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## Pena pleads guilty to reduced charges

Two misdemeanors, one felony against disbarred attorney mean prison unlikely

By Cass Friedman  
 Times-News writer  
 Disbarred Rupert attorney Raymond Pena will plead guilty to two misdemeanors in a Minidoka County case involving the exchange of legal services for

sex. The Minidoka County plea bargain follows a separate guilty plea Monday to one felony charge in a separate case in Jerome County.  
 The pleas mark a dramatic reduction in charges negotiated between prosecutors of both

counties and Pena's legal team. "He's pleading to two misdemeanors that have nothing to do with any allegations of sexual impropriety or misconduct," Pena's attorney, Keith Bork, said of the Minidoka charges. "That is quite a different proposition

altogether than what he was charged with initially. What the public may or may not think we don't have much control over."  
 Five women complained to authorities about Pena.

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Pena

## Concealed complaints

Members of public barred from viewing day care complaints

By Kate Poplino  
 Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Moms, dads and guardians weighing where to drop their kids may want to give some centers a closer look.

But state government just made that task more difficult. Citizen complaints about day cares, some hospitals and other institutions licensed by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare are currently hidden from public record, due to a March court ruling involving a department investigation into Intermountain Hospital in Boise.

The new policy came to light recently with events surrounding a Jerome day care center.

Recent callers to the Times-News claimed that staff at Tiger Cubs Learning Center in Jerome had left children behind at least twice during field trips this summer. Tuesday, the facility's owner Lisa Blight said the claims had

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# A community rescue



Emergency personnel respond to BASE jumper Andrew Karnowski, 20, whose chute was hooked to the Perrine Bridge Monday evening in Twin Falls. Responding officers, shown below, included the Idaho State Police and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, including the county's search and rescue unit.

## Monday's BASE jump accident was first of its kind

By Cass Friedman  
 and Jared S. Hopkins  
 Times-News writers

Last weekend, BASE jumpers from across the country and outside the U.S. visited Twin Falls for the adrenaline rush at the third annual Perrine Bridge Festival. Over three days, from sunrise to sunset, dozens of people made hundreds of jumps from the bridge, and not one suffered as much as a scratch.  
 Then, one day later, history was made.  
 In what local officials have called unprecedented, the local rescue teams were dispatched Monday to recover a

BASE jumper hanging for two hours from the Perrine Bridge on Monday. And because the unit is made up of volunteers, officials said the cost to taxpayers was next to nothing.

At about 7 p.m. Monday, Andrew J. Karnowski, 20, and Kurt Gregory climbed over the railing, Gregory said he rushed Karnowski on their jump because he wanted to go shopping afterward. So Karnowski, who was attempting a jump with his chute unpeaked, gave the countdown despite northeastern gusts Monday blowing up to 22 mph, according to the National Weather Service.



"When Gregory landed on the south bank of the Snake River his friend was no longer beside him.  
 Karnowski's chute caught the wrong wind at the wrong

time," Gregory surmised. The chute snagged on a beam under the bridge, swinging Karnowski into its cold metal face 150 feet below the bridge. Although he wore a

helmet, the collision resulted in a broken arm, ankle and multiple lacerations on his body.

"There was nothing I could do," Gregory said. "He was stuck. I had no idea how much the canopy was hung up on the catwalk cables. I figured it was secure, but how did I know?"

"I just knew time was of the essence for someone to get to him."

Calls were made to 911 by several witnesses. Two and a half hours passed with Karnowski dangling from the bridge before Twin Falls County Search and Rescue

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## Bush backs pullout plan

By Michael Abramowitz and Jonathan Welton  
 The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — Plans by President Bush to announce a withdrawal of up to 30,000 U.S. troops from Iraq by next summer drew sharp criticism Tuesday from Democratic leaders and a handful of Republicans in Congress, who vowed to try again to

force Bush to accept a more dramatic change of policy.

A second day of testimony by Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq, and Ambassador Ryan Crocker yielded some of the most biting GOP objections since the president announced his troop buildup in January, with several Republicans saying that Petraeus' proposal to draw down troops through

General says U.S. has done 'poor job' fighting extremism.  
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the middle of next summer would result in force levels equivalent to where they stood before the increase.  
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Gen. David Petraeus, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker, sits in front of the United States Capitol during a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday. Includes temperature forecasts (High 86, Low 52) and weather conditions (Very warm and sunny, Clear overnight skies).

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Today: Keeping it sunny, warm and dry. Highs in the low 80s. Tonight: Clear overnight skies with mild temperatures. Lows in the middle 40s. Tomorrow: Another warm and sunny day. Highs in the low 90s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Lazy J Mobile Park Pizza party, for residents of the park, 5 p.m., Lazy J Mobile Park clubhouse, Twin Falls, bring salad or dessert, 944-0593.

EDUCATION

Let's Talk About It! series, discussion of book "Chocolat" by Joanne Harris, 7 p.m., Program Room, Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, open to the public (books available to borrow), 733-2964, ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.

EXHIBITS

"Mikxad Media Work" by Lori Rieth in the Galeria Pequena and new works by member artists, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Twin Falls Gallery, Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787.

"The Killmaster Collection, A 60-year Perspective," 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, 732-6655.

"Fishy Reflections," by local artist Jason Hicks, noon to 5 p.m., the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, no cost, 543-5417.

GOVERNMENT

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

DeMary 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., 733-2964.

Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main, 654-2124.

Heber City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 180th St., 679-8158.

Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth, 432-0682.

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.

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) and Blaine County Campus gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CSI, Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost for students over 60 years old, 732-6475.

"Coping with Widowhood," an eight-week series providing information and support for widowed men and women, sponsored by Widowed Wellness Programs of Idaho, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Katz Conference Room, South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., 736-2122. (Drops-in welcome.)

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

"Legacies of Love" Rosetta Assisted Living open house, learn how to select an assisted living facility, tour the building and learn about monthly Alzheimer/Dementia support group, 6 to 8 p.m., at the center, 1919 Hilland Ave., Burley; refreshments provided; 677-5452 or www.ncal.org.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Sky Quest," 2 p.m. (with live sky tour to follow), Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Young professionals in Magic Valley try to build relationships'

MAGGIE FORD: "I was born in Twin Falls, I love it here... however, there is not much to do when you are single. As far as socializing with peers there are very few places to choose from. This city would benefit greatly by instituting some arts programs that appeal to adults and to children. Right now, the only activities that we have here either cost lots of money, include a church relationship, or are of the late-late-bo bo variety. I agree with Ariel, it was interesting to see an outsider's perspective and have it come out the same as mine."

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Local restaurants try to popularize sushi

In Japan, you're never too far from the ocean. So fish is a natural thing to eat, and because it's fresh, it can be eaten raw without fear. In south-central Idaho, the nearest ocean is 500 miles away, and raw fish is a bit scarier. Modern methods of transportation, however, mean you can walk into one of Twin Falls' two sushi restaurants and get fish nearly as fresh as in any coastal city.

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Jerome house fire kills elderly man

JEROME — Firefighters are investigating a fire at a home a couple of blocks south of downtown Tuesday evening in Jerome that killed Cliff Sheppard, an elderly widower. At about 6 p.m., Jerome City firefighters and Jerome rural firefighters dispatched to E. 219 Avenue F, closed off traffic on the 200 block around the home. Residents watched from their homes as crews battled the blaze. By 8 p.m., crews were still dismantling the structure was sound, said Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler.

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Crews make unusual rescue of BASE jumper

In what local officials have called unprecedented local rescue teams were dispatched Monday to rescue a BASE jumper who was left hanging for two hours from the Perrine Bridge on Monday when his parachute got caught in the girders. And because the unit was made up of volunteers, officials said, the cost to taxpayers was almost nothing.

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Pena case headed toward plea bargains

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New record set for Twin Falls County Fair

The Castle Rock Fire near Ketchum may be responsible for an attendance record set at this year's Twin Falls County Fair. The fire caused the cancellation of the Labor Days Festival, kept Labor Day campers out of Sawtooth National Forest and may have pushed thousands of entertainment-seekers to the fair, said John Pitz, fair manager.

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OBITUARIES

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FOUR-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Sept. 15 — Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizens Center Pinnock, 7 p.m., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, \$1 per player, cash prizes for highest scores; coffee provided, bring own tea. Sept. 16 — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., 54, 734-5084.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Sept. 14 — Jerome Senior Center Barbecue in the Park, with hamburgers, salads, fruit and refreshments; music by the Gem State Fiddlers, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., behind the center, 212 First Ave. E., \$3.50, proceeds to home-delivered meal program, 324-5642. Sept. 14 — Habitat for Humanity Fest and Feast, 6:30 p.m., Canyon Springs Golf Club, pasta dinner and auction, live music by "Strings Attached," proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley, 731-1334. Sept. 14, 15 — Little Flower Catholic Church annual game — Indoor Flea Market including chili, cinnamon rolls, potato bar, nachos, punch and coffee, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the church, corner of 16th Street and Oakley Avenue, Burley, public invited, 678-7336. Sept. 14, 15 — Runmudge Sale, with a variety of great items, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (4 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (15), United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. (across from City Park), Twin Falls, profits to benefit missions, 733-1711. Sept. 14, 15 — Hagerman United Methodist Church Indoor yard and baked goods sale, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fourth and Salmon St., Hagerman, 837-4780.

Sept. 15 — "Tips for Danielle," hosted by families and friends of Danielle Arnold and Cathy Schulz; friends and family will wait tables, receiving monetary tips for upcoming kidney transplant and recovery; 7 o'clock, Riley Creek Restaurant, 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, donations (also includes a raffle for prizes), (208) 961-1626 or 733-7770 for restaurant reservations. Sept. 15 — Scramble for Books golf tournament fundraiser, hosted by the Scramble for Books Set for the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation, shotgun starts: 8:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, 736-5400, for registration and sponsorship information.

Sept. 15 — Merchant's market, includes yard sale, jams, jellies, fresh produce, antiques and crafts, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wendell City Park, Save Our Sign fundraiser, 536-1559 or 536-6111.

Sept. 15 — Struck! Ranch Fish Fry and annual membership drive, featuring rainbow trout, baked potatoes and corn on cob, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m., Rock Creek Station and Stricker Home Site, 3715 E. 5200 N., Hansen, \$12 per person; memberships: business \$75, family \$25, individual \$15, senior citizen or student \$10 and lifetime \$100, (208) 731-3895. Sept. 15 — The Magic Valley Arts Council Wild West Roundup and Barbecue, to benefit construction and endowment fund of the Twin Falls Center for the Arts, includes Perrine Steageach rides, music, souvenir photographs, Dutch oven, barbecue dinner and dessert, pie auction, a performance by Erie Sites and the Cadillac Cowboys and line dancing lessons, 6 to 10 p.m., Twin Falls Centennial Waterfront Park, \$75 includes dinner, souvenir photo, entertainment and steageach rides, 734-2787.

Sept. 15 — Habitat for Humanity Rim to Rim race, registration 8 to 9:45 a.m., race starts at 10 a.m., register online at www.rimtorim.org or call for registration form locations, trout luncheon to follow awards ceremony, proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley, 731-1334.

Sept. 15 — Gooding Chamber of Commerce Let Annual Duck Race, ducks will be dropped into river at noon, ducks crossing finish line first will win prizes, tickets \$2 each or three for \$5, purchase at Salfert Jewelry and Western Cellular in Gooding or from any board member, proceeds benefit Gooding Chamber.

CHURCH EVENT

Sept. 16 — Round-up Day under the Big Top, with barbecue brisket picnic dinner, noon and activities for all ages; games, music by Sister Sue and the Sagobush Boys, chili cook-off, pie-eating contest and talent contest, Eastside Baptist Church, 204 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, no cost, (AM last name, bring salads; NZ bring desserts), public welcome, 734-7041.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Sept. 13 — FFA community Appreciation Picnic, 6 p.m., Jeans Park, Castletford, wiseman@castletfordschools.org. Sept. 13 — The Jerome Historical Society meeting, with guest speaker Executive Director of Southern Idaho Tourism Debbie Dane on the Horseshoe Project, 7 p.m., Jerome City Library, open to public, refreshments served, 324-4165. Sept. 13 — Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Mary Lee Pfleger, 290 Flier Ave. W., Twin Falls, 734-0417. Sept. 14 — South Central Idaho meeting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Best Western Sawtooth, Jerome, \$20 for materials and lunch, ken.jenkins@earthlink.net to register. Sept. 15 — The Sawtooth Mountain Mamas catered Show-and-tell luncheon, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, off Highway 75, 6 miles from Stanley, (208) 774-2165 for reservations. Sept. 16 — Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot, 9 a.m., 11 miles north of junction of I-84 and Hwy. 93, mile marker 64, Jerome, cost is \$20 for members, \$23 for non-members, 733-6045.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Sept. 14 — Military Support Group meeting and pizza, 6:30 p.m., Wendell City Hall (two blocks east of the light), bring a salad or dessert to share, 536-6199 or 536-6111.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Sept. 14, 15 — The Sawtooth Mountain Mamas 23rd Annual Quilt Festival, with quilt show, workshops with guest instructor Helene Knott, vendors, quilt block contest and drawing for an "opportunity quilt," 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (14) and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (15), Sunday 75, 6 miles from Stanley, \$3 admission (no cost for children under age 12 or workshop participants), (208) 774-2165.

