse made it back in plenty of time for the restart, but Latham jetted his way to the main event win.

Newhouse, with the title, also had plenty of reason to celebrate.

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Steve Fisher won his first main event race of the season for the feature division, holding off Shelby Strubbed to cross the finish line just barely ahead of the No. 24 modified.

NAPA Pony Stocks

By all outside appearances, it was Jason Whited who captured not only the main event win in the division, but also narrowly escaped with the 2007 track championship by a single point after finishing four spots off Bill Miles, who had the lead in the standings going into the night.

Miles was roughed up by Trent Champlyn along the back stretch

halfway through the main event, forcing her to restart at the rear of the field. She worked her way up early in the week, but Magic Valley Speedway's Web site shows Miles as the champion due to a possible disqualification.

Quale's Electronics Homets

Jeff Peck earned the track championship with a flit-flop finish in the main event race. Daniel Shirley not only won his first main event of the season but also nailed down the runner-up position in the battle for the track title.

Alecia Dalton

Car: 8
Class: Queen Bee's
Age: 28

Hometown: Twin Falls
Home town: Twin Falls
Years racing: 2
Pit crew: Willie Dalton, Tony, Robby.
Reason for racing: Family.
Other jobs: Theme, Outlaw Racing, part job by J.R., also sponsored by Willie's Signs, T-Shirts and more.

— Jani Walrod and Linda Brittain

USC remains No. 1, BSU out of Top 25

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — LSU is closing in on Southern California in the AP Top 25, and Appalachian State is getting some recognition — but not a ranking.

After a surprisingly easy and thoroughly impressive victory over Virginia Tech, No. 2 LSU took 40 first-place votes from the media panel, down from 59 last week, and 1,819 points. LSU received 25 first-place votes and 1,582 points.

Appalachian State, a week after Florida was No. 1, the Georgia Tech's first first Sunday when they play

nearly enough to be ranked but it got a spot between Auburn (23 points) and Cincinnati (12 points) in the list of others receiving votes.

The Mountaineers, who play in Division I's Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA), became eligible for the Top 25 when The Associated Press changed it policy last week to allow voters to vote for teams from all divisions of college football.

Appalachian State appeared on four ballots, and got one 13th-place vote.

While USC and LSU held their places — at the top of the poll, Oklahoma moved up two spots into third while West Virginia slipped a spot to No. 4 and lost its first-place vote to LSU.

Defending national champion Florida was No. 5. The Georgia Tech's first first Sunday when they play

No. 22 Tennessee in Gainesville, Fla. No. 6 Texas, Wisconsin, California, Louisville and Ohio State rounded out the top 10.

Virginia Tech fell nine spots to No. 18 after getting pummeled by LSU. Georgia slipped 12 spots to No. 22 after losing 16-12 to South Carolina. Auburn, TCU and Boise State dropped out of the Top 25 after their first losses of the season.

The second 10 started with UCLA, followed by Penn State, Rutgers and Nebraska, which hosts USC on Saturday.

Georgia Tech was No. 15 and Arkansas, South Carolina, Virginia Tech, Oregon and Clemson rounded out the top 20.

Boston College, Tennessee, Georgia, Texas A&M and Hawaii were the final five.

Lions thwart Raider comeback attempt

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jon Kitna threw a go-ahead, 32-yard touchdown pass to Shaun McDonald with 4:15 remaining and White forewarned two late turnovers that helped Detroit rally to beat Oakland 36-21 on Sunday, after blowing a 17-point lead.

The matchup between the NFL's two worst teams from a year ago turned highly entertaining in the second half when former Lions backup Josh McCown led the Raiders on three touchdown drives to turn a 17-0 deficit into a 21-20 Oakland lead with 7:43 left.

Then Kitna took over and spotted Lane Kilian's coaching debut in Oakland. Kitna completed four of five passes for 89 yards on the game-winning drive, capped with his third touchdown pass of the game.

Patriots 38, Jets 14

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vince Moss, who missed most of camp with a hamstring injury, caught nine passes from Tom Brady for 183 yards and a touchdown in his New England debut. Ellis Hobbs set an NFL record by taking the second-half kickoff 108 yards for a score.

Moss' 51-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter gave the Patriots a 28-7 lead.

Brady, who faced little pressure from the Jets, was 22-of-28 for 257 yards and three touchdowns.

Titans 13, Jaguars 10

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Chris Brown ran for 175 yards and a touchdown. Pro Bowl tackle Marcus Stroud and John Henderson.

Tennessee finished with 282 yards rushing, a franchise record for both teams.

Steelers 34, Browns 7

CLEVELAND — Ben Roethlisberger threw career-high four touchdowns passes and Pittsburgh cruised in Mike Tomlin's NFL coaching debut.

Willie Parker rushed for 109 yards as the Steelers started the Tomlin era with the kind of bruising victory that typified former coach Cowher's tenure in the Steel City.

The Steelers pounced on mistakes by the stumbling Browns to open a 17-0 lead in the first quarter.

Vikings 24, Falcons 3

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota defense overthrew Atlanta's Joey Harrington with six sacks and two interceptions.

Kevin Williams returned an interception 54 yards for a first-quarter score, and Antoine Winfield ran one back 14 yards in the fourth quarter for Minnesota.

Peterson made an amazing catch that he turned into a 60-yard touchdown and finished with 103 carries after starting 19 carries after starter Chester Taylor hurt his hip.

Texans 20, Chiefs 3

HOUSTON — Mario Williams, last year's No. 1 draft pick, returned a fumble for a touchdown, had five tackles including two sacks to help Houston over Kansas City.

Panthers 27, Rams 13

ST. LOUIS — Steve Smith outstripped Ty Hill on a 68-yard catch for the go-ahead play in Carolina's win. As Smith crossed into end zone, Hill tumbled and then slid on his stomach for several yards. Smith had seven catches for 118 yards.

The Rams' decision to give featured back Steven Jackson the preseason offbacked. Jackson lost two fumbles on consecutive carries in the third quarter, ending his season total from last season with a bruised, right

National Football League Scoreboard

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	Conf
New England	0	1	0	0.000	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	1	0	0.000	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0	0.000	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Broncos	0	0	0	1.000	34	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Dallas	0	0	0	1.000	34	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Individual Statistics

Player	Team	Stat
Tom Brady	PAT	22/28
Vince Moss	PAT	9/11
Chris Brown	JAG	175 Yds
Willie Parker	STL	109 Yds
Mario Williams	TEX	54 Yds
Antoine Winfield	VIK	14 Yds
Steven Jackson	PAN	118 Yds
Steve Smith	PAN	68 Yds
Kevin Williams	TEX	54 Yds

Team Statistics

Team	Yds	TD	Int	Sack
New England	200	1	0	0
Buffalo	150	0	0	0
Indianapolis	180	0	0	0
NY Jets	120	0	0	0
Atlanta	350	3	0	0
Baltimore	280	2	0	0
Bengals	220	1	0	0
Broncos	300	2	0	0
Cowboys	250	1	0	0
Dallas	320	2	0	0
Denver	280	1	0	0
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Kansas City	220	1	0	0
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San Diego	250	1	0	0
Tennessee	320	2	0	0
Washington	280	1	0	0

Game Recaps

Redskins 16, Dolphins 13 — Landovery, Md. — Shaun Sulshank kicked a 39-yard field goal 5:36 into overtime to spoil the NFL's opening debut of Miami's Cam Cameron.