Sept. 15 — Wendell Country Music Festival, free country music by Milestone Band, Rick and Mary Kuhn Band, and Mixed Emotion Band, sponsored by the Wendell Chamber of Commerce, Gooding County Memorial Hospital and Idaho Power, 10 to 9 p.m., Wendell City Park, \$3 and hotdogs; soft drinks, hamburger, \$3 and hotdogs, 934-4433. Sept. 15 — "The Day of the Drum," presented by the Center for Creative Healing, with drum-making workshop for children, adults and families, 2 to 4 p.m., \$40 (includes materials); "Using the Drum for Personal Healing," with speaker Adelaine Berni, 3 to 5 p.m., \$25; dinner from 5 to 6 p.m., and Drumming Circle, 6 to 7 p.m., no cost, Miracle Hot Springs, Large Dome, Highway 30, Hagerman, 423-5013.

HEALTH

Sept. 15 — Mini-Cassia Service Providers Resource Roundup, learn about Mini-Cassia resources and services for disabilities, low income, children and family, public safety, health, counseling, therapy and mental health; Kidz Korral provided by Sage Council Girl Scouts, 8 a.m. to noon, Rupert Christian Church, 1140 Eighth St. (across from Mindokoa Memorial Hospital), Rupert, 678-9165 or 433-9811.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Sept. 15 — Magic Valley Model Railroaders group, public is invited to bring and run their trains, (parental supervision for those under 18), noon to 4 p.m., Model Rail Road building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flier, 404-2211.

COMING TOMORROW

INSIDE THE NEWS section with a large 'INSIDE' graphic and a list of news items: Big & Rich in Jackpot, Cowboy for a cause, Nashville in Wendell, Buhl-Trustfoot, The return of Genesis.

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# Care

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merit, but were not what they seemed, and that the center had received no formal complaints she was aware of.

"My opinion on it is it's my partner being vindictive," said Blight, referring to a former partner of her two-year-old business.

Both incidents involved siblings, who in separate events were each dropped off at the trip location — a pool and a library — without center staff knowing about it. Both times, Blight said, staff picked the child up right away and the mother was informed of the incident.

Jerome has separate day care regulations addressing facilities with less than six children, which are not covered by state regulations, city staff said. But Blight's center is licensed through the state, meaning there's no way to determine — beyond her

word — how many complaints the center has generated. Outside-parties have no way to independently determine a center's history unless their complaints advanced far enough to provoke a criminal investigation by local police, Shanahan said. The only exception is parents of current children enrolled in a center, who can receive all records on their specific children.

According to Jerome city police, no investigations have been made into the Tiger Cubs Learning Center.

The March court decision focused on whether records of the investigation — into reports of riots in the psychiatric facility's teen unit — were public record, Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said Tuesday. The department had planned to give copies of the records to media outlets in Boise.

"We were perhaps a little surprised at the ruling,"

Shanahan said. "It's important, if you're looking for day care, to have as much information as you can."

The department is preparing to request a rule change in the next legislative session, Shanahan said.

Meanwhile, the ruling makes it all but impossible for prospective parents and others seeking information on day care complaints to find answers — including the news media.

Blight and her husband, Russ, said they'd be in favor of the Legislature opening records up more, at least for complaints that prove to have merit. But day care centers tend to attract complaints, they said, and those without any proof to back them up could scare people away.

"It is a substantiated complaint, if a person can actually have proof. I think it should be released," Russ Blight said.

# Pena

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In February 2006 he was charged with battering his services for sexual favors three times and attempting to do it one other time. Minidoka County Prosecutor Nicole Cannon, who inherited the case when she took office, will accept Pena's guilty plea to one count of misdemeanor battery and one count of misdemeanor malicious damage to property.

In addition, Jerome County Prosecuting Attorney Mike Seib Monday accepted Pena's guilty plea to a single count of felony aggravated assault. On March 28, Pena was charged in Jerome County with assaulting his brother with a .357-caliber handgun and ordering Pena's 11-year-old daughter from his brother's car into his Dodge Stratus.

Cannon, a Minidoka County's Prosecutor, said she reviewed the case against Pena more than a year after it was filed and determined that

it had serious weaknesses.

"I couldn't find one of the victims," Cannon said. "I was worried about getting her subpoenaed. And the older a case gets, it becomes more difficult because people's memories are not that fresh. The case was hard to prove because it was one person's word against another's."

Without physical evidence, most of the state's case would have relied heavily on witnesses who have felony records or face pending felony charges testifying against a lawyer who had no prior criminal convictions.

Pena's attorney said the case hinged on "outrageous accusations that have been made by these women that certainly are no shining example of good citizenship."

and pleading to a lesser charge allows Pena the opportunity to avoid further embarrassment.

But the Jerome County agreement comes off quite differently, Seib, Jerome County's prosecutor, said that reducing the charges — originally two counts of felony aggravated assault — is standard for his office, particularly in light of Pena's immaculate prior record.

"It's just a good way to guarantee a conviction," Seib said. "I can't speak at all for Minidoka County. I don't know what their case's strengths were."

Seib agreed to recommend probation at sentencing. Baurk said it is also unlikely that Pena will spend time in jail on the Minidoka charges.

# Rescue

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volunteers and Lower Magie Valley Paramedic Squad Team members safely lowered him to a boat in the Snake River.

Karnowski recalls none of it.

"Andrew can't even remember the jump," said Gregory, who was with Karnowski at the hospital Tuesday. "He knows who he is. He can't remember hanging in the air for two hours. Maybe it's just trauma and shock. He

hit his head. Maybe that's why he can't remember anything."

Rescue efforts were completed just after 9 p.m. Karnowski was then life flighted to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

About 20 people from the county sheriff's office and a hospital emergency team were on site, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department spokesman Binney Howell.

Howell, a county employee

for nearly a decade, said she could not recall a previous time when the unit was dispatched to retrieve a jumper in the middle of a jump. Normally, responders attend to injured or killed jumpers on the ground or in the water.

"It was hung up on the bridge," said Howell. "Usually we don't have them where they're hung up anywhere."

There was no cost to having search and rescue unit dispatched because they are

volunteers. She said the only cost attested to taxpayers is "some overtime" since the county deputies on site were already on duty.

Karnowski, a Twin Falls resident who recently moved from Kansas, will not be charged with anything. Nor will he pay for any overtime. Medical staff at the hospital told him Tuesday they may release him by this morning. He is able to move about with the help of a walker.

# Iraq

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began, about 130,000 troops.

After meeting with Bush Tuesday at the White House, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., expressed similar dismay with the Petraeus plan. The general has refused to commit to further reductions until he can assess conditions on the ground next March.

Pelosi said she told Bush that "he was essentially endorsing a 10-year" extended commitment." Reid said the president wants no change in mission — this is more of the same."

to bring the war to a faster close but lack the votes to overcome a presidential veto.

However, the new criticism from some unexpected quarters in the GOP had leaders in both chambers casting about for new formulas that might attract bipartisan support.

Such legislation might include calls to shift the mission in Iraq and beginning troop withdrawals — but

without the hard and fast timelines that have previously invited Bush veto threats.

Even Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., a mainstream conservative who has never publicly strayed from the administration's position on Iraq, made it clear that she would now support "what some have called action-forcing measures."

"The difficulty of the current American and Iraq situa-

tion is rooted in large part in the Bush administration's substantial failure to understand the full implications of our military invasion and the litany of mistakes made at the outset of the war," Dole said.

In a second day of testimony on Capitol Hill, Petraeus and Crocker reprised the generally optimistic points they made to two House committees on Monday.

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White House aides said they are working on a 20-minute prime-time speech that Bush will give Thursday night, in which he will endorse the main elements of the strategy outlined by Petraeus and Crocker on Capitol Hill this week.

They said the president plans to emphasize that he is in a position to order troop cuts only because of the success achieved on the ground in Iraq, and that he is not being swayed by political opposition. Aides said that he plans to outline once again what he sees as the dire consequences of failure in Iraq and that he will make the troop cuts conditional on continued military gains.

Bush did not name congressional leaders Tuesday exactly what he plans to announce Thursday night but left the clear impression that "he was going to follow Petraeus' advice," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

Although some Republicans, such as Rep. James Walsh of New York, came out Tuesday against Bush's policy, administration officials and outside lobbyists said they detected little change in the basic politics of Iraq in Congress, where a majority of lawmakers want

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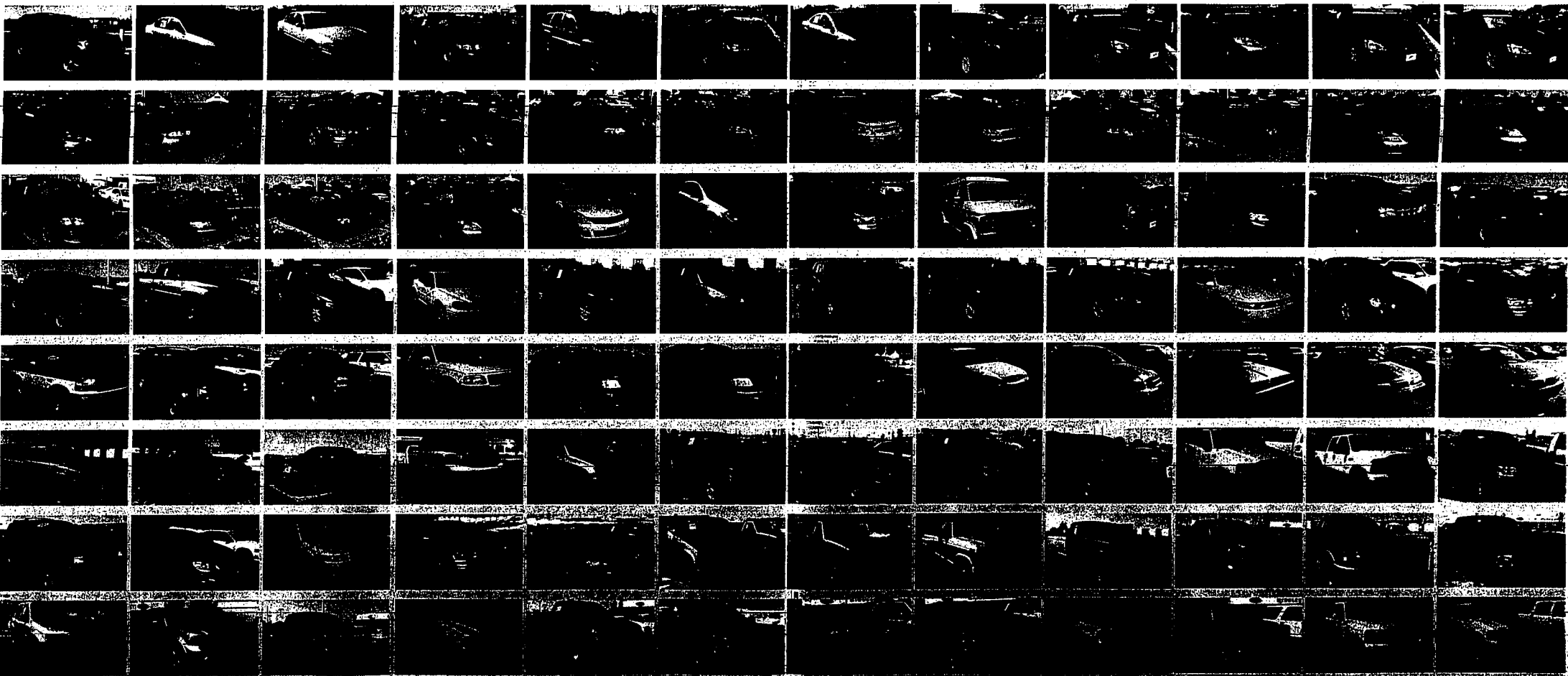


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EDITORIAL

# All signs point toward the need for fewer signs

There are raucous outdoor bazaars in the Third World that can't hold a candle to Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

It's a visual riot of competing come-ons and oneupmanship, with new signs trumping old signs and banners hanging over everything else. North Blue is signage on steroids, and it's past time that the city of Twin Falls restored some order.

Twin Falls already has a fairly specific city sign ordinance, but it hasn't been updated since 1985 and no one at City Hall is quite sure who's supposed to enforce it. So the signs keep going up.

In their totality, they make the city's northern corridor look trashy. And there are so many of them that most have lost whatever marketing power they might once have had.

Worse, the retailers themselves don't seem to know the rules.

Nobody on the City Council wants to take a business owner along Blue Lakes that his latest sign is one sign too many, so the signs keep proliferating — to the detriment, in our view, of Twin Falls' image.

And, probably, to its retail economy as well. Some folks who live outside of town no longer choose to run our gauntlet of commerce.

The city formed a committee about a year ago to address Twin Falls' sign policies, but it doesn't seem to be ready to make recommendations to the City Council.

If that's the case, it's time for the council itself to tackle the job. Whatever else Twin Falls' revised sign ordinance contains, it should include three things:

- An unmistakable definition of what constitutes a legal — and an illegal — sign.
- A ban on banners within the certain distance of the street.
- Proactive enforcement by the city, not a system based strictly on complaints.

It's not an impossible task. Boise and Meridian have fairly stringent signage ordinances — of necessity, because of the rate of commercial growth along Fairview Avenue and Eagle Road. Idaho Falls has managed to moderate the sign density on 17th Street, as has Pocatello along the North Yellowstone Highway.

For the past 22 years, the city of Twin Falls has tried, by and large, to regulate signs along North Blue by persuasion. But anyone who takes even a cursory look nowadays realizes that sterner measures are called for.

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# The good, the bad and the very ugly

On the sixth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, Americans were treated to two starkly contrasting images that speak centuries of difference between the U.S. and its enemies.

In Frame One, we see Gen. David H. Petraeus testifying before Congress on the status of the war in Iraq. In Frame Two is Osama bin Laden in a new video — resplendent in white robes, beard recently rinsed dark to conceal the gray — promising that Islam will subjugate the West.



KATHLEEN PARKER

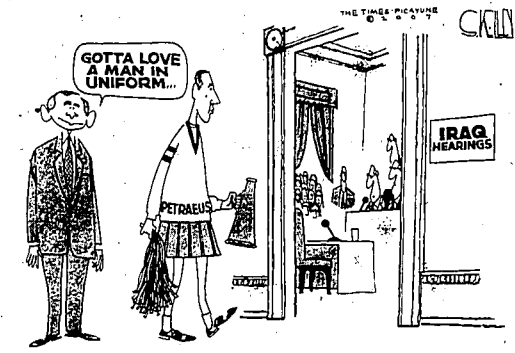
One an image of courage, integrity and honor; the other a caricature of manhood.

Then there is a third frame. It is a full-page ad in Monday's New York Times placed by MoveOn.org and attacking Petraeus' integrity: "General Petraeus' General Betray Us!" reads the caption. And then, "Cooking the Books for the White House."

The fog of war, it seems, has seeped into the left wing of the blogosphere.

One may disagree with the war — and even find informed fault with Petraeus' report — but impugning the character of the war's commanding officer while American forces are still fighting is what's known as betrayal. If Petraeus were ordering the mass murder of civilians, this would be a different matter. But just time we checked, American forces were fighting to save innocent people from getting killed.

Thus, the ad reveals more about the character of those who placed it than it does of Petraeus. It also reveals a dangerous lack of judgment.



Put it this way: If Petraeus is viewed as the bad guy, will they know evil when they see it? (I hint: It has a beard and lives in a cave.)

Because Bin Laden and Petraeus hit the same news cycle — and no, I'm not suggesting that Iraq had anything to do with 9/11 — it is convenient and instructive to compare the two men. Visually, they are opposites. One is bearded and operates in shadow. The other, clean-shaven and open-faced, operates in full daylight, exposed and open to scrutiny.

They are night and day, darkness and light. "Virtually Impotent" were the well-chosen words homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend used to describe Bin Laden, saying he's a man on the run, living in a cave.

Impotence is a strong word for a man to use around men, but it is apt here in multiple ways. Impotence gets to the heart of a deeper matter — Bin Laden's sense that he has been minimized by external forces. Freedom is his boogeyman. His need to control our destiny, the male of deep-rooted insecurities.

## The fog of war, it seems, has seeped into the left wing of the blogosphere.

It is appropriate, meanwhile, that he is a cave dweller. The cave — both Plato's allegorical house of illusion and primitive man's earliest shelter — is a proper home for a delusional man trapped in the distant past. Bin Laden and his cohorts are the embodiment of the primitive, infantile male, acting out their frustrations through cowardly barbarism.

It may take a certain kind of courage to fly an airplane into a building, but it takes no courage to murder defenseless people whose crime was getting to work on time. Yet, on the tape released Tuesday, Bin Laden praises one of the hijackers of Flight 11, saying that the dead man "recognized the truth."

"It is true that this young man was little in years, but the faith in his heart was big," says Bin Laden.

Giving the devil his due, bin Laden is crafty. He flatters young men, promising virgins in the afterlife, and convinces them to strap on bombs or fly planes into

buildings. The young men die and bin Laden gets a new outfit. Quite a trick.

In another context, bin Laden wants to subjugate the world, while Petraeus leads men and women who want to release the world from subjugation. One fights for the submission of others; the other fights for their liberation.

You don't have to be an American exceptionalist to recognize that there is a difference. One is good, the other is not.

In fairness, MoveOn's ad was aimed at the Iraq War and wasn't intended, either by omission or commission, to be a commentary on bin Laden. But the distorted judgment that prompted an attack on Petraeus as America relives the horrors of 9/11 hints at a sinister alignment with darker forces.

Bin Laden must be very pleased. He could not have done better himself.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A dose of sacrifice would help rid us of consumption

The United States' disproportionate contribution to global warming, and more recently, the global warming criticisms of China and India, have put the world's human population between a rock and a hard place. The situation will only worsen until the United States acknowledges the problem, its severity and its contribution to it.

Our contribution to the

problem is multi-faceted, requiring many separate, often interrelated, solutions. One major U.S. contribution to the problem is over-consumption, and pollution is not the only negative impact of over-consumption.

The current destabilization of our economy caused by sub-prime mortgage lending is just one pernicious result of over-consumption. Sub-prime credit cards have been vigorously promoted by lenders for 20 years, trapping many Americans in a con-

temporary form of indentured servitude. Over-consumption is not a birthright.

I have forgotten Ben Franklin's sagacious comment: "A penny saved is a penny earned." The wisdom of the ages, e.g., "waste not, want not," has been replaced by marketing propaganda and jingoistic, consumption-promoting slogans. The advertising industry has successfully created a generation of citizens who have a deluded sense of entitlement, which, alas, makes the

acceptance of global warming nearly impossible for many, for people fear the perceived deprivation that might be part of its solution.

It is imperative that each of us face our fear of deprivation with rigorous self-honesty, examine our lifestyles, separating needs from wants, to determine where we can reduce our consumption, and then do so. Our grandchildren will thank us. JIM SYLVIA

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Craig's actions lead to a point requiring his exit

Did anyone else feel it? Did you hear it? Recently fresh currents of air exploded in such volumes that they swept across Idaho. It was as if repeated micro bursts of warm air were produced by the collective sighs of relief as voters in Idaho learned that Larry Craig had announced his intent to resign. Earlier in the week, Idaho's senator had become an embarrassment to the state.

Crude jokes quickly spread from coast to coast and continued like a tsunami across the globe. Then we accidentally learn (he left a message on the wrong cell phone)

that he may reconsider and not resign as he is expecting some support from Washington friends. Perhaps he is momentarily drifting in an eddy and needs to hear from more Idaho voters. This Idaho voter feels that if he is gay, then he is a hypocrite. Perhaps he needs "now" to hire an attorney to help him fight the charges, to which he already pleaded guilty to resolve this self-esteem issue — but the professional damage has happened already.

But whether he is gay or not, there is the other issue — character. These are the characteristics I would like from a senator: 1) taking responsibility for your actions, 2) being active, not passive, as events transpire

or evolve (i.e., not sweeping them under the rug), 3) analyzing events and making timely decisions that demonstrate timely, reasoned judgments and intelligence.

Mr. Craig demonstrated none of these. Remember that this was not something that happened to a tired overworked traveler just last week — it evolved over months! This is what convinced me that we need a new senator.

Please resign, Mr. Craig. JACK TROTTER  
Twin Falls

Rush to judgment has a new victim in Craig: Crucifixion over? Fastest

since Jesus Christ? What would Jesus do? Certainly not what the American Nazi Par — err — sorry — Republican Party would do. By the way, did Bush's administrator counselor J.C. Yoo authorize the crushing of a child's testicles to get the parents to talk? Yes, but with zeal, we flush a senator down the drain for some nebulous sexual conduct. What hypocrisy.

And we said nothing when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents, snickering, had their photos taken beside the Seventh-day Adventist (Branch Davidson) Church at Waco, Texas. And, as the sky grew thick and brown,

like that at Auschwitz, with human ashes, the cries of the dying children, their mothers, fathers and others, were heard from inside — and went unheeded. Even the Davidians' prior and complete submission to the authorities would not save them. Why? Because, this is America, and they were different. Can't have that.

Just picture these American heroes laughing it up while bodies burned; but nothing is said, or done. Kindly, Janet "Meathead" Reno took responsibility; what is taking responsibility without penalty — but a light why no penalty? Don't we glory in punishment? Yes, but socie-

ty is never wrong. Sen. Craig, the lesson: Don't waver on some one you think you might know, because in finding you don't know them, you may have committed a crime. Just like Iran, the morals police are everywhere, so be sure to check under your toilet seat tonight; it's against the law to have one too many hemorrhoids.

When are we going to realize that what we have with our legal system is nothing more than a large body of armed clergymen? But hark, there's a resurrection. Boom! It's Larry Craig — as a Liberal Democrat. How fitting. MARK SCHUCKERK  
Twin Falls

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# Somber ceremony marks 9/11 anniversary

By Karla Schuster  
New York

NEW YORK — Under gray skies, in a park about a block away from the former World Trade Center site, the city observed the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in a ceremony marked by firsts and lasts. It was the first time the event has been held on a Tuesday — the same day as the 2001 attacks — and the first time it rained.

It was also first time the memorial was not held at Ground Zero, and very likely the last time relatives will be able to touch the ground where their loved ones died

now that construction of new office towers is under way.

"I never went down to the pit before — I couldn't," said Frances English of Brooklyn, whose nephew, Police Officer Paul Talry, died on Sept. 11. But she and her husband, John, a retired police officer, descended and laid flowers in a circular pool erected for the memorial Tuesday. "This was our last chance."

As in previous years, family members brought pictures of their loved ones, or wore T-shirts or buttons, with their likenesses, or their names and birthdays. Flugs from each state hung along the eastern edge of the ramp down to the pit.

The circular pool, which contained two 6-foot-square fountains meant to symbolize the two towers, quickly filled to overflowing with flowers. Some relatives wrote messages to their loved ones on the wooden sides of the pool, crossed themselves or knelt in silent prayer.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has presided over each of the anniversary events, said, "We come together again as New Yorkers and as Americans to share a loss that can't be measured."

In all, an estimated 3,500 relatives and friends attended the ceremony at Zuccotti Park, compared to 4,700 people last year, when the ceremony was held at Ground Zero and families had greater access to the pit.

The change in venue remained a sore spot with some family members Tuesday who objected to the city's position that construction at Ground Zero made it unsafe for the ceremony.

Instead, in a compromise with relatives, the city allowed family members to march down to a small area at the foot of a construction ramp as the names of the dead were read by first responders at Zuccotti Park.

"It was very different at the park," said Inelda Williams, after she marched into the pit



The 'Tribute In Light' seen from Bayonne, N.J., on Tuesday, marks the Sept. 11 Anniversary in New York.

to remember her son. "You shouldn't feel the same Glenroy Neblett, 42, who spirit. It should be right here, worked at Cantor Fitzgerald, as it always has been."

## Details emerge in West Virginia torture case

By John Raby and Tom Breen  
Associated Press writers

BIG CREEK, W.Va. — For at least a week, authorities say, a young black woman was held captive in a mobile home, forced to eat animal waste, stabbed, choked and repeatedly sexually abused — all while being peppered with a racial slur.

It wasn't until deputies acting on an anonymous tip drove to a ramshackle trailer deep in West Virginia's rural hills that she was found. Limping toward the door with her arms outstretched, she uttered, "Help."

Logan County sheriff's office said. Six people, all white, including a mother and son and a mother and daughter, have been arrested and could face federal hate crime charges in the suspected attack on 20-year-old Megan Williams, who remained hospitalized Tuesday with injuries that included four stab wounds in the leg and black and blue eyes. Her right arm was in a cast.

"I'm better," Williams told The Associated Press in a voice barely above a whisper. "I don't understand a human being doing another human being the way they did my daughter," Carmen Williams said Tuesday from the Charleston Area Medical Center. "I didn't know there were people like that out here."

The AP generally does not identify suspected victims of sexual assault, but Williams and her mother agreed to release her name.

A prosecutor said police are investigating the possibility that the victim was lured to the house and attacked by a man she had met online, but Carmen Williams insisted that wasn't the case. "This wasn't from the Internet," she said.

Authorities were still looking for two pale men who believe drove the woman to the house where she was abused, said Logan County Chief Deputy V.K. Dingess.

## Renowned parrot Alex, 31, dies

By Denise Gellene  
Los Angeles Times

Alex, the African Grey parrot who knew more than 100 words, could count to six and recognized shapes and colors, has died. The bird was 31 and appeared to have died of natural causes, said Dr. Irene Pepperberg, the scientist who trained and studied him for three decades.

Alex's feats, which Pepperberg documented in dozens of papers in scientific journals, challenged the notion that only apes and perhaps dolphins were smart enough to understand human language. Alex did not merely mimic words but showed he grasped their meaning.

"It just broke all preconceived notions about bird brains," said Pepperberg, who spent her research at Brandeis University and Harvard University in Massachusetts.

Pepperberg, who was trained as a classical biologist, bought Alex from a pet shop in 1977, when the bird was 1 year old. Using a new technique, Pepperberg taught Alex to classify objects by their physical properties and group them by color or the material they were made from.

When presented with a tray of objects, Alex could identify which were blue, metal or round.

"This animal had concepts, not just labels, and some concept of numbers," said Georg E. Streiner, an assistant professor of neurobiology who studies parrot cognition at the University of California, Irvine. Alex showed "these animals are smarter than we used



This 2006 photo released by Brandeis University shows Alex, the university's African grey parrot that could count to six, identify colors and even express frustration with repetitive scientific trials. The parrot died after 30 years of helping scientists at Brandeis better understand the avian brain.

to believe." Alex's exploits were featured on numerous science programs, including an episode of the PBS Nature series called "Look Who's Talking." In 1999, Pepperberg published her book, "The Alex Studies," which described her research.

Some scientists have questioned whether Alex was as smart as he seemed. African Grey parrots are very social, and some scientists argued Alex was guessing the correct answer from subtle cues he picked up from his trainers, although it was clear he was capable of making many mental connections.

"Alex's abilities were — or should have been — a nail in the coffin of those who maintain that there is a qual-

itative discontinuity between human and non-human animals," said David P. Barash, a professor of psychology at the University of Washington.


"The phrase 'bird brain' still sometimes used as an epithet, is in fact a compliment. I'll miss the stubborn little feathered bastard," he said.