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Packers 16, Eagles 13 — Rookie kicker Mason Crosby's 42-yard field goal with 2 seconds left gave the Packers a victory over the Eagles.

The Packers benefited from a second major mistake by the Eagles' special teams, when J.R. Reed booted a punt with 59 seconds remaining. Green Bay's Jarrett Bush recovered at the Philadelphia 31.

It was the 37th time the Packers led the Packers from a fourth-quarter tie or deficit to a win. He was 23-of-42 for 206 yards.

Chargers 14, Bears 3 — LaDainian Tomlinson and San Diego finally took control of a sloppy game after a 17-0 deficit in the first quarter.

The Bears, who topped the NFC last year at the Super Bowl after losing in 13-3 to Indianapolis, were nothing short of brutal with four turnovers and two interceptions.

Tomlinson threw a 17-yard TD pass to All-Pro tight end Antonio Gates with 45 seconds left in the third quarter, then scored on a 7-yard run with 9:09 left to play.

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SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

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BASEBALL

American League... National League... Game results table.

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

Highland at Minico, 4:30 p.m.
Volleyball
Dietrich at The Community

TV SCHEDULE

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Whoever... Oakland... Cleveland...

FLORIDA... TEXAS... Game results table.

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Dixon runs out of gas on last lap to hand Franchitti IRL title

JOLIET, Ill. — Dario Franchitti squeezed out half a lap more than Scott Dixon on their final fuel Sunday and that's all it took for the Scot to win his first IndyCar Series title...

having run 9.77 three times despite never winning a major competition. The heat was run with a strong tail wind, but it was below the maximum allowed by track and field's governing body, making the record valid.

STUTTGART, Germany — Nastia Liukin saved her best for last, winning the balance beam title Sunday, while new all-around champion Shawn Johnson won the floor exercise to add yet another gold medal to her collection...

begins at 8 a.m. Registration forms are also available at Restore. Curves, Meric's, Gold's Gym, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Jerome Recreation District, Elevenet Sports, Active Body and Soul or ISU-Twin Falls. The first and best dinner and auction will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Canyon Springs...

TRACK AND FIELD

Powell sets sprint world record. Rieti, Italy — Asafa Powell bettered his world record in the 100 meters Sunday, running 9.74 seconds at the Rieti Grand Prix.

GYMNASTICS

U.S. finishes successful Worlds. STUTTGART, Germany — Nastia Liukin saved her best for last, winning the balance beam title Sunday...

MAGIC VALLEY

Minico boosters to meet today. RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in the library at Minico High School...

FOOTBALL

JHS boosters to meet today. JEROME — The Jerome High School boosters will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in Room 101 at the high school.

TRANSACTIONS

Real estate transactions. Multiple listing service records.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Below average temperatures with sunny skies. Highs in the mid-to-70s.
 Tonight: Mid to overcast temperatures with clear skies. Lows in the upper 40s.
 Tomorrow: A little warmer with more seasonal temperatures. Highs in the 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies with below average high temperatures. Highs in the low 70s.
 Tonight: Mid overcast temperatures with clear skies. Lows in the low 40s.
 Tomorrow: Rebounding temperatures with sunny skies. Highs in the low 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
 Mid daytime temperatures can be expected today with overnight low dropping down below the freezing mark. Skies will be mostly sunny for the next few days.

BOISE (Today Highs 64 to 73, Tonight's Lows 28 to 34)
 High temperatures will be below seasonal averages today, but will be a little warmer tomorrow. Warming will continue through the middle of the week, and skiers will remain mostly sunny.

NORTHERN UTAH (Today High Temps 70 to 83, Low Temps 46 to 53)
 Clear daytime temperatures will be sunny this week with a warming trend through Wednesday.

WEATHER SERVICE
 Today's State Extremes: 83 in Lowell, 24 at Sawley
 weather by the bureau. Low clouds are heavy now, but may improve. It may become cloudy, but with a light shower, in the afternoon. A few showers, in the afternoon, may be possible.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 75	Low 48	81/60	84/53	82/65	70/53

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 72, Yesterday's Low: 48	0.00"	82%	30.08	7:16 AM - 7:52 PM	Low
Normal High/Low: 79/44	Normal Month to Date: 0.14"	Today's Humidity: 82%	Today's Pressure: 30.08	Today's Sunrise: 7:16 AM - 7:52 PM	Today's Pollen: Low
Record High/Low: 80/2000	Year to Date: 0.05"	Today's Barometer: 30.08	Today's Sunrise: 7:16 AM - 7:52 PM	Today's Sunset: 7:52 PM	Today's Cloud: 100%

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	72/48	82/48	Idaho Falls	70/46	78/46
Burley	72/48	82/48	Rupert	72/48	82/48
Chico	72/48	82/48	Twin Falls	75/49	85/49

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	72/48	82/48	San Francisco	72/48	82/48
Chicago	72/48	82/48	Seattle	72/48	82/48
Denver	72/48	82/48	Washington	72/48	82/48

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	15/10	18/12
Paris	12/8	15/10
Tokyo	22/18	25/20

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Back-to-back-to-back job hands Brewers lead

CINCINNATI — The Brewers became only the third team in major-league history to open a game with three straight home runs when Rickie Weeks, J.J. Hardy and Ryan Braun connected Sunday off Phil Dunatrait in Milwaukee's 10-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Weeks and Braun each hit another homer and J.J. Hardy added two doubles — all in the first four innings — to keep the Brewers in first place.



J.J. Hardy gets congratulated by Milwaukee teammate Ryan Braun, left, after hitting a home run off Cincinnati pitcher Phil Dunatrait in the first inning Sunday. Milwaukee hit three straight home runs to lead off the game.

Pirates 10, Cubs 5

PITTSBURGH — Freddy Sanchez's bases-loaded triple highlighted Pittsburgh's six-run second inning and rookie Naylor Morgan made an exceptional catch and drove in two runs as the Pirates knocked the Cubs out of the NL Central lead.

The Cubs have won 10 of their last 15 against teams in contention for the division title, the Brewers and Cardinals. But they are 5-7 against the Pirates.

Rockies 4, Padres 2

DENVER — Garrett Atkins hit a two-run homer and Todd Helton had two of Colorado's four hits to help the Rockies close within three games of wild-card-leading San Diego.

Matt Holliday hit his 26th home run for Colorado, and Helton became the first player in major league history to hit 35 doubles in 10 straight seasons.

Red Sox 3, Orioles 2

BALTIMORE — Josh Beckett allowed two runs in seven innings to earn his 18th victory, and the Red Sox completed another successful season at Camden Yards.