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## Wood River defeats Bruins and Senators

By Diane Philbin  
Times-News writer

After surviving the fires and smoke in the Haley area for the last few weeks, the Wood River Wolverines came into Brian Gymnasium and turned up their own kind of heat on the Twin Falls Bruins and Gooding Senators.

Focused and ready to play after a long warm-up, Wood River first beat the Bruins, 26-24, 18-25, 16-14.

"The girls came in ready to play," said Wolverines coach Tim Richards. "This is the second year in a row that we have beat Twin Falls. Last year we beat them at home."

Wood River featured a strong serving game only making three serving errors in the three games and an equally strong defensive game.

"We tell them to play their game," said assistant coach Kelsie Ballantyne. "And to focus on their game because they have control over their game."

Senior captain Hannah Gove led the



ABOVE: Wood River junior Kaylee Baker prepares to serve during a match against Gooding at Brian Gymnasium in Twin Falls Tuesday afternoon. AT RIGHT: Twin Falls senior Liz Williams sets the ball.

Wolverines with eight kills followed by seniors Lauren Morgenthuler and captain Hannah Ward with four each. Morgenthuler also had

three blocks with Ward and Gove with two. "Wood River did a nice job," said Twin Falls coach B.J. Price. "They are one of the taller AA teams in the state. They don't really do anything fancy but they played good defense. We need to figure how to put the ball away."

Three Bruin hitters, seniors Amber Petersen and Erica Ford and freshman Cheltzie Williams were the main recipients of Bruins senior setter Liz Williams 25 assists as each posted 11 kills. Junior Sara Federico played a good defensive game with 10 digs.

Wood River (4-1, 1-0 Great Basin Conference West) finished their win over Twin Falls with a 25-19, 25-23 defeat of Gooding.

"We served well again and did have some good kills," said Ballantyne. "We were able to play more of the bench. And after having some nice assists against Twin Falls, Haleigh Hall came in and set well again."

Junior Angela Coleman had a team-high six

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## Third year not charm for Weis

By Andrew Bagnato  
Associated Press writer

No one needed to tell Charlie Weis that the third year is a big one for Notre Dame football coaches.

Knute Rockne, Lou Holtz, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine each won a national title of some sort in his third season under the Golden Dome.

Their combined records in those years: 50-2-1.

Weis' record in his third year: 0-2 with a trip to winless Michigan this weekend.

Is it fair to compare Weis to the five coaches who won Notre Dame's 11 consensus national titles?

Well, this year's media guide seemed to do just that. It features a color portrait of a smiling Weis superimposed below grainy photos of Rockne, Leahy, Devine, Parseghian and Holtz.

It's glib by association. Weis may someday belong in that company. Not yet. And each crushing loss pushes him further out of the picture.

As an alumnus of the fabled football factory, Weis understands better than most that even Fighting Irish coach is ultimately judged against his predecessors.

It's true that Weis won more games, 19, in his first two seasons than any previous Irish coach. But he also coached more games, 25, than anyone but Bob Davie and Tyrone Willingham.

At the moment, Weis is on the verge of making a different kind of history.

If Weis loses at Michigan on Saturday, he would become only the second Irish coach to open a season 0-3. Davie did it in 2001 and never recovered. He was fired at season's end with time remaining on a long-term contract extension.

One of which Weis has the stakes considerably for Weis as he prepares to lead the Irish across the border for their annual showdown with Michigan.

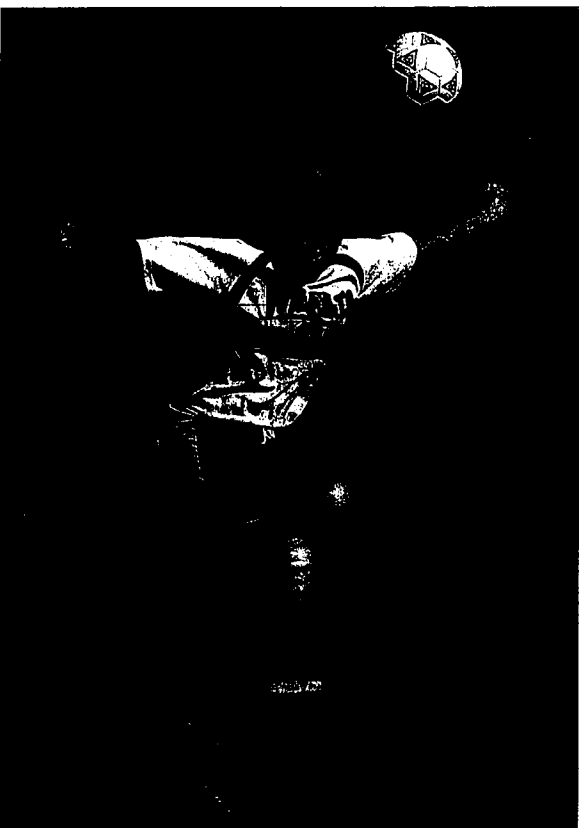
"When things aren't going too well, I think the first thing you have to do is you have to be accountable," Weis said Tuesday at his weekly campus news conference.

There's plenty of accountability on the line Saturday in Ann Arbor, but it's a good news, bad news proposition for Weis.

On the good side, the 0-2 Wolverines stunk like a week-old bar. On the bad side, a loss to Michigan would put another dent in Weis' armor. Weis, Notre Dame's first coach to start a freshman quarterback, so that all but won't hold up for the losing coach.

PHOTO BY AP/WIDEWORLD

# WILDCATS SHUT OUT BLISS



## Birthday win: Haney's day takes good turn with win over Bears

By Bradley Guire  
Times-News writer

FILER — Jill Haney's day wasn't going as well as she hoped.

The Filer senior began the morning by locking her keys in her car, and no thanks do that classes and homecoming preparations are on her mind like every other Wildcat student.

But the forward led the Filer girls soccer team to a 4-0 shutout of the Bliss Bears Tuesday, a fulfilling Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference victory to recover what could have been a bad birthday.

"It didn't start out so well, but this helps," she said.

Haney opened scoring on an indirect kick near the Bliss net late in the first half. She would also score the second goal early in the second half. Teammate Lea Williams, who assisted Haney through the game, put the Wildcats up 3-0.

"We're passing and getting it back quick," Haney explained. "It's called 'feed the monster,' Pass and sprint."

"Haney is our motor," Filer head coach Shane Hild said. "She makes things go. She and Lea and Amber (Humphrey) did a great job."

Humphrey contributed the final goal of the game.

The Wildcats forwards and midfielders controlled the ball for most of the game, keeping play in proximity of the Bliss net. The Bears would occasionally drive toward the Filer net, but the Wildcats defense was successful in digging the ball out to preserve the shutout.

"They pushed the ball up the field the whole time," Hild said. He praised the girls for keeping focus during a busy homecoming week, when most their gaze toward the week-end football game and festivities.

"I was worried," he said, "but I'm happy with the improvement."

The Wildcats, undertaking their first season as a varsity soccer program, rise to 2-3 (2-3 SCIC), while Bliss, also a first-year girls program, falls to 0-4-1 (0-4-1 SCIC).

Filer senior Kylee White attempts to work the ball up Filer against two Bliss opponents Tuesday afternoon in Filer. Filer won 4-0.

PHOTO BY AP/WIDEWORLD

## Bills' Everett moves arms and legs, could walk again

The Associated Press

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — Kevin Everett voluntarily moved his arms and legs on Tuesday, when partially awakened, prompting a neurosurgeon to say the Buffalo Bills tight end would walk again — contrary to the grim prognosis given a day before.

"Based on our experience, the fact that he's moving so well so early after such a catastrophic injury means he will walk again," said Dr. Barth Green, chairman of the department of neurological surgery at the University of Miami school of medicine.

"It's totally spectacular, totally unexpected," Green told The Associated Press by telephone from Miami.

Green said he's been consulting with doctors in Buffalo since Everett sustained a life-threatening spinal cord injury Sunday after ducking his head while tackling the Denver Broncos' Domenik Hixon during the second half of the Bills' season opener.



Everett dropped face-first to the ground after his helmet hit Hixon high on the left shoulder and side of the helmet.

"Based on whether Everett will have a chance to fully recover, Green said: 'It's feasible, but it's not 100 percent predictable at this time... But it's feasible he could lead a normal life.'"

On Monday, Bills' orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Andrew Cappuccino, said Everett likely would not walk again.

"A best-case scenario is full recovery, but not likely," said Cappuccino, who operated on the reserve tight end. "I believe there will be some permanent neurologic deficit."

Cappuccino and officials at Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital did not immediately return several messages left with them by The AP.

In a report Tuesday evening, Buffalo's WIVB-TV quoted Cappuccino as saying: "We may be witnessing a minor miracle."

Bills owner Ralph Wilson said the team has been in contact from the beginning with Green and the Miami Project, the university's neurological center that specializes in spinal cord injuries and paralysis.

Everett's agent, Brian Overstreet, also said Everett's mother told him the player moved his arms and legs when awakened from a deeply sedated sleep.

"I don't know if it would call it a miracle," I would call it a spectacular example of what people can do," Green said. "To me, it's like putting the first man on the moon or splitting the atom. We've shown that if the right treatment is given to people who have a catastrophic injury that they could walk away from it."

Green said the key was the quick action taken to run an ice-cold saline solution through Everett's system that put the player in a hypothermic state.

Buffalo Bills reserve tight end Kevin Everett is helped by trainers after an injury during the second half against the Denver Broncos at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, N.Y., Sunday.





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Detroit takes back control of WNBA finals with road win over Mercury

PHOENIX — The Detroit Shock turned an old hand to lead them to their biggest road victory of the season.

Nine-year league veteran Katie Smith scored 22 points, one shy of her career playoff high, to help the defending champions beat the cold-shooting Phoenix Mercury 88-83 Thursday night and take a 2-1 lead in the WNBA Finals.

The Shock, who regrouped from a 28-point home loss in Game 2 on Saturday, can wrap up the best-of-five series and their third WNBA title since 2003 with a victory in Game 4 Thursday night in Phoenix.

Detroit took the lead for good in the game's first four minutes: Phoenix stayed close, but could never catch the Shock.

isiah Thomas," her attorney, Anne Vladeck, said in opening arguments in federal court in Miami.

Vladeck accused Thomas, the team's president and coach, of initially abusing Browne Sanders by referring to her as a "ho" before he made "an out-face and repeatedly professed his love for her."

Pacers' Williams arrested INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers saw another player land in legal trouble on Tuesday with the arrest of forward Shawne Williams on marijuana possession and other charges.

Pacers president Larry Bird quickly declared that the team was "extremely disappointed" by Williams' arrest — the third time in less than a year that players have made the police blotter for their off-court actions.

Sports Shorts

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is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Registration forms are also available at Restore, Curves, Moravia's, Gold's Gym, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Jerome Recreation District, Elevation Sports, Active Body and Soul or I/SU-Twin Falls. The Feast and Fest dinner and auction will be at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14 at Canyon Springs Golf Course. Proceeds benefit the Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley.

Canyon Classic best-ball nears TWIN FALLS — Canyon Springs Golf Course and Jerome Country Club will host the Canyon Classic Two-Person-Best Ball on Sept. 15-16. The first day will be played at Canyon Springs and the second day at Jerome Country Club. The cost is \$120 per team and there are discounts for men, women and couples. Idaho Golf Association and USGA handicaps required. Contact either course to sign up.

Kimberly teams hold golf tourney KIMBERLY — The Kimberly High School baseball and softball teams will hold their

annual golf tournament at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 29 at Golf Ranch 93 in Jerome. The cost is \$50 per person or \$200 per team of four and includes green cart and lunch. Call Darin Gonzales at 423-5915 in the evenings for more information or to sign up.

Golf swing clinic offered by CSI GOODING — The CSI North Side Center will hold a golf swing clinic taught by PGA professional Troy Vitok. The class will teach proper techniques of the full golf swing for Irons and woods. The clinic will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14 at Gooding Golf Course. The cost is \$20. Class size is limited and players should bring their own clubs.

To register, or for more information, call the North Side Center at 894-8678 or stop by the office at 202 14th Ave. East in Gooding.

Idaho Golf Scramble planned BUHL — The Pacific Northwest Grain and Feed Association will hold its Idaho Golf Scramble and Trout Fry Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 20 at Clear Lake Country Club. The cost for members and \$105 for nonmembers. \$39 includes green fees, cart, rental, dinner and prizes. The tournament begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registration is at noon. Call (503) 227-0234 to register.

NBA

Trial starts against Knicks coach NEW YORK — The former Knicks executive who filed a \$10 million sexual harassment lawsuit against Pat Thomas was a rising star before the NBA, great publicity advances, her lawyer told a jury Tuesday.

But defense attorney Kathleen Bogas described Anucha Browns Sanders as a liar who made up charges against Thomas to mask her harassment.

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# B4 MONEY

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## MONEY BRIEFS

### Downtown market analysis to be unveiled

The City of Twin Falls Urban Renewal Board and City Council will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in Twin Falls.

The Leland Consulting Group, a private group that stepped revitalization issues such as downtown Boise and the Pearl District in Portland, will present draft findings on a market analysis and strategy for the downtown area. The city has been working with the Leland group to create a strategy to revitalize downtown Twin Falls.

### Meeting will assess regional workforce

The Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization (SIEDO) will conduct an all-day Workforce Development Summit for area businesses today.

More than 100 business people and employers will learn about current and future workforce needs; address issues affecting employers and employees; and gain valuable insight on how to build and maintain a qualified workforce.

The Strategic Growth Institute will present the results of a regional assessment at the meeting. The study looks at the economic development strengths and weaknesses of the southern Idaho region.

The meeting will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Herrett Center Rick Allen room at the College of Southern Idaho.

### Urban Renewal Agency seeking board member

The City of Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency is seeking persons interested in fulfilling an immediate term on the Urban Renewal Agency Board. This term will expire on June 30, 2008. The new member may be reappointed for an extra two 3-year terms.

The URA board typically meets once a month and focuses on economic development and downtown redevelopment projects for the City of Twin Falls.

Residents of Twin Falls who would like to be considered for the vacancy, can send a letter of interest and a brief resumé to Melinda Anderson, URA executive director, City of Twin Falls, P.O. Box 1307, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Applicants may also respond by email to Manderson@tffd.org.

### Free sessions target customer service

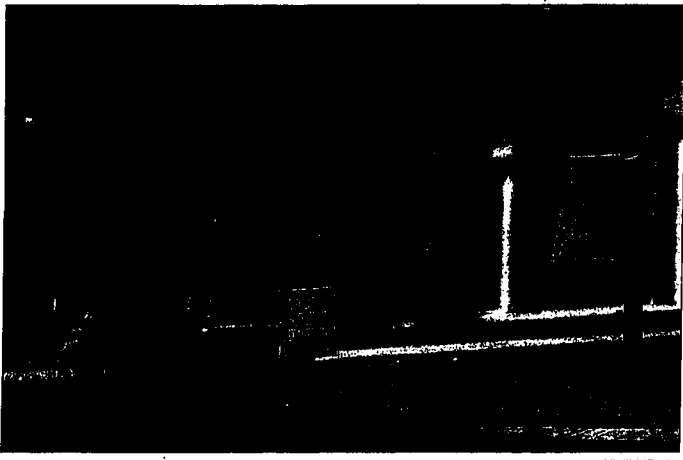
Southern Idaho Tourism is offering training sessions to members of the public to become customer-service trainers. Train-the-Trainer sessions will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Department of Labor Conference Room in Twin Falls.

The sessions, which were created by the University of Idaho Extension Office, will be monthly based.

There is no charge for the training sessions.

— compiled from staff reports

# Housing costs rising



Multiple for-sale signs are seen outside homes along Casswell Avenue West Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls. Since 1990, homeowners have faced a growing gap between their incomes and the price of their homes.

## Study: Gap grows between incomes, home values

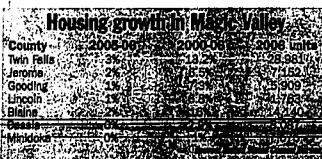
By Stephen Ohlemacher  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — An Associated Press analysis of new Census data provides insight into the reasons for the slumping housing market. Since 1990, homeowners have faced a growing gap between their incomes and the price of their homes.

The widening gap in all but a handful of the nation's 500 largest cities helped make the recent boom in housing prices unsustainable, according to analysts. The rising prices were fueled largely by low interest rates and rising incomes.

"We had an artificial economy," said Brad Gelsen, founder of Foreclosure.com, a Web site that lists foreclosure properties. "There was all this wealth created in real estate, and it wasn't really created."

Nationally, the median household income grew by about 60 percent from 1990 to 2006, roughly matching inflation. At the same time, the median home value — the point at which half were more and half were less —



### Housing costs top owners' pockets

Thirty-seven percent of homeowners spent 30 percent or more of their monthly income on home costs.

Percentage of homeowners spending more than 30 percent on housing, 2006



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

more than doubled, and home values was even bigger in many cities.

The gap between incomes For example, in places such as Bend, Ore., and North Las Vegas, Nev., incomes about doubled, but home values increased fivefold.



Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com, likened the current housing market to the dot-com boom and bust a few years ago, when stock prices for many high tech companies soared — before some of them ever turned a profit — and then crashed.

"The parallels are quite similar," Zandi said.

The Census Bureau on Wednesday released 2006 housing data for every state, county, metro area and city with a population of at least 65,000. Income data were released last month.

## Self-serve airports could be coming

By Peter Pao  
Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — In this most miserable year ever for airline passengers — a year of record flight delays and baggage mishandling — hope is on the horizon.

One solution: an airport where the only people are the passengers. That possibility and technology designed to speed voyagers to their destinations were aired at a conference of airport and airline officials here, providing tantalizing glimpses of a traveling future with fast-moving check-in lines and luggage tracked using radio signals.

Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport is floating a vision of travelers lined up at self-service kiosks — similar to ones at grocery stores — where they would check in, tag their bags, drop them into luggage chutes, select their seats and print out boarding passes.

In about five years, there will be hardly any counters with humans behind them as the new machines will help keep lines shorter and process passengers faster, Schiphol officials predict.

"I'll be highly efficient," Marcel van Beek, the airport's program manager for passenger process, said shortly after unveiling the plan, which drew applause from a packed room at the Mandalay Bay Events Center.

The self-service plan was the big buzz among 300 airline and airport officials who gathered for a two-day conference, which ended Friday, to explore ways to get passengers through airports faster and easier.

Titled Check-In 2007, the conference is noteworthy because it comes at a time when flight delays and mishandled baggage are at their worst since the federal government began tracking the issues in 1995, and some aviation analysts don't see much relief ahead — before some of them ever turned a profit — and then crashed.

"People don't think flying is a whole lot of fun anymore," said Charles "Duffy" Meece, chief information officer for JetBlue Airways Corp.

## Farm state lawmakers scramble for funding as deadline nears

By Mary Clare Janolick  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee is proposing a series of agricultural tax credits, bonds and a trust fund as part of a farm bill that would give billions in aid to farmers and pay for the nation's nutrition programs.

Montana Sen. Max Baucus, a Democrat, said Tuesday that his committee will find an extra \$8 billion to \$10 billion through new agriculture-related tax proposals. That would be added to the bill's baseline spending, estimated to be more than \$280 billion over five years.

Money has been tight for the farm bill, a politically popular piece of legislation that



Francis Franklin, left, and Max Franklin get ready for a ride on their tractors at the farm's farm. Retired and in their 70s, the brothers' hobby is working on farming equipment that's built for strength, not speed. The brothers hope that the farm bill revisions will be approved.

copies this year. Farm-state lawmakers have scrambled to find a way to pay for it as the Sept. 30 deadline looms.

The finance panel's proposals include a trust fund that would pay for weather-related disaster assistance — a priority in Baucus's home state. That could set up a fight with

Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, Iowa, who would rather use extra money for conservation programs that protect envi-

ronmentally sensitive farmland, nutrition programs and other agricultural needs.

The House passed its version of the farm bill in July with an extra \$6.2 billion paid for partly by a tax on certain multinational companies with U.S. subsidiaries. That proposal almost derailed the normally bipartisan bill as Republicans revolted and called it a tax increase.

Baucus, who also sits on the Agriculture Committee, has said he doesn't think that would make it through the Senate. Instead, he has proposed giving farmers tax credits instead of cash payments for some conservation programs and offering tax incentives for rural economic development and bioenergy programs.

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	25.86	▲ .06	Dell Inc.	26.94	▲ .39	Idacorp	31.82	▲ .24
Lithia Mo.	17.23	▲ .19	Micron	11.63	▼ .01	Supervalu	41.12	▲ .72

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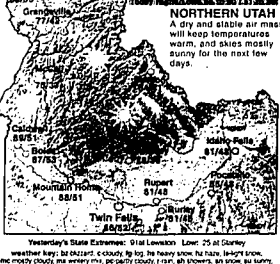
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REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. Includes a photo of Regg Middlekauff and his quote.

Russell flies to Bay Area to sign record deal with Raiders

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Quarterback JaMarcus Russell arrived in the Bay Area on Tuesday to sign a record rookie deal with the Oakland Raiders and end the longest holdout in more than two decades by the league's top pick.

Lawyers for the Raiders and Russell were reviewing the final details of the six-year, \$61 million contract, but no holdups were expected, according to two people familiar with the talks who declined comment on the status of the talks.

2010 if he takes 35 percent of the team's snaps this year, 45 percent in 2008 or 50 percent in 2009. If Russell hit all the incentives in the deal, it would be worth \$68 million.

The last first-round pick not to be signed by the season opener was offensive lineman Bryant McKinnie, who missed the first eight games in 2002 after being selected with the seventh overall pick by the Minnesota Vikings.

Charlie Fryed: Browns send starting QB to Seahawks, Quinn now No. 2

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Charlie Frye went from starter to starting over, and Brady Quinn moved up a notch. In two days, the Cleveland Browns' complicated, confusing and crowded quarterback carousel took a dizzying spin.



Quarterback Charlie Frye watches from the sidelines in the second half of an NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday in Cleveland, Frye, backed before halftime in the season opener, was traded to Seattle Tuesday for an undisclosed draft pick, a strategy with move as Cleveland clears the way for rookie Brady Quinn.

second quarter by coach Romeo Crennel. A former third-round pick who grew up rooting for the Browns in Willard, Ohio, Frye beat out Anderson during a draw-out competition that began during the offseason and carried through the preseason.

Smith's Niners excel at digging out of holes

SAN FRANCISCO — Don't call him Captain Comeback just yet. Smith has a knack for lifting the San Francisco 49ers out of their doldrums at just the right time.

on a 1-yard end-around with 22 seconds left, keeping coach Mike Nolan's intention in three home openers at Candlestick Park.

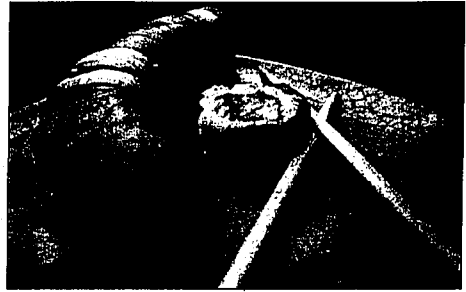


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# SUSHI FOR EVERYONE



A plate of traditional sushi at Sushi Ya. Fresh crab, tuna, red snapper and salmon with sides of soy sauce, wasabi and pickled ginger.



Sushi modified to fit the American palate: A chef's special at Sushi Ya is a roll containing crispy crystal shrimp, topped with tuna and avocado.

## Twin Falls restaurants emphasize enjoyment over etiquette

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

In Japan, you're never too far from the ocean. So fish is a natural thing to eat, and because it's fresh, it can be eaten raw without fear.

In south-central Idaho, the nearest ocean is 500 miles away, and raw fish is a bit scarier. Modern methods of transportation, however, mean you can walk into one of Twin Falls' two sushi restaurants and get fish nearly as fresh as in any coastal city.

"A lot of people don't know Japanese food; they say, 'it's scary.' But Japanese people have been eating it for 500 years, no problem," said Michi Sawada, chef at Sushi Tokyo.

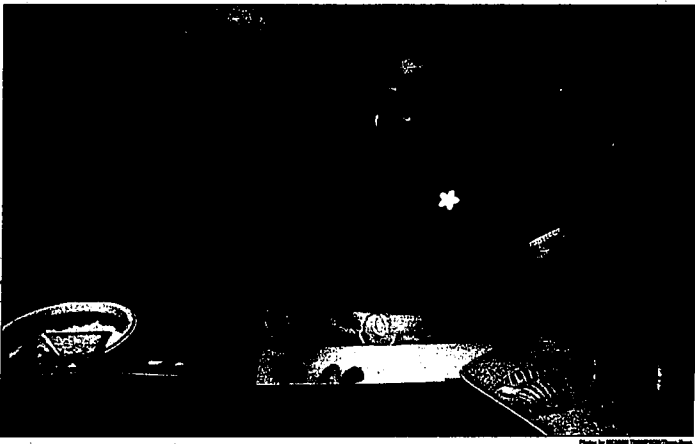
Sushi, named for its vinegared rice, not for raw fish, is one of the traditional foods of Japan. As with many Japanese traditions, ceremony and etiquette are part of the history and practice of sushi. But as Japanese culture has filtered into the U.S., those rules of ceremony and etiquette have loosened.

"It's just changed to fit Americans' palates," said Johnny Bai, executive chef of Sushi Ya. "As long as you enjoy yourself, that's all we care about."

### Go easy on the sauce

One example is the mixing of wasabi — a condiment something like horseradish — and soy sauce.

Traditionally, the sushi chef would add the appropriate amount of wasabi to each piece of sushi before delivering it to the customer. The customer would then pick up the sushi, turn it fish-side down, and swipe the fish quickly through a shallow dish of soy sauce before eating. Sushi Tokyo follows that tradition.



C.K. Song prepares a dish Saturday afternoon at Sushi Ya in Twin Falls.

"When American customers soak on soy sauce, we're disappointed," said Yoshiko Sawada, the restaurant's owner. Adding too much soy sauce or wasabi ruins the flavors, she said. The liquid can also cause the piece of sushi to fall apart. "You cannot enjoy the fresh fish or really taste it."

At Sushi Ya, Bai goes against tradition. He doesn't add wasabi before delivering sushi to customers. And when he eats sushi, he mixes wasabi and soy sauce before dipping. "Authentically, they don't do that, but it tastes good to me." He agrees that too much sauce detracts from sushi.

### Use your fingers

When you order a piece of

nigiri (hand-formed rice topped with fish), it's OK to separate the fish from the rice to eat it, to taste the fish's flavors and textures more purely. At an all-you-can-eat restaurant like Sushi Ya, though, be sure to eat the rice at some point — and don't ask the chef for less rice.

If you order take-out, eat within two hours, Yoshiko Sawada said. "Eat sushi quickly, while it's still cold." The same principle applies to restaurant dining. If you want conversation, eat first, then talk. If you dawdle, flavors will muddle and become less distinct.