Coco Crisp singled home the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning, Mike Lowell drove in two runs and Dustin Pedroia had three hits for the Red Sox, who went 6-3 in Baltimore this year.

Devil Rays 3, Blue Jays 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Carl Crawford and Carlos Pena hit consecutive homers in the sixth inning, and James Shields allowed four hits through seven to lead the Devil Rays.

Tampa Bay has won four straight series for the first time since winning six straight in June 2004. The Devil Rays have won nine of their last 12 games and 12 of 16 since Aug. 24.

Diamondbacks 6, Cardinals 5

PHOENIX — Jose Valverde retired Yadier Molina for the final out, and the Diamondbacks held off the Cardinals.

Tony Clark's two-run double capped a four-run rally in the seventh that put Arizona up 6-4. Justin Upton tied the score with his first homer since Aug. 7 and Chris Young also connected for the Diamondbacks, who moved three games ahead of second-place San Diego in the NL West.

Giants 4, Dodgers 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Pinch-hitter Jay Durham hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the eighth inning and the Giants spoiled another chance for the Dodgers to gain ground in the playoff race.

Jeff Kent homered twice against his former club but the Dodgers couldn't hold a late lead and remain 2½ games back of San Diego in the wild-card standings.

Mariners 14, Tigers 7

DETROIT — Ichiro Suzuki scored in each of the first four innings and the Mariners won for only the second time in 15 games to remain five back of New York in the AL wild-card race.

Raul Ibanez hit a three-run homer, Adrian Beltre had four RBIs and Jose Guillen drove in three runs as Seattle scored 13 times in the first four innings.

Rangers 12, Athletics 9

ARLINGTON, Texas — Sunny Sosa hit a three-run homer to cap an eight-run second inning, then drove in another run as the Rangers held off the Athletics.

The Rangers have won five straight and are 12 of 14 to move into the top third place with the A's in the AL West. Texas had been in last place since April 25.

Mets 4, Astros 1

NEW YORK — Pedro Martinez tossed five shutout innings in his first start at home this season, outpitching Joe Oswalt and leading the Mets past the Astros.

Martinez (2-0) had shoulder surgery in October and worked five innings in his return to the majors last Monday at Cincinnati. He followed that up with a more impressive outing, scattering six hits and striking out four.

Nationals 7, Braves 4

ATLANTA — Ryan Church hit a three-run homer and D'Angelo Jimenez drove in three runs for the Nationals.

The Braves led 3-1 through five innings before Church hit the go-ahead homer off Lance Cormier in the sixth. Ryan Zimmerman also went deep for Washington.

Twins 5, White Sox 2

CHICAGO — Jason Kubel hit a three-run homer and added an RBI single, Johan Santana struck out 10 in seven innings, and the Twins snapped a six-game losing streak.

Jim Home hit his 49th career home run, a solo shot off reliever Juan Rincon in the eighth inning. It's the third

Indians 6, Angels 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ryan Gariko hit a three-run homer, Asdrubal Cabrera had two RBIs and the Cleveland Indians beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-2 Sunday night to split a four-game series between AL division leaders.

Cleveland increased its AL Central lead to six games over Detroit. The first-place Angels, who played without left fielder Vladimir Guerrero again, have an eight-game cushion over Seattle in the AL West.

Phillies 8, Marlins 5

PHILADELPHIA — Pat Burrell homered and drove in three runs, and the Phillies' Jamie Moyer became one awful inning to remain unbeaten against Florida.

Carlos Ruiz also homered for the Phillies; who tagged Dontrelle Willis (8-15) for seven runs in three innings, and took two of three from

American League Yanks 6, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Alex Rodriguez homered for the fifth straight game, connecting for the seventh time during that span and sending the

straight game Thome has homered, giving him 26 on the season.

Tiger Woods hits out of a bunker during the final round of the BMW Championship on Sunday. Woods won with a record 22-under par.

Woods takes BMW

LEMONT, Ill. — The champion at Cog Hill, the front-runner for the FedEx Cup.

Indeed, Tiger Woods is where most everyone figured he would be heading into the final week of the PGA Tour playoffs — and he'll have to settle for that. The PGA Tour shortened this event from 54 holes to 18, setting up a strange finish on a newly empty course.

Only 32 players hadn't finished when play resumed Sunday, and the final day was closed to the public. Lewis, an amateur who plays college golf at nearby Arkansas, finished her first round Saturday at 4-under 65. Lewis, the NCAA champion, isn't considered an official winner because the tournament did not last at least 36 holes.

Americans successfully defend Walker Cup

NEWCASTLE, Northern Ireland — Justin Moore hit a 180 into a 4-foot for eagle on the final hole to give the Americans the final point they needed to capture the Walker Cup, the first time in 16 years they have won away from home.

The Americans won the Walker Cup for the second straight year against Britain and Ireland and held a 33-7, record in the series.

Rumford wins Swiss Masters in playoff

GRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland — Brent Rumford closed with a 3-under 68 to bring a 30-foot chip from the fringe on the first hole of a playoff with Phillip Archer to win the European Masters.

The 30-year-old Australian, closed with a 3-under 68 to match Archer (65) at 16-16. 26th, Bradley Dregg, the 2006 winner, had a 69 to finish 6 strokes back.

Amateur Lewis wins rain-soaked PGA event
 ROGERS, Ark. — Stacy Lewis

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Bush official labels bin Laden powerless

By Faye Fero
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Two days before the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush's domestic security adviser dismissed Osama bin Laden as "structurally impotent."

The comments by Frances F. Townsend came three days after a new videotape of bin Laden appeared, with the terrorist comparing the U.S. to Iraq war in Vietnam and praising the actions of the 19 airline hijackers who caused the deaths of almost 3,000 people on Sept. 11, 2001.

Townsend said the taped statement released by an oddly dark-bearded bin Laden was genuine and recently made, but she described it as little more than a propaganda device.

"Let's remember almost six years now since September the 11th, we have not seen much of bin Laden," she said on "Fox News Sunday," noting that this was the third audio or videotape released of him in as many years. "This is about the best he can do. This is a man on the run, from a cave, who is virtually impotent other than these tapes."

President Bush on Saturday said the tape was a "reminder of the dangerous world in which we live."

But Townsend's assessment of the terrorist network leader — which she repeated, almost word for word, in a later appearance on CNN's "Late Edition" — echoed remarks last week by the newest GOP presidential candidate, former Tennessee Sen. Fred D. Thompson, who said in response to bin Laden's videotape that the big Laden was "too symbolical than anything else."

Sunday Sons, John E. Kerry, D-Mass., and John McCain, R-Ariz., shot back on ABC's "This Week," arguing that bin Laden remains a dangerously charismatic figure with a broad Internet reach who must be captured.