The two restaurants differ on the question of utensils. At Sushi Tokyo, the Sawadas notice that Americans and Europeans tend to try to cut

their sushi, or to eat it with a fork. It is often rude to eat Western foods with your fingers, or to take a bite from a piece of food and then put it down, but that's not the case with sushi.

"Please use fingers, it's not bad manners," Yoshiko Sawada said. "This is no steak." She noted that cutting a piece of sushi with a fork may break the sushi's form or compress the ingredients in a way not intended by the chef. In a group setting, chopsticks are appropriate to take a piece of sushi from a platter to your plate.

At Sushi Ya, Bai doesn't mind when customers use utensils.

"It's OK to use your hands, it's OK to use chopsticks, it's OK to use a fork," he said. "In

America, anything goes."

### Take a chance

Both restaurateurs agree that Americans tend to order different dishes than the Japanese.

"In the U.S. we offer a lot more cooked variety because not everyone likes raw fish," Bai said. He estimated that 80 percent of the sushi ordered by Americans is cooked, while in Japan only 5 percent of sushi fish is cooked.

That doesn't make it an impostor, he said. "Starting with cooked stuff is not taking away from the authentic experience; it's still sushi."

Both Twin Falls chefs are interested in broadening Americans' palates, and hope that after new customers try

### Twin Falls' sushi restaurants

#### Sushi Tokyo

1111 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.  
736-1888

#### Sushi Ya

412 Second Ave. E.  
733-0777

cooked sushi they will become more adventurous in their orders. Try asking the sushi chef for what is best that day.

"In Japan, most Japanese trust the sushi man," Michi Sawada said. "That's a trust me."

At Sushi Ya, Bai suggests that customers order a few items they like before asking the chef to choose dishes for them.

"Here, you just say, 'Give me something special,'" Bai said. "Usually, you'd order the special" after you've had a few things, so the chef knows what you like.

"There may be a sushi dish that's your favorite, but take a chance and order something you've never had before, the chef suggest. If you're a regular, the chef may even offer you free samples of things he thinks are good that day."

"Mostly the same customers order the same things," Yoshiko Sawada said. "I want them to taste the more different flavors."

"Don't worry too much about making mistakes at sushi restaurants, especially if you're willing to ask the chef for advice about ordering."

"Chefs, we're always willing to teach people how to eat," Bai said.

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## Fluent in sushi, happy to translate for the rest of us

By Leigh Lambert  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — "You see him slapping it?" asks Trevor Corson, pointing toward the chef at Sushi Zanai, who is giving a good whack to a slice of clam. "That's because it's alive."

At a good sushi restaurant, the freshest octopus and clams are squirming just moments before they are served. One final beating makes sure they won't get up and crawl away.

That is the kind of tidbit you learn when eating sushi with Corson, who lived and studied in Japan and has become an expert on the topic. To write his new book, "The Zen of Fish: The Story of Sushi, From Samurai to Supermarket," here, Corson forms rice for nigiri as he demonstrates techniques.

of Fish: The Story of Sushi, From Samurai Supermarket (HarperCollins, 2007), the Washingtonian spent two years visiting fish markets, Sacramento rice growers and Oregon wasabi farms. For three months, he shadowed students at the California Sushi Academy in Los Angeles, using the story of one student as something of a metaphor for the way America has embraced — and remade — the cuisine.

In the United States, sushi myths abound, starting with the very definition of the word. (It refers to the vinegared rice, not raw fish.) And despite its image in the West as the epitome of Japanese refinement and



healthful eating, sushi began as what Corson calls a "crude snack food," invented as a way to preserve old fish and

sold by street vendors. Not until after World War II was the modern sushi bar born, Corson writes, and that's

Trevor Corson, who lived and studied in Japan and became an expert on sushi, has written "The Zen of Fish: The Story of Sushi, From Samurai to Supermarket." Here, Corson forms rice for nigiri as he demonstrates techniques.

Photo © 2007 by Washington Post

In the years since it arrived in Los Angeles in the 1960s, sushi has become practically as ubiquitous as the hamburger in the United States, where in the last decade the number of sushi restaurants doubled to more than 9,000, according to Japanese Restaurant News. That doesn't even include the 3,000 sushi-to-go outlets. In Japan, meanwhile, sushi has become the urban fast food of choice.

"It was possible that if the authentic sushi experience were to survive anywhere, it would be in the United States," writes Corson, 37.

"If Americans learned to appreciate the sushi tradition,

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# The five-second rule? Let's chew that one over

By Monica Hesse  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Recently, scientists at Clemson University in South Carolina determined that applying the five-second rule to dropped food will not prevent the food from gathering bacteria.

If you've never heard of the five-second rule, ask any sixth-grader. "It means that if you drop something on the ground, you can still eat it if you pick it up in five seconds," says Kiana Haglund, 11.

"God made dirt and dirt don't hurt," elaborates Christopher Evans, 13. "But after five seconds, it's nasty."

It would seem that the Clemson research would be the death of the five-second rule. But such thinking would be based on the notion that the five-second rule is like any other rule, bound by the rules of practicality and public good. It is not. The beauty of the five-second rule is that it is utterly pliable and that it is not about food so much as it is about yearning and disgust and gastronomic history and evolutionary wiring and the implicit social contract we make when we break (and drop) bread with other human beings.

Following the rule requires understanding its intricacies. "I would never eat a pickle," says Analah Grissom, 9, "not even after one second." She also would not eat a hot dog or burger or a piece of broccoli, because those get dirty really fast. A Chips Ahoy, according to Analah, can last up to 15 seconds, and Pop-Tarts, like, never get dirty.

Indoor floors are better than outdoors, but grass is better than carpet.

The tastier the treat, the longer it can be left on the floor. Cake tastes better than cookies, though, and gets germier before cookies. You can almost never use the five-second rule on cake. Parents will, however, employ it on any foodstuff with a high per-pound price. You pick that up and the author of how know much that COST!

If you spend your last dollar on something, the germs will give you a break and leave it alone for an extra 10 seconds, or until you can pick it back up.

OK, Analah, but here's an important question. Pretend your friends aren't around. Pretend your mom's not going to reprimand you. Is the five-second rule true? Does it really take five seconds for germs to grow?

"No, it's just what you say."

Essentially, the purpose of the five-second rule is not to protect you from bacteria but from ridicule. It's shorthand for, "I know what I'm doing is gross, but citing this rule will allow me to eat this brownie and you to pretend there is justification for me eating this brownie." When invoked for someone else, it's an act of kindness. Go ahead. But it will not judge you. It's not just for children: In a 2003 survey conducted at the University of Illinois, 70 percent of women admitted to eating food with knowledge of the rule.

"It's basically a way to make socially acceptable something we all kind of know is wrong," says Liz, a 30-something who also deems eating dusty M&M's and of packets "totally OK." Liz would prefer her last name not be used for this article.

When asked her profession, she whispers in embarrassment, "Public health generalist."

Liz should know better. We all should know better, considering that one in three Americans experiences a food-related illness each year. "We're all at risk," warns Paul Dawson, the author of Clemson study, who has a Smokey Bear philosophy of preventing floor-eating. He cites the alarming rate at which salmonella can colonize on bread, Bologna and unwrapped chewing gum.

"There are a lot of high school kids working at fast-food restaurants," he says. "Do we really want them thinking the five-second rule is OK?"

But would that thinking necessarily be the end of humanity? Consider the results of another recent study, conducted at Connecticut College. Unlike Dawson's study, which measured how quickly bacteria could slather itself on food, the Connecticut researchers measured the likelihood of the slathering. Two biology majors spent a week dropping Skittles and apple slices in their cafeteria and concluded that it took an average of 30 to 60 seconds for bacteria to form on the food.

"That's not the point," says Dawson. The average is irrelevant, he says. What matters is the threat that food dropped on a contaminated surface, it will gather bacteria faster than you can say "intestinal distress."

But that's not the point, either. Eating dirt is less about dirt and more about desire — how much we are willing to deceive ourselves in the reckless pursuit

of something forbidden. At the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia, researchers induce cravings in study subjects by putting the human guinea pigs on a strict diet of nutritionally complete Boost. Within a mere 36 hours, the subjects begin begging for the foods they are not allowed to eat. A close proximity to forbidden fruits (and cookies) makes the cravings even stronger, as does the belief that the desired food is in limited supply. Dropping the last of Gero from the bag onto the ground creates a misnomer of yearning.

1) We're not "allowed" to eat it.  
2) But there's only one left.  
3) And it's right there, taunting us.

We may scramble frantically under the couch, emerging minutes later with a fuzzy cookie and proclaiming "347-second rule!"

Wanting to believe that something is "still good!" is not, after all, restricted to things we eat. In life, the five-second rule translates into hanging on to rotten girlfriends long after we know the relationship has spoiled or suffering from the misguided notion that prognostics can't occur if the contact is brief enough, believing in the five-second rule requires an appreciation for risk, as well as an equal combination of naive optimism and self-lauding — hoping for the best but willing to admit you deserve the worst, should the worst involve salmonella.

A brief history of floor-slurping:  
Some folklorists have cited the five-second rule as an invention of Genghis Khan (who supposedly called it the

20-hour rule), but there's no proof. Medieval etiquette books make no prohibition against eating off the floor; in fact, it was standard practice to hoist a chicken leg up from the dirt. Julia Child also may be responsible, for her cheery rescue of haute cuisine from the kitchen linoleum. Not until the advent of modern germ theory in the late 19th century did eating off the floor become taboo.

But according to Thomas Shipley, a "food psychologist" at Temple University, the ability to assess food risk is biologically built into our makeup. "Disgust is basically an evolutionary health code," says Shipley. "We know we shouldn't eat gravel, for example, but the thought of it doesn't make us gag the way that (a) cockroach walking across our mashed potatoes does."

But why, instead of prying us using our primate judgment to suss out which foods are gross, do we brandish the ones we want to eat for public support of their consumption.

"Eating has been a social activity for millennia," explains Shipley. "We've come to use each other's reactions to judge whether food is safe. If someone gags or makes a face, that tells you not to eat something."

And as for the rule's five-second precision? Brian Wansink, director of Cornell University's Food and Brand Lab, speculates that the time limit relates to human memory, how long we will recall that something dropped. "Much longer than five seconds and you start to forget the food was ever on your plate. It just looks like you're randomly eating off the floor," he says.

like we're dogs. While it's one thing to rescue a recently fallen item, it's quite another to set up a five-course meal on the floor.

When we surveyed a group of eight nonprof workers for their personal interpretations of the rule, most supported the theory behind Wansink's memory assessment. "I'll eat something off the floor as long as it's remained in my direct line of vision," says Sarah Schrag. "After that, it feels like it's been too long. Who knows what counts have happened while I wasn't looking?"

But while the majority of Schrag's friends nod in agreement, Matthew Cole dissent. He has a more liberal definition of the five-second rule, solidified with a summer job he once held at a movie theater. "Sometimes when I'd be cleaning out a theater and I'd see something on the floor, I'd eat a few M&Ms and kiss off the floor."

A collective "ewwww" rises from the lunch crew. Cole shrugs. "What can I say? I never got sick."

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## One fish, blue fish

By Bonnie S. Benwick  
The Washington Post

This will certainly upgrade vacation fare. The dish goes nicely with any of the following: rat salad and a California saffron blanc or a Loire Valley wine. (A warning: Call ahead for check for availability of bluefish in fish markets.)

### BLUEFISH TIMCAD

Serves 4  
4 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for the pan  
4 medium cloves garlic, minced  
2 serrano chili peppers, stemmed, seeded and coarsely chopped  
Finely grated zest of 1 lemon  
1 tablespoon coriander seed  
1 tablespoon ground cumin  
1 pinch saffron threads  
2 tablespoons grated ginger root  
6 mint leaves  
2 cups rinsed bluefish, cut into 1/4-inch-thick scaloppini (may substitute mahi-mahi)  
1 pound tomatoes, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped  
1 cup fish stock  
Salt  
1/4 cup flour  
2 eggs, beaten  
Freshly ground black pepper

In a blender, combine 3 tablespoons of the olive oil with the garlic, chili peppers, lemon zest, coriander seed, cumin, saffron, ginger root and mint leaves. Process until smooth. Place the thin slices of bluefish in a large, flat baking dish and pour the marinade over. Cover and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours.  
When ready to cook, transfer the fish to a plate lined with paper towels, reserving the marinade.  
In a large pan over medium heat, heat the remaining

tablespoon of olive oil. Add the chopped tomatoes and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until they have softened. Add the fish stock and 1 cup of the reserved marinade. Stir to taste and cook for 15 minutes. Transfer to a blender and process until smooth. Cover loosely to keep warm and set aside.  
Place the flour in a wide, shallow bowl; place the beaten eggs in a second shallow bowl. Season the fish with salt and pepper to taste and dip the fish first into the flour, then lightly coating both sides, then into the beaten egg, and then back into the flour for a final light coating.  
In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, add just enough olive oil to coat the bottom. When the oil is hot, add the bluefish scaloppini (you may have to do this in two batches). Cook for 2 to 3 minutes on each side or until the fish has picked up a light golden color. Transfer to a plate lined with fresh paper towels to drain. Serve warm on individual plates, topped with the sauce.

tomato sauce.  
NUTRITION — Per serving (based on 1/4 cup sauce): 461 calories, 49g protein, 5g carbohydrates, 24g fat, 161mg cholesterol, 4g saturated fat, 314mg sodium, 2g dietary fiber

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### SPACE IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

When people move from one house to another, they often cite size as the chief reason for moving. Many homeowners, thanks to growing families, simply out-grow their homes over time. For those homeowners who are too comfortable to move, there are a few old tricks to make your homes feel larger than it really is. Make Furniture Functional — The way you arrange furniture can add or reduce the amount of space you have in your home. Whenever possible, group furniture together. For example, in a family room a sofa and chair grouped together at right angles will eliminate the need for separate lamps or coffee tables; freeing up space. In addition, large furniture should be placed against a wall to free up space in the middle of a room. Rooms only feel more cluttered when furniture is placed in the middle and needs to be walked around to get in and out of the room. Bet on Bookcases: Tall bookcases can do wonders to make a room appear larger than it is. While wide bookcases decrease open wall space, pulling a room together and making it seem smaller in the process. A tall bookcase will make the ceiling seem higher. Also a tall bookcase can double as a shelf for family pictures or to store items you use on a daily basis. Freeing up clutter from other parts of the home. Mirror, mirror on the wall: A strategically placed mirror can serve as an optical illusion of sorts, helping a room appear larger than it really is. For example, in narrow rooms hang a mirror on the long wall. This will distract attention from how narrow the room is and make it appear wider. Leave it the lighting: A poorly lit room will appear smaller regardless of how big it is. Keep all room well lit. If a room is primarily lit with lamps make sure the lamp shades are light colored, so the room is bright.