"He continues to communicate, he continues to lead and



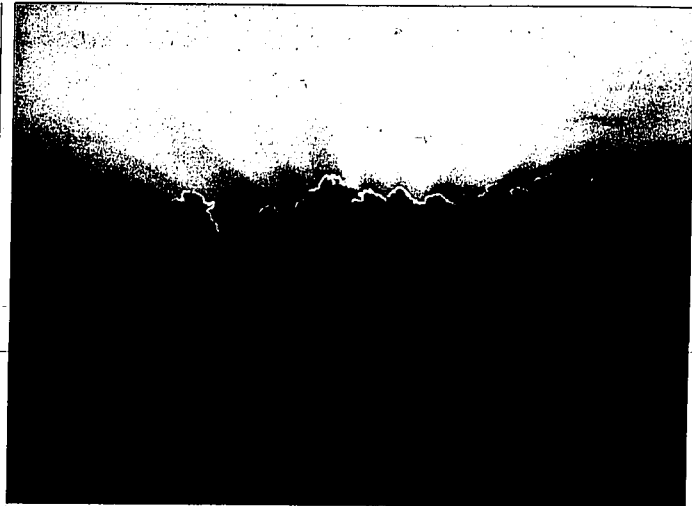
Fran Townsend, President Bush's homeland security adviser, appears on 'Fox News Sunday' in Washington, Sunday.

he continues to be a symbol for them of leadership in this radical hatred and evil radical Islamic extremism," said McCain, who also is seeking his party's presidential nomination. If elected to the White House, McCain continued, "I'll get him. I'll get him. And we've got to get him."

Kerry, the Democrats' presidential pick in 2004, called bin Laden's most recent appearance testimony to "the failure of this administration to capture and kill him."

Laden's a man who is sending tapes, influencing the region, influencing and recruiting terrorists, who is still directing from Afghanistan and from Pakistan attacks against the United States," Kerry said. "And we have some Republican candidates for president who think it's insignificant that should disqualify them from being president in the first place."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., expressed concern on "Late Edition" that the Iraq war was taking resources from the hunt for bin Laden. "Every time we see that fugitive terrorist on television laughing America, I think of how wrong this president was in turning away from going after that murderer who murdered our citizens, and moving into Iraq and not having any way of getting us out, while this guy keeps dyeing his beard apparently and making new tapes," he said.



The morning sunrise beams out from behind a layer of clouds, Sunday near Mathews, Virginia, as a tropical storm watch was in effect for the area.

Gabrielle comes ashore in N.C.

Little damage done

By Mike Baker
Associated Press writer

HATTERAS, N.C. — Tropical Storm Gabrielle washed ashore and crawled slowly along the North Carolina's Outer Banks Sunday, but caused few problems and failed even to chase vacationers away from the beach. Warnings of gusty wind and rain didn't stop Derek Greckmore, 32, with his surfing buddy Mark Carter, drove to Cape Hatteras, from Chesapeake, Va., to ride the tall, breaking waves brought in by the storm. "It's a lot rougher out there, but this is what we look forward to every year."

Greckmore said. "We plan to stay out here until we get tired."

Officials said that there had been no requests for assistance, and that Gabrielle likely would be remembered mostly as an inconvenience.

"We'll be glad to help out if anybody needs it, but right now, we're not hearing anything. It's been kind of quiet," said Julia Jarama, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

Gabrielle brought gusty winds that howled at 50 mph, churning up the Atlantic surf to the delight of surfers and kiteboarders. Despite that, the storm failed to dump much

rain inland, where much of North Carolina is experiencing severe drought.

"We're glad we didn't have any flooding or wind damage, but the rain would have been nice," Jarama said. "The coast got some rain, but they were the ones with the least problems from the drought."

At 5 p.m., the center of the storm was about 30 miles southwest of Kill Devil Hills, headed north near 12 mph, its maximum sustained winds were close to 50 mph, with stronger gusts, and it was expected to weaken slightly in the next 12 hours.

Forecasters expected it to pass over the Outer Banks near Nags Head on Sunday night on its way back

out to sea.

Forecasters kept a tropical storm warning in effect from Surf City north Cape Charles Light, Va. A watch was in effect for the area extending to New Point Comfort peninsula, along the Chesapeake Bay.

Officials preached caution throughout the day as Gabrielle moved through the vacation hotspot. They closed campgrounds on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and put swift water rescue teams and National Guard units on standby. But no one was ordered to evacuate, and officials said the greatest danger was posed by rip currents threatening swimmers who ventured into the ocean.

Israelis arrest alleged Neo-Nazi youths

By Richard Bordeaux
Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM — With eight young immigrants from the former Soviet Union under arrest, Israeli authorities said Sunday they had broken up a violent neo-Nazi gang that desecrated synagogues and staged at least 15 attacks on religious Jews, Asian workers, drug addicts and homosexuals.

"The news shocked Israelis, whose state was founded as a refuge for Jews in the wake of the Nazi Holocaust. Video said to have been taken by the skinhead gang to document its boasts was shown at Sunday's Cabinet meeting, triggering urgent debate over

what to do about immigrants who came as Jewish offspring but grew up to commit hate crimes and shout, 'Heil Hitler!'"

Voicing outrage on radio talk shows, Israelis faulted a lax standard that allowed many families with Jewish roots but weak ties to Judaism to immigrate from the Soviet Union nearly a generation ago, and take Israeli citizenship.

Israeli leaders said they were appalled. "We as a society have failed to educate these youths and keep them away from dangerous and crazy ideologies," Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said, calling for harsh punishment of the arrested skinheads.

Exiled Pakistani prime minister returns

By Griff White
The Washington Post

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — On Oct. 12, 1999, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif refused landing rights to a plane carrying his army chief, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, setting off a military coup that resulted in Sharif's exile.

Today, their roles will be reversed. Sharif on Sunday was on a flight back to Pakistan. It will be up to Musharraf, now the country's president, to decide whether to let the plane land and, if he does, what to do with Sharif.

The decision could have far-reaching implications here, as Musharraf fights for his political life. Sharif has emerged as Musharraf's most vocal critic and has vowed to do all he can to keep the general from winning a new term when he comes up for election, perhaps later this month. Musharraf and his aides in recent days have put intense



Former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, right, and his brother, left, prepare to board a plane to Pakistan, at London's Heathrow airport on Sunday.

pressure on Sharif not to return, and they have threatened to arrest him or immediately deport him if he does.

On Sunday, a massive security crackdown was underway, with Sharif's party saying that more than 2,500 of its members had been arrested

and that the homes of others had been raided. Meanwhile, police were preparing roadblocks on the major streets leading to the Islamabad airport, where Sharif is expected to touch down Monday morning. Despite the intensified

security, members of Sharif's faction of the Pakistan Muslim League have vowed to turn out in large numbers Monday to welcome him home after nearly seven years in exile.

"The moment Nawaz Sharif sets foot on our soil, the days of this government will be numbered," party spokesman Ahsan Iqbal said. "Nobody will be able to stop the march of democracy."

Iqbal said the crackdown in advance of a planned "peaceful reception" proved that Musharraf is a dictator, not a democrat. "This is the true face of the Musharraf regime," he said.

Musharraf and his aides have insisted that by returning to Pakistan, Sharif will be violating terms of an exile agreement he signed in 2002 with the Saudi royal family. Under the agreement, Sharif was allowed to avoid serving a life sentence associated with his decision not to allow Musharraf's plane to land.

Transcripts show Guantanamo panels struggle to determine who poses a threat

By Andrew O. Sekely and Ben Fox
Associated Press writers

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — After years of indefinite confinement, many detainees at Guantanamo Bay say they feel they may never receive justice, according to transcripts of hearings obtained by The Associated Press. Fewer than one in five of detainees allowed a hearing last year even bothered to show up for it.

The frustrated words of men, some of whom admit to fighting with the Taliban but swear they would go peacefully home if released, illustrate the seething tension at a prison

where hundreds are held without charges. The transcripts, also underscore that the U.S. allegations against the men are often as difficult to substantiate as they are for the detainees to refute.

Sometimes the allegations alarmed even the panels of military officers charged with determining whether a detainee should be freed. Ruhmanullah Sangaryar stood accused of "planning biological and poison attacks on United States and coalition forces in Kandahar, Afghanistan" and of possessing suitcase powder and a liquid poison.

The Afghan detainee said he was captured only with muddy clothes, possessed no anthrax and never planned such an attack. The officer in charge of the panel seemed to grope for a response.

"Do you know of anyone who would accuse you of such an act? This is so serious," the unidentified officer exclaimed. "I am trying to understand why it is here in front of me, this allegation against you." The military has released a greater number of detainees from Guantanamo Bay than the roughly 340 men who are there today. As of Sept. 5, the U.S. had transferred or released

about 435 prisoners from Guantanamo to more than two dozen nations since the detention center opened in January 2002. Most were subsequently released by their home countries.

But last year, the Administrative Review Board panels determined that 83 percent of the detainees whose cases they deliberated were too dangerous to be sent away, and authorized only 17 percent for transfer to other countries. After AP filed a Freedom of Information Act request, the Pentagon on Friday handed over transcripts of 64 hearings in which the detainees

appeared in 2006. In a letter to the AP the government said it was withholding three transcripts because they would undermine "particularly strong privacy interests."

The transcripts provide a rare opportunity to hear from the detainees themselves, and show increasing despair and frustration.

"It appears that our lives don't mean anything to the Americans ... I have a feeling that I might be here until my death," Mohammed Nasir Khushraf, a 60-year-old detainee from Yemen, told the AP — the second to hear his case.

At the ARBs, conducted in a trailer inside the Guantanamo detention center, detainees are unable to confront those who have made statements against them. They are not provided with attorneys. The Bush administration has denied the Guantanamo detainees access to civilian courts and only three are charged with war crimes under a new military commissions system that has already run into a legal snafu. "I am entering the fifth year," Afghan detainee Hamoud Abdullah Hamoud Hassan al-Wady told his panel. "I want to see American justice. Where is it?"

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE
Bobby Wolff

"My father has spanked me, and my mother has spanked me, all my aunts and uncles have spanked me for my satiable curiosity, and still I want to know what the Crocodile has for dinner!"
— Rudyard Kipling

This week's deals are all from the 2005 European Open in Tenerife. Today's deal is more of a curiosity than anything else.

At one table (not the table below) reporter Brian Senor held the East cards. The auction went one diamond from you (East), one spade on your left, one no-trump from partner, and two hearts on the right from your apparently sound opponent. What would your choice be? Senior chose the agricultural jump to three no-trump, not that anything else is more appealing. The bad news was that on a club lead he went three down in three no-trump with six of a minor making. The good news ... well, have a look at the full deal with the auction from his teammates' table.

Note that I never said which side could make six of a minor. It is hard to blame East-West too much for any of their actions, though a jump to three diamonds by East at his second turn might have led to his buying the hand in a partscore!

After that start, both North and South did remarkably well to reach slam. The final contract necessitated a good guess in spades, since if South leads dummy's ace and low back to his hand, the 5-1 break defeats him. But declarer, Vlad Ispornik, knew East had long diamonds and four hearts, so he started spades by leading to the 10 to make his slam.

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NORTH				EAST			
♠ A 10	♠ J 8 7 6 3	♠ 7	♠ Q 10 9 7 4	♠ 6	♠ A Q 10 4	♠ AK Q 8 4 3 2	♠ 8
SOUTH				WEST			
♠ K J 9 5 2	♠ 10 9 6	♠ AK 6 3 2	♠ 7	♠ K 8 7 4 3	♠ K 9 5 2	♠ J 5	♠ J 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

The bidding:
South West North East

1 ♠	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
3 ♣	3 ♣	4 ♠	5 ♠
6 ♣	6♣	Dbl.	All pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:				♠ K J 7 6 2				♥ Q 5 4				♦ 10 6				♣ K 9 4			
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South West North East

1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

ANSWER: Partner had the chance to raise spades or double West's cue-bid and did not, so surely that lead cannot be right. The unbid suit is hearts, and a low heart therefore looks like your best chance, however slim that might be.

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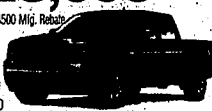


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Have true blues really lost their cool?

Faded jeans

The Washington Post

You've seen the fashion formula: dressy top, strappy heels, killer jeans. Predictably, the jeans are designed by an obscure brand (Seven? by Sass & Bide), but they bear a subtle pocket stitch that says to the savvy, "Why yes, these did cost \$275."

A couple of years ago, the uniform started looking passe: even the glam girls moved on. Nationally, women's denim sales have taken a nosedive. U.S. sales were down 6.2 percent for the 12 months through June, according to market research firm NPD Group. In the covered 18 to 34 demographic, they plummeted 15 percent.

So, is denim really fading out of fashion? It depends on whom you ask. Many area stores say their business is as strong as ever. But to some industry watchers, there is a problem, and it may start with premium denim — those fastidiously faded, hand-whiskered blues that promise to perfect your posterior for \$200 to \$500 a pop.

"Premium denim doesn't seem to be so elite as it once was," says Jackie Flanagan, owner of the Washington boutique Nana. Indeed, high-end jeans are so ubiquitous that it's easy to forget that Sevens didn't even exist 10 years ago. Now the brand shares shelf space with Blue Cult, True Religion, Citizens of Humanity, Paige and a dozen more labels most shoppers would struggle to distinguish.

Though many brands were once sold exclusively at swish boutiques, now you can add Rock & Republic jeans to your shopping cart at Costco along with a 24-pack of mac and

cheese. Shoppers have never been exposed to so much designer denim — and some of them, overwhelmed by options, are buying less. "People are more educated and more selective," Flanagan says. "They are not blindly consuming the trends."

Most trend watchers are confident that denim will get its groove back.

The trends themselves have proved problematic. "The product has been kind of dull," says Eric Beder, retail analyst at Brian Murray, Carter & Co. By contrast, the late 1990s offered a dizzying array of options: The ultralow rise seemed new and exciting (much to the chagrin of parents nationwide), and embellishments were extravagant, as they Gucci's feather-trimmed jeans or denim strewn with chunky grommets and tough zippers.