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# A pork sausage delight

The Washington Post

Mortreau sausages, from the Franche-Comte region of France, are made of pork in natural casings and have been smoked over pinecones for 40 hours. They are available online from EnjoyBioGras.com. Sausages made by the New Jersey specialty food company D'Artagnan are available from some gourmet grocers. You can substitute American andouille or a cooked garlic sausage in this recipe. Adapted from the forthcoming "Pork & Saus," by Stephanie Heymann (Phaidon, April 2007).

## WARM MORTEAU SAUSAGE WITH POTATO, CARROT AND CELERY SALAD

6 servings  
 24 ounces Mortreau sausages or other smoked, cooked sausage  
 6 fingerling potatoes (about 10 ounces; on the large side)  
 1 medium carrot, peeled and halved lengthwise  
 1 small celery stalk, cut into very thin 3-inch-long batons  
 1 medium shallot, finely chopped  
 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar  
 Scant 1/2 cup olive oil

Salt  
 Freshly ground black pepper  
 Place the sausages in a medium pan and cover with 2 inches of water. Bring to a low boil over medium-high heat and cook for 20 minutes.  
 Add the potatoes to the pan; bring back to a low boil, adding more water if necessary, and cook for 20 minutes.  
 Transfer the potatoes and sausages to a cutting board and cut them into 1-inch rounds; set aside.  
 Use a vegetable peeler to shave the carrot into very thin strips. Combine the carrot, celery and shallot in a medium bowl.

Whisk together the balsamic vinegar and olive oil in a measuring cup, then pour about half the dressing over the vegetables and toss lightly to coat.  
 Season with salt and pepper to taste. To serve, divide the potato and sausage rounds among individual plates and top with the vegetable mixture. Drizzle some of the vinaigrette around each plate.

**NUTRITION** — Per serving, with 2 teaspoons vinaigrette: 519 calories, 26 g protein, 10 g carbohydrates, 41 g fat, 77 mg cholesterol, 14 g saturated fat, 1,736 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber

# Wholesome flapjacks

They're not pancakes (that's a cloy thing), and they're not hot cakes (that's a country thing). They're flapjacks, and they're a cowboy thing.

Cowboy Tom's, owned by Charlotte Armstrong of Declo, specializes in flapjacks and syrup that feature local ingredients. The flapjack mix contains whole grains of wheat grown in Cassia County, and the sweetness of the syrup comes from sugar beets, processed by Armstrong's family.  
 "It's a farmer's daughter and I farm also," Armstrong said. "We're going to grow it here or we're not going to sell it."  
 Cowboy Tom's flapjack mix is unique, Armstrong said, not only because the wheat is organic but because it's sold as grains instead of flour. Customers grind the grains themselves in a blender with milk before adding the remaining ingredients, making the dough nearly as fresh as it could be.  
 "You put it in a blender and add egg and milk and oil and you come up with the most awesome-tasting flapjack you have ever eaten," Armstrong said. "The magic of the whole process is in the blender. It makes them so light and so fluffy."  
 Customers like the taste of maple on their flapjacks, so Armstrong adds Mapleline flavoring to the sugar beet syrup to create a local product reminiscent of Vermont maple — Cowboy Tom's Lip Lickin' Country Maple Syrup. —Ariel Hansen

# Where to buy

Cowboy Tom's is available at the Twin Falls Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays on the north side of the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Gift boxes — including a bag of dry mix, a bottle of syrup and a children's book that illustrates how a tornado picked up all the ingredients for the flapjacks — before Cowboy Tom lassoed the tornado from the sky — are \$15. Chuckwagon packs, which include three bags of dry mix, are \$10. A bottle of syrup is \$5.

The products are also available at retail locations throughout Magic Valley, including Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, Everywhere's, Business, The Little Red Hen, Just My Style, the Twin Falls visitors' center, the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, The Shoe and Tack Shop and the Christmas Store. Golden Goose Sales and Services. Prices may vary at these stores.

Cowboy Tom's products are also available by phone, 654-2582, or on the Web at cowboytoms.com.

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



# LOCAL FOODS

# Fluent

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 they might be saving it not just for themselves but for Japan as well."

## Lesson one

When I accompanied Corson to four of Washington's top sushi restaurants, the first lesson was in what defines sushi. "Sushi is not about the food per se, but the experience," he says. Especially if you ask for omakase, or the chef's choice, "what makes sushi unique is the relationship with the chef. We are relinquishing control. We place our trust in him."  
 At Sushiko in Georgetown, this surrender to the chef left Corson meditating on how the auditorium fit muscle of a founder, considered a delicacy in Japan — topped with sea urchin and shiso leaf. The creation was chef Koji Terano's and not one you will find on any sushi sampler listed on the menu.

## Lesson two

Not all sushi is raw. In omakase-style dining, cooked items often precede sashimi (raw fish served without rice) and nigiri (raw fish atop former) rice. Chef Terano served us crab abogado cakes with green tea salt, crispy fried marinated eel and seaweed-cucumber salad before the raw fish arrived. The small-platter surprises opened two by two, like jeweled offerings.

## Lesson three

Get to know your sushi chef of course. It doesn't hurt to speak Japanese. At Kotobuki, chef Hisao Abe's eyelids were at half-mast, his demeanor unenthusiastic as he made us a sushi sampler. But when Corson asked him

in perfect Japanese how long the restaurant had been open, Abe came to life.

It eased Introductions everywhere we went, but even if your Japanese is limited, frequent your favorite sushi bar several times, and make your face familiar. When the chefs realize you want to learn about sushi, they will probably enjoy educating you.

## Lesson four

Sit at the bar if possible. As was the case at Edo of Potomac, Md., said at Koz Susho Bistro, where he goes two or three times a month, "we get to taste things we probably wouldn't have gotten to" if seated at a table. Things like house-cured monkfish liver or, as we experienced at Sushu Toro, deep-fried eel spine, which looked like a gold bracelet laid out on a white plate.

Unlike in Japan, American sushi restaurants usually have more seats at tables than at the bar. But if you get a seat at the counter you can establish a rapport with the sushi chef, who will take note of your reaction to different items and can improvise offerings in response.

## Lesson five

Even if you order your own sushi rather than ask for omakase, break out your comfort zone and try something besides the common rolls, a California invention. A roll requires less finesse than great nigiri, which takes deft, practiced hands to form. And you'll gain much credibility with the sushi chef if you avoid dunking the fish in lots of soy sauce mixed with wasabi. Abe at Kotobuki told Corson, in Japanese, that he

worries that it wouldn't matter what he makes for most customers, because many Americans can't know exactly what they want and then cover up the flavor with soy.

## Lesson six

If the restaurant is out of some item, it probably means the chef is paying attention to quality and freshness. "It's a sign of good sushi! If you can't get what you want sometimes," Corson says. Fish have peak times for maximum flavor depending on their migration and eating patterns, the temperature of the water and their food supply.

Our sushi crawl took place in March, so we were offered raw Maine shrimp almost everywhere we ate. They have

a brief six-week season; their buttery, unctuous flavor is fleetingly spectacular. At Sushu Toro, when chef Shige Yokote served those shrimp, he instructed us to reserve the heads; then he deep-fried them for us as a between-course treat.

To Corson, it was the perfect example of the real sushi experience, which isn't about wasabi, soy sauce or ordering off a menu. For the real deal, go with the omakase, letting the sushi chef take charge.

Ask his advice for everything — down to the smallest details," Corson says. "Become his friend. It may take a while for him to come around, because many sushi chefs have given up on American customers. Try anyway."

# Sushi etiquette from Trevor Corson

- Call ahead to find sushi restaurants if you would like omakase-style (chef's choice) dining at the bar. That allows time to plan the more labor-intensive preparations.
- When you split apart your wooden chopsticks, it is impolite to rub them together to remove splinters.
- Some sushi, such as nigiri, doesn't require chopsticks at all. It is perfectly acceptable, and easier, to eat those with your fingers.
- Place only a little soy sauce in your dish, and replenish it as needed. (It is considered wasteful to fill it.)
- Do not stir wasabi into your soy sauce. It can easily overpower more delicate fish. The chef will flavor each piece with wasabi individually if he intends that to be part of the flavor.
- Pickled ginger is meant as a palate cleanser between pieces of sushi. It will down out the other flavors and make everything taste the same if you top every piece with it.
- If you want a little soy sauce in your nigiri, barely dip it in fish side down. If you dip it in rice side down, it will soak up too much soy sauce and cause the rice to fall apart.
- The chef will tell you which pieces might need a light soy sauce dip once served and which ones are meant to be eaten on their own.
- It is okay to give a budget to the chef or just let him or her know when you've had enough.



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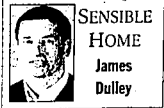
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# Remodel the bathroom to avoid wasting water

**DEAR JIM:** I am remodeling my bathroom to make it more efficient. Before I select fixtures and start putting it back together, what things should I consider to make it most efficient?

— Carol J.



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**DEAR CAROL:** The use of a bathroom can be responsible for a significant amount of your utility bills year-round. Bathrooms use both hot and cold water, heating and cooling, electricity for lighting and appliances, draw out indoor conditioned air, and create humidity (unless you use a dehumidifier).

Since people normally associate a bathroom with water, let's start there. Flushing toilets is the major cold water consumer in most bathrooms unless you take extremely long showers. When bathrooms are being

*Photo courtesy of Scott DeGoe*  
This shows the water flow in an American Standard FloWise 1.28 gpf elongated toilet. Notice how the water both rinses the bowl and flows underneath it to create the flushing suction.



remodeled, the toilets are usually replaced so all the fixtures match.

The maximum water usage allowed for new toilets

is 1.6 gpf (gallons per flush) and most toilets use this maximum. Several of the major plumbing fixture manufacturers now offer

super-efficient standard-flush toilets which use even less water. Since not as many of these super-efficient toilet styles are available, select the toilet first and then match the other fixtures to it.

The type of showerhead impacts both the amount of cold and hot water consumed. There are maximum water flow rates for showerheads. Large shower units with multiple heads use more water though. Select a showerhead which has a tickle valve to slow the water flow while you are lathering. The main knob on some massaging showerheads also can be adjusted to just a trickle.

Much hot and cold water is wasted just trying to get the shower water temperature where you want it. Manual and electronic shower valves are available which allow the temperature to be set on a dial or digitally.

The correct temperature is reached quicker with less water wasted down the drain.

If it takes a long time to get hot water to the shower

or sink, install a rapid hot water demand kit underneath the sink. When you need hot water, it draws hot water quickly to the faucet. Instead of the cold water being wasted down the drain while waiting, it flows back to the water heater tank.

Bathroom heating is another energy consideration because you want the heat quickly, but for only a short period of time.

A radiant system can make you feel comfortably warm without having to heat all the air in the bathroom. Electric radiant floor or wall heating on a timer is a good choice.

A high-quality bathroom vent fan with humidity- and motion-sensing controls is most efficient. It runs only as long as it is actually needed so excessive heated air (wintertime or cooled air in summer) is not being sucked from your house. The most quiet ones use large ducts, so you may have to alter the vent pipe in the attic.

Select a vent fan with a light fixture and install full-spectrum compact fluorescent bulbs. These are energy

efficient and produce natural light for applying makeup. A fan with a built-in night-light is good for a child's bathroom.

**DEAR JIM:** We recently moved our extra refrigerator from the utility room to the garage. It seems to run almost continuously out there. I know it is somewhat warmer in the garage, but should I run that much?

— Karen N.

**DEAR KAREN:** There always is the possibility something was damaged when you moved it to the garage. Check the condition of the condenser coils on the back or underneath it to be sure they are not bent or crushed.

I am not surprised it runs longer in a warm garage. First, the garage is warmer so more heat leaks in through the refrigerator walls. Second, the refrigeration cycle is less efficient when the surrounding air is warmer.

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# Flights of imagination in your home

By Terri Sapiezka  
The Washington Post

The bird-on-a-branch motif is a traditional design element flitting through antique prints, bright chintz fabrics and exotic chinoiserie. Lately this classic image has been stylishly revived, with vivid and often strongly

graphic birds settling on all kinds of home accessories, including plates, pillows, wallpaper, baby bedding and area rugs. Unexpected colors and materials, such as charrueuse salt and pepper shakers by Jonathan Adler, startle a familiar fan into fresh flight.

"I think it's become a little more kitschy, which is more

fun for younger people," D.C. decorator Liz Levin says. "If you take the bird motif and make it less traditional, it looks more fun."