But for the past few seasons, dark, straight-leg, unadorned denim has dominated the racks. The style is classic and generally flattering, infinitely more tasteful than flashing your dong to the world. But in its simplicity, it lacks the razzle-dazzle some consumers have come to expect from denim. "There's been no real reason to shop," Beder says.

If basic denim styles haven't impressed consumers, neither have flashier trends. Consider the skinny jean, a style that gave women everywhere a new reason to hate their hips. It was splashed all over fashion magazines and sported by swizzle-stick stars, but it didn't do well at certain

stores for a simple reason: "The skinny denim look doesn't work for most women," Beder says.

"I think people wanted to try it, but not necessarily want to buy it," Flanagan says.

There's also the celeb factor. "If you look at what young Hollywood is wearing, it isn't Seven jeans anymore," Claire Brooks, president of brand consulting company ModelPeople, wrote in an e-mail. Stella Miller, Keira Knightley and other starlets du jour have all but abandoned denim on the red carpet in favor of dresses — long, short, sparkly, sleeveless. And what the A-list wears, everyone else wants. "It was the spring of the dress, and then the summer of the dress, and now it's just the year of the dress," Flanagan says.

It may not be the year of the jean, but most trend watchers are confident that denim will get its groove back.

"Denim has had an iconic staying power since James Dean," Brooks wrote. Many local stores seem unaffected by the national sales slump. "No matter what, every change of season, we're always selling a ton of denim," says Jessica Baca, store manager and buyer for Wink in Washington. "Even when people don't really like the trends."

As it happens, this fall brings looks that retailers believe shoppers will like, such as 1970s-inspired wide-leg styles and the revamped skinny jean, souped up in rainbow-bright hues. But whatever you choose, don't ditch those basic blues quite yet. Thanks to an ever-quickenning fashion cycle, with one perfect paparazzi shot a style can go from "out" to "in" overnight.

The history of denim

Denim describes a rugged cotton twill textile, in which the weft passes under two or more warp fibers, producing the familiar diagonal ribbing identifiable on the reverse of the fabric.

A popular conception of the origin of the word denim is that it is a derivative of the French term, *serge de Nîmes*. Denim was traditionally colored blue with indigo dye to make blue jeans; the contemporary use of *jean* comes from Genes, the French word for Genoa, Italy, where the first denim trousers were made.

A similarly woven traditional American cotton textile is the diagonal warp-stripped hickory cloth that was once made into railroad workers' overalls, in which blue or black contrasting with undyed white threads form the woven pattern. Hickory cloth was described as being as rugged as hickory wood — not to mention the fact that it was deemed to be worn mainly by "hicks."

Records of a group of New York workers' used for the California gold fields in 1849 show that they took along four "hickory shirts" apiece: Hickory cloth would later furnish the material for some "fatigue" pantaloons and shirts in the American Civil War.

Dry denim, as opposed to washed denim, is a fabric that is not produced after being dyed during its production. Most denim is washed after being made into an article of clothing in order to make it softer and to eliminate shrinkage. In addition to being washed, non-dry denim is sometimes artificially "distressed" to achieve a worn-in look.

Most of the appeal of dry denim lies in the fact that with time the fabric will fade. With dry denim, however, such fading is affected by the body of the person who wears the jeans and the activities of his or her daily life. This creates what many feel to be a more natural, unique look than pre-distressed denim.

Predominantly found in premium denim lines, dry denim represents a small niche in the overall market. Selva denim is a type of cloth that forms a clean natural edge that does not unravel. Typically, the selva edges will be located along the outseam of the pants. Although selva denim is not synonymous with unwashed denim, the presence of selva typically implies that the denim is a higher quality.

Selva is desirable because it can't fray like lower grade denims that have separate wefts which leave an open edge that must be stitched. Shuttle looms is a more time-consuming weaving process that produces denim of a lighter weight resulting in a heavier weight fabric that lasts.

Most selva jeans today are dyed with synthetic indigo, but natural indigo dye is available in smaller niche denim labels. Loop dyeing machines feed a rope of cotton yarn through vats of indigo dye and then back out. The dye is allowed to oxidize before the next dip. Multiple dips create a deep dark indigo blue.

In response to increased demand for jeans in the 1950s, American denim manufacturers replaced the old shuttle-style looms with projectile looms. The new looms produced fabric faster and wider, yet lighter and less durable. Synthetic dyeing techniques along with post-dye treatments were introduced to control shrink and twist.

— Source: Wikipedia



Getting skinnier: the incredible shrinking Hollywood actress

By Rachel Abramowitz
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — I'm searching for body fat in Hollywood. It's the 2007 MTV Movie Awards, and judging by the standards of the youth-obsessed network magenta carpet, blubber, let alone curves, or even softness is out of fashion. Girls — and I mean girls, given their lack of worn-in belt slides by Jessica Biel in a loose black mini-dress, and even Albi, with a little shimmering above her red party

mini-dress, Cameron Diaz, at 34, the veritable grandma of the bunch in a black micro-dress, only inches longer than a bathing suit.

Not one woman won an award that night, but the few female presenters hovered like ethereal specters over giant, solid, male movie stars including Jack Nicholson, Adam Sandler and Will Ferrell.

Host Sarah Silverman, in a parade of girlish dresses, presided like the tiny squeaky voiced, mean girl from every high school nightmare.

It's no news flash that women are skinnier in Hollywood — by far skinnier than the 66 percent of Americans who qualify as overweight or obese. But are they getting even skinnier? Or do we just read a lot more about them as an endless stream of celebrity tags and fashion mags chronicle their corporeal exploits, alternately castigating and holding them up for public ridicule when their bones stick out? Attention: Kala Bawaishi, Mischa Bartini, Nicole Ritchie

and celebrating the personal resourcefulness they exploited to lose excess poundage.

Some observers believe that yes, women in Hollywood are shrinking, even more than in previous decades. Amid the attention given recently to the finding, published in the July 26 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, that obesity is "contagious" — that people tend to get fatter when the people they consider friends get fatter — these days

Please see SKINNY, Page D4.



Joe Mordan took this photo of the actress in June.

Los Angeles Times

COMICS

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Opposites attract. The very thing that seems most alluring now might fall from favor later in the week. While forging an alliance or a compromise certain surprising factors could come into play.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Dress for success; the spotlight might be on you today. Other people will be drawn to your friendliness and outgoing personality. Think long and hard about finances or possessions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Entertain the thought of making a positive change in habit or mood. There is a tendency to be somewhat self-critical today, but that gives you a chance to make a healthy self-evaluation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An impromptu get-together could have significant consequences. A person you meet may not remain in your life very long, but could alter your perspective or give you necessary wisdom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A flashy new hookup could seem too good to be true. Your expectations might be high but only time will tell if this is the "real thing." Enjoy mingling with people from diverse backgrounds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Nail down the facts. Your breezy, optimistic style can't be applied to finances. Balance the checkbook and scrutinize receipts. There could be little mistakes that add up in your favor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take your time when walking the balance beam. Although your conservative Capricorn nature likes a "sure thing" that is tested and true, new technology might offer you time-saving measures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It isn't necessary to buy something to bolster your self-esteem. You may long to own that one of a kind collectible antique or the latest computer gadget but wait a few days and reconsider.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Twinkle, twinkle, little star. On your own stage, in your own environment, you might be asked to take a bow for impressive and engaging vocal ability. A break from routine can be invigorating.

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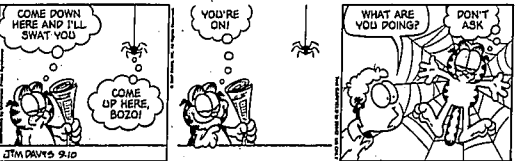
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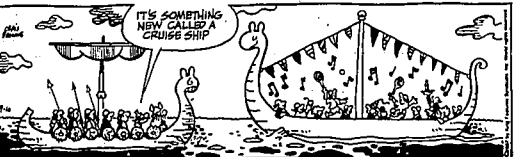
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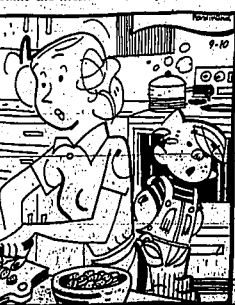
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Teen looks for right words to support troubled cousin

DEAR ABBY: I am an 18-year-old female. I have a cousin, "Sabrina," who is 14. Despite the age difference and the fact that we live 1,000 miles apart, we're quite close. I know Sabrina adores me, so I have always tried to set a good example and try not to do things I wouldn't want her to do.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I love my dad. He is my only remaining family member, and until this incident he was the model of a perfect father. I don't know how to deal with these love/hate emotions. Am I being unfair to my children by not eliminating this man from my life?

Sabrina has had some problems in the past and has been diagnosed with anorexia. I have tried to be supportive, but because of the distance I can't do much more than pray for her to get through this difficult time. Sabrina was released from the hospital in February, and her mother has told me that although she knew they would have some bad days ahead of them, she was sure my cousin was on the right track to getting past her disorder.

off-again? — CONCERNED COUSIN

DEAR CONCERNED COUSIN: Yes. Instead of telling Sabrina, "No matter what you look like, I think you're beautiful," just say you think she is a wonderful person and always have. Then add that you hope she's doing well in her recovery and that you love and admire her. That way, your message will be stronger, and there will be no possibility of negative connotations.

DEAR AMBIVALENT: It would be interesting to know what happened after the molestation. Was your father held accountable? A licensed psychotherapist is required to report child abuse and/or endangerment to the authorities. Did that happen?

"Model fathers" do not molest their grandchildren unless they are unbalanced. Because your father's behavior was out of the ordinary, he should have had a medical/psychological/neurological examination to ascertain whether his suffering from dementia or something is physically wrong. He might be more open to it if the alternative is your notifying the police.

DEAR ABBY: I am terribly sorry that your daughter was molested by my 85-year-old father last year while he was on a visit from his home in another state. I have taken her to therapy to help her work through her feelings.

I have also confronted him and told him he is no longer allowed contact with our daughters. However, I have not been able to sever contact with him.

One year out of yourself in your daughter's situation. Had you been victimized, how would YOU feel if your mother continued having a relationship with your abuser? OK — now do you know your daughter feels.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 2007. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Sept. 10, 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

firing squad in October 1945). In 1963, 20 black students entered an Alabama public school following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.

In 1977, convicted murderer Hamida Djanoubi, a Tunisian immigrant, became the last person to date to be executed by the guillotining in France.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II arrived in Miami, where he was welcomed by President Reagan as he began a 10-day tour of the United States.

In 2003, Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, 46, was stabbed in a Stockholm department store; she died the next day.

Ten years ago: Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy pleaded not-guilty to charges of accepting \$38,000 in sports tickets, travel and lodging from companies regulated by the Agriculture Department. (He was later acquitted).

Five years ago: The Bush administration raised the nationwide terror alert to yellow, its second-highest level.

closed nine U.S. embassies overseas and heightened security at federal buildings and airports in America on the eve of the 9/11 anniversary. Florida's first big test of its new elections system turned into a nightmare as polling stations opened late and voters stood up with new touchscreen voting machines. Switzerland became the 190th member of the United Nations.

One year ago on the eve of the anniversary of 9/11, President Bush and his wife, Laura, placed wreaths at ground zero in New York. Daniel Smith, the 20-year-old son of Anna Nicole Smith, died in the Bahamas of a lethal combination of drugs. Roger Federer defeated Andy Roddick 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 in the U.S. Open final. Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts defeated Eli Manning and the New York Giants 26-21 in the first NFL game to feature two brothers starting at quarterback. Golf player Patryc Burg died in Fort Myers, Fla., at age 88.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Golfier Arnold Palmer is 78. Actor Philip Baker Hall is 76. Country singer Tommy Overstreet is 70. Actor Greg Mullavey is 68. Jazz vibraphonist Roy Ayers is 67. Singer Danny Hutton (Three Dog Night) is 65. Singer Jose Feliciano is 62. Actor Tom Ligon is 62. Actress Judy Geeson is 59. Rock musician Joe Perry (Aerosmith) is 57. Actress Avery Irving is 54. Country singer Rosie Flores is 51. Actress Kate Burron is 50. Movie director Chris Columbus is 49. Actor Colin

Firth is 47. Rock singer musician David Lowery (Cracker) is 47. Rock musician Robin Goodridge (Bush) is 41. Rock singer-musician Miles Zuniga (Furthur) is 41. Rapper Big Daddy Kane is 39. Movie director Guy Ritchie is 39. Actor Ryan Phillippe is 33.



THOUGHT

"If there is no knowledge, there is no understanding; if there is no understanding, there is no knowledge."

— The Talmud

Police: McDonald's employee jailed after serving burger that made cop sick

UNION CITY, Ga. — A McDonald's employee spent a night in jail and a federal criminal charge because a police officer's burger was so salty that he says it made him sick.

Kendra Bull was arrested Friday, charged with misdemeanor reckless conduct and freed on \$1,000 bail.

Bull, 20, said she accidentally spilled salt on hamburger meat and told her supervisor and co-worker, who tried to thump the salt off.

On her break, she ate a burger made with the salty meat. "It didn't make me sick," Bull told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

But then Police Officer Wendell Adams got a burger made with the oversalted meat, and he returned a short time later and told the manager it made him sick.

Bull admitted spilling salt on the meat, and Adams took her outside and questioned her, she said.

"It was too salty, why did (Adams) not take one bite and

throw it away?" said Bull, who has worked at the restaurant for five months.

She said she didn't know a police officer got one of the salty burgers because she couldn't see the drive-through window from her work area.

Police said samples of the burgers were sent to the state crime lab for tests.

City public information officer George Louth said Bull was charged because she served the burger "without regard to the well-being of anyone who might consume it."

"HEY, MOM... WHAT DOES A LIZARD EAT?"

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TO DO FOR YOU

Fitness program for senior citizens

The College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit program will begin this week at all of its locations. The program is a guided walking workout with stretching, and gentle resistance training for senior citizens.

Classes will begin at 9 a.m. today at the CSI gym in Twin Falls, the Jerome Recreation Center, Filer Elementary School, the old Shoshone High School gym, Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind gym in Gooding. Blaine County CSI campus gym in Halley and the Rupert LDS Church gym.

Classes will start at 10:30 a.m. today at the Buhl LDS Church on Main Street and at 11:30 a.m. today at the CSI Mini-Cassia Center gym in Burley.

In Hagerman, the class is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Hagerman High School gym. Over 60 and Getting Fit is sponsored by CSI; the Idaho Office on Aging; the Filer, Buhl, Burley, Hagerman and Shoshone schools; NDB; and the Blaine, Jerome and Rupert recreation districts.

Classes are free for anyone 60 or older. Students will earn one college credit for each semester they complete. Register or for information, call

732-6475 or 732-6188.

About childbirth

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer the second class of the prepared childbirth series from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

Topics will include the birth process and breathing techniques. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person.

The suggested fee is \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. This week's topic is infant massage.

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. Call 324-7262.

About Alzheimer's

Resetta Estridge will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the center, 1177 Eadsburg Court in Twin Falls.

The group is for Twin Falls

County residents who have family members with Alzheimers. Call Lisa Junod at 734-9422.

Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Preregistration is required; call 732-3148.

Parenting class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer a "Love and Logic" parenting class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 17 through Oct. 29, at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

The class is free. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. Use the north entrance.

Timara Stricker, regional coordinator for Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors,

will discuss Medicare and diabetes with the topic, "How to Pay for Diabetes Care."

The meeting is free and open to the public. Call Siste Beem at 737-5946.

Stroke prevention

Life Line Screening will offer ultrasound tests in Kimberly, Gooding and Filer to help people identify their risk of stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis.

Appointments will begin at 11 a.m. Sept. 18 at Church of the Nazarene, 3550 E. 3750 N. in Kimberly; 9 a.m. Sept. 19 at Poponis Club, 413 Main in Gooding; and 9 a.m. Sept. 20 at Church of the Nazarene, 315 Yakima St. in Filer.

Cost is \$120 for a wellness package including the carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, ankle brachial index and osteoporosis screenings. All four screenings take less than an hour to complete.

Pre-registration is required. To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-223-1287.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. E-mail notices to raimon@magicvalley.com.

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Microchip implants linked to cancer in studies

The Associated Press

When the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved implanting microchips in humans, the manufacturer said it would save lives, letting doctors scan the tiny transponders to access patients' medical records almost instantly. The FDA found "reasonable assurance" the device was safe, and a sub-agency even called it one of 2005's top "innovative technologies."

But neither the company nor the regulators publicly mentioned this: A series of veterinary and toxicology studies dating to the late 1990s, stated that chip implants had induced malignant tumors in some lab mice and rats.

"The transponders were the cause of the tumors," said Keith Johnson, a retired toxicologic pathologist, explaining the findings of a 1996 study.

Leading cancer specialists reviewed the research for The Associated Press and, while cautioning that animal test results do not necessarily apply to humans, said the findings troubled them. Some said they would not allow family members to receive implants, and all urged further research before any glass-encased transponders were widely implanted in people.

To date, about 2,600 radio frequency identification, or RFID, chips have been implanted in humans worldwide, according to VeriChip Corp. The company, which

sees a target market of 45 million Americans for its medical monitoring chips, insists the devices are safe.

"We stand by our implantable products which have been approved by the FDA and/or other U.S. regulatory authorities," said Scott Silverman, chairman and chief executive officer of the Delray Beach, Fla. company. Management was "not aware of any studies that have resulted in malignant tumors" in laboratory animals, but he added that millions of pets have been implanted with microchips, without reports of significant problems.

The FDA also stands by its approval of the technology, but declined repeated AP requests to specify what studies it reviewed before approving the implants.

The agency is overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services, which, at the time of VeriChip's approval, was headed by Tommy Thompson. Two weeks after the device's approval took effect on Jan. 10, 2005, Thompson left his Cabinet post, and by July was a board member of VeriChip Corp. and its parent company, Applied Digital Solutions. He was compensated in cash and stock options.

Thompson, until recently a candidate for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination, says he had no personal relationship with the company as the VeriChip was being evaluated, and played no role in FDA's approval. Also making no mention of

the findings on animal tumors was a June report by the ethics committee of the American Medical Association, which urged a ban on use of implantable RFID devices.

Read committee members, reviewed, or even been aware of, the literature on cancer in chipped animals?

No, said Dr. Steven Stack, an AMA board member.

Published in veterinary and toxicology journals between 1996 and 2006, the studies found that lab mice and rats infected with microchips sometimes developed subcutaneous "sarcomas" — malignant tumors, most of them encasing the implants.

A 1998 study in Bridgefield, Conn., of 177 mice reported cancer incidence to be slightly higher than 10 percent a year — the researchers described as "surprising."

A 2006 study in France detected tumors in 4.1 percent of 1,260 microchipped mice. This was one of six studies in which the scientists did not set out to find microchip-induced cancer but noticed the growths incidentally. They were testing compounds on behalf of chemical and pharmaceutical companies; but they ruled out the compounds as the tumors' cause.

In 1997, a study in Germany found cancer in 1 percent of 4,279 chipped mice. The tumors "are clearly due to the implanted microchips," the authors wrote.

Comments accompanied the findings. "Blind lapses from the

detection of tumors to the prediction of human health risk should be avoided," one study cautioned. Also, because none of the studies had a control group of animals that did not get chips, the normal rate of tumors cannot be determined and compared to the rate with chips implanted.

Dr. George Demetri, director of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Before humans are implanted on a large scale, he said, testing should be done on larger animals, such as dogs or monkeys. Sarcomas are life-threatening, he said, "and given the preliminary animal data, it looks to me that there's definitely cause for concern."

Dr. George Demetri, director of the Center for Sarcoma and Bone Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, said even though the tumor incidences were "reasonably small," the research underscored "certainly real risks" in RFID implants.

In humans, sarcomas, which strike connective tissues, can range from the highly curable to "tumors that are incredibly aggressive and can kill people in three to six months," he said.

Skinny

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Hollywood is giving ample evidence that the reverse is true as well.

It makes sense: Social norms affect a person's weight. When a woman's most successful peers have protruding bones, she's going to feel pressure to head in that direction as well.

One person who has noticed that Hollywood women are skinnier than ever is casting director Joseph Middleton, who has cast an array of well-oriented films, including "American Pie," "Go" and the upcoming "Jumper."

"The girls that are considered the ingrates of the day are getting thinner," Middleton says. "You can tell, because the first year you (audition) them, they come from Chicago, Ohio and Georgia, and they're really pretty girls who are healthy."

"A year later, you read them and they look like slimmer Hollywood versions. I can tell you how many times producers and directors have said, 'Well, she's a little heavy for camera.' I don't think they're saying, 'We want these girls to be unhealthy,' but they sure like that thinner version."

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