Natural organic shapes (birds, eggs, nests) mix especially well with the clean lines of modern decor, Levin says. But best not to overdo it. One bird item can be plenty. If you

have several, use them as a repeated note throughout the house.

And steer clear of placing bird figurines on your grandmother's doilies. "If you're going for a modern bird motif, that's a definite don't."

Bird salt and pepper shakers, from Jonathan Adler, \$48 for the set, [www.jonathanadler.com](http://www.jonathanadler.com).



Bird salt and pepper shakers, from Jonathan Adler.

"Midday in the Pine" giclee print, from Alena Hennessy, \$40 for a matted print, \$74 matted and framed, [www.alenahennessy.com](http://www.alenahennessy.com).

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# DIY kitchen makeover

By Emily Messner  
The Washington Post

On a cold day last January, my husband and I sat in a rental car after purchasing our first home, realizing that we'd just assumed hundreds of thousands of dollars of debt.

We don't own a car because we think they're too expensive, yet here we were, owners of a two-bedroom condo in Arlington, Va. What's more, we were driving there to start tearing down the hideous 1970s-style kitchen. A new sledgehammer was in the trunk.

Before even moving in — with a budget one saleswoman found laughable and no DIY experience beyond a tiling class my husband took in high school — we were determined to gut the kitchen.

One of the key selling points when we first saw the place was a sign on the wall between the kitchen and dining room that read: "This is NOT a load-bearing wall. Can be removed for kitchen renovation."

At roughly 7 feet by 9 feet, the kitchen was bigger than the one at our old apartment, but it was dark, crowded and closed off from the rest of the place except for a swinging door to the dining room.

I'm a social chef, and I wanted a bright, efficient kitchen that was open to the dining room and the living room.

Over the course of nine weekends, many late nights and countless trips to Ikea and Home Depot, we demolished the old kitchen and built an entirely new one. All by ourselves. And for less than \$5,000.



Post-project: Emily Messner in her remodeled, brighter kitchen in Arlington, Va.

Photo by LEO BROWNE/The Washington Post

## What I chose

**Appliances:** Kenmore, in stainless steel, from Sears.

**Why?** Recommended by my stepmother, I took advantage of the Presidents' Day Weekend Sale, which included a rebate offer of 20 percent off three appliances priced at \$399 or above, toemaker and water dispenser were musts for the fridge, range with more than four burners very much desired. Ended up splurging on appliances, but it was well worth the extra expense and still a very good deal.

**Cabinets:** Akurum, in Fagerland antique stain, from Ikea.

**Why?** Price and ease of assembly. I could put together Ikea furniture with one hand while washing his hair. Well, almost. Ikea has dozens of styles, most with a very modern look. We prefer traditional and not too dark, so Fagerland antique, a solid pine, was the obvious choice. We used the user-unfriendly software at

Ikea to figure out the exact design of the kitchen. When we realized that having an island would leave us no room to open the fridge, we decided instead on a peninsula, which we created out of three 18-inch-wide base cabinets. In total, we bought five wall cabinets, five base cabinets and one high cabinet that we use as a pantry.

**Countertops:** Prugel laminate, in Stone Effect Black (black with whitish speckles), from Ikea.

**Why?** Seriously inexpensive (about \$3 per square foot), and when we saw it on display at Ikea with our cabinet style, it looked really good. Ideally, we would have gone with EnviroGLAS, countertops (made from recycled glass), but we couldn't justify the price. The downside of Prugel is that it scratches easily, but because I got all the countertop material for about as much as it would have cost



BEFORE: The 1970s-style kitchen looked cramped, dark and outdated. The Messners began demolition soon after buying their Arlington, Va., condo.

for one square foot of granite, I'm willing to overlook some scratches.

**Faucet and sink:** Emson 1 1/2-bowl sink and Emson faucet from Ikea.

**Why?** Well, we were buying just about everything else from Ikea.

**Flooring:** Slate tiles with cleft surface from Home Depot.

**Why?** Saw them at Home



AFTER: Emily Messner's remodeled kitchen has more of the work area she craved.

Depot for \$1.99 per square foot. Each tile is unique, and the fossil patterns on some of them are so cool. What I didn't realize was how difficult it would be to lay and grout such unevenly textured tiles. Keeping them clean hasn't been quite as challenging, but it is the only surface in the

house I have to vacuum. Lighting: Hampton Bay three-bulb halogen fixture from Home Depot.

**Why?** Good price (\$60), and you can adjust where the bulbs point. Drawback: Halogen is hot, possibly too hot for a kitchen. But the light it casts is far more flattering

than fluorescent light would have been. Paint: Behr, in Distance (a strong gray-blue), from Home Depot.

**Why?** Good-quality paint, and the color complemented the kitchen's style and the living room. (Plus, both of us wanted a blue kitchen.)

## Week by week

**Weekend 1**  
Put sledgehammer and five-gallon bucket of paint primer in trunk of rental car. Went to settlement, got house keys, drove to new home and immediately began destroying wall between kitchen and dining room.

**Weekend 2**  
One weekday in between. A friend who actually knows what he's doing showed my husband (I don't call him) how to take down rest of wall. Hint: reciprocating saw, whatever that is, required. Especially in old buildings with thick walls, a sledgehammer just isn't going to do the trick. Demolition continued. Chose a weekday so we would be least likely to disturb anyone.

**Weekend 3**  
I used borrowed reciprocating saw (real progress now) to remove soffit, giving us an extra foot of cabinet height. Cutted base cabinets, leaving just enough to hold up counter, and sink. Ordered new cabinets from Ikea.

**Weekend 4**  
Cut openings in wall between kitchen and living

room. Knocked out old countertop and sink. Dining room started reappearing again as we hauled ridiculous amounts of debris to dumpster.

**Weekend 5**  
Uncle and cousins started rerouting electrical wires in newly opened wall. I blocked, leveled and drywalled openings (with help, again, of Frank and Know-What's-Doing).

**Weekend 6**  
My mom drove us to Ikea in Woodbridge, Va., in her pickup to get our new cabinets. Cold and snowing. Truck piled with boxes held in place (we hoped) by bungee cords and twine. With visions of my kitchen scattered across Interstate 95, I insisted we stop for packing tape and more twine. Drove home very slowly, with kitchen sink in the only spot left in the truck: my lap.

**Weekend 7**  
Hauled large, bulky, heavy boxes up three flights of stairs; one was eight feet long and weighed 90 pounds. Exhausted and sweaty, even in freezing weather. Eventually, boxes took over living room.

**Weekend 8**  
Several projects converged at once. I built cabinet frames and started laying slate kitchen tiles while I used rented sander to start refinishing hardwood floors in rest of house. He finished about a third of tile before we had to move cabinets from dining room into kitchen so I could keep working on floors. That task took up next two weekends, so progress on kitchen ground to a halt.

**Weekend 9**  
Moved cabinets back into dining room. I said he's not certain he used correct adhesive for slate tiles, so he scraped them up. Most survived. Together, we re-tiled kitchen floor. Grouting was hell because it kept getting stuck in ridges of tiles, requiring hours of scrubbing with a wet sponge before we could apply sealer.

**Weekend 10**  
Moved appliances into place. Hung cabinets. Cut laminate countertop to size and attached to base, then cut opening for sink (twice, first cut was too small). Sink went in, and it really started looking like a kitchen.

## What I wanted in my kitchen

1. Functionality. I love to cook, so I couldn't skip on appliances and had to make sure the layout — the work triangle, in kitchen design lingo — would be efficient for cooking. We've been hosting regular Bollywood, Nights parties with 20 guests or more, so the kitchen had to work for large-scale entertaining. I knew I'd need a great range with extra burners, lots of baking space and a big viewing window.

2. Openness. Our previous place, where we'd lived for five years, had a tiny galley kitchen. When entertaining, I spend most of my time in the kitchen, but I like to converse with my guests even while I'm slaving over a hot stove. I wanted enough space for sous chefs. Plus, I didn't want my

husband to have an excuse anymore for not hearing me when I call him.

3. Space. I wanted as much counter space and storage space as I could get. My old kitchen had five square feet of counter space. Really. I didn't want the dining room to be an extension of the kitchen, as it

didn't want to keep wine glasses on a dining room bookshelf anymore. I wanted a place for everything.

4. A bargain! We wanted a kitchen that would be visually appealing, classy and comfortable while meeting all of the criteria for about \$5,000.

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HOW DO YOU FEEL TODAY?

PARTLY THIN WITH AN 80% CHANCE OF SCATTERED FAT.

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

YOU WAS SCUP? I DUNNO

WANTS YOU YOU LEAD? I DUNNO

DID YOU WANT DRY FART? I DUNNO

WANTS WAS THE MATHS? I DUNNO

WANTS WAS THE MATHS? I DUNNO

IS SHE COMING ABOUT DAYDREAMING?

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

OK, THIS IS THE CAR I WANT.

IT'S COOL, I HAVE A JOB. I HAVE MONEY I CAN MAKE MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?

I HAVE \$1233.

AND AS I RECALL, I'D IN WITH.

**Brevity** By Guy & Rodd

AND IN GLOBAL NEWS, ALBANIA WILL BE SPLITTING IN TWO...

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**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

PEOPLE ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW YOU USE YOUR SECURITY CARD.

WED APPRECIATE IT IF YOU DIDN'T KEEP IT IN YOUR FRONT POCKET AND THURST IT AT THE DOOR SENSOR.

I DIDN'T KNOW THE SECURITY CARD WAS WHY THE DOOR OPENED.

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

ASH YOU'VE BEEN CRASHED BETWEEN THEM AND THE GREATEST SECRET HAS BEEN REVEALED: A CLOUD OVER IDIDIT!

A CLOUD OVER THROUGH THE BIG WINDOW?

FULL, I'VE BROUGHT CLOUDS OVER TEXAS, ARIZONA, TENNESSEE, ALABAMA, LOUISIANA AND LARGE SWATHS OF ONTARIO!

DAD, AM I GONNA GO AWAY FOR A PRINTER?

AND THAT'S JUST THE NORTH AMERICAN PART OF A PRINTER!

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Dusty? I get to ride Esmerelda?

Heck no! Her riding days are long gone...

Wow. He's big.

Why's he kicking so violently? Is he angry?

He's, uh, happy! Yeah! These are happy, uh, happy, uh, non-friend kids!

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

YOU HAD A SUPER? WELL, NOT A REAL SUPER. I WAS JUST A FREAKY KID WITH A NAPKIN THIS NEGO!

LIKE THIS? EXACTLY!

AND I'D TESS HER THROUGH THE AIR.

HI-YAAAHHH KOWABUNGA SUPER TEDDY!!!

HI-YAAAHHH KOWABUNGA SUPER TEDDY!!!

IS THIS WHAT YOU CALL A GOOD LINO, BUT TO DO IT AS IT A GREAT IDEA!

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

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I SCHEDULED A GUEST WHO WROTE A BOOK ADVOCATING A STRONG MILITARY POSITION.

YOU BOOKED A HAWK WHO'S HAWKING A BOOK!

**Luann** By Greg Evans

WHAT ABOUT "SAVE YOUR MONEY AND BUY ME THAT A THOUSAND TIMES, RIGHT?"

YES, I GUESS I HAVE!

OK! SO IF IT WERE MY ROOM-MATE'S, I'D START SAVING MONEY!

WELL!

ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT PARENTING LISTS, I DID CAN DO A RULE THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT RIGHT. SO I'M DOING THAT.

LOOKS PARENTS.

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

I ALWAYS WONDER WHAT DOGS DREAM ABOUT...

FIVE MINUTES ALONE WITH MICHAEL...

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

ZEPHA, BEFORE LIE-DIE-DIED LIKE TO ASK YOU JUST ONE QUESTION, WHY'D YOU RISK YOUR LIFE TO SAVE ME?

BECAUSE, ZEPHY, I LIKE YOU. YOU REPRESENT INNOCENCE. A TIME IN AMERICA WHEN THE YOUNG WERE KINDER AND SIMPLER. A TIME WHEN PEOPLE CARED ABOUT ONE ANOTHER.

YOU'RE KIND OF RUNNING THE MOMENT, ZEPHY.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE I LIKE ABOUT PICKLES? THERE ALMOST ALWAYS HAPPY!

LOOK AT ROBBIE THERE. HE'S AS HAPPY AS A CLAM.

AUD REALLY, WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO BE HAPPY ABOUT? HE'S A DOG FOR PETE'S SAKE!

I'M HAPPY I DIPPED ON HIS SLIPPERS.

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

THANKS FOR INVITING ME TO YOUR FAMILY GATHERING! I'LL TRY TO BE CLEAN!

NEW! LET ME CHOOSE THE GAME WE PLAY! PINK!

POWERRBALL!!

ARE THERE ANY OTHER PLAYERS TO PICK FROM FOR MY TEAM?

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I'D LIKE TO TRY LIVING IN THE WILDERNESS SOMETIME.

HUNT MY OWN FOOD, BUILD MY OWN CHAIR, SWEETER.

I'D BE FORGOTTEN TO SURVIVE ON MY WIFE!

MY WIFE AND GOOGLE.

RIGHT, ONLY THE NECESSITIES!

**Non Sequitur** By Willy

WHERE DOES THE TING GO? THE CEO'S MIGRATION TO THEIR OFFSHORE ACCOUNTS HAS STARTED ALREADY!

THE FIRST SIGN OF FALL IN THE STOCK MARKET

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

3000 Bucks!

I SWEAR I CAN PICK OUT A DIFFERENT CARD AND BE RIGHT HERE IN 20 MINUTES!

SO NEVER PUTTING YOU OUT TO DISGRACE!

## Stay true to your friends, Scorpio

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

replace a friend or shift alliances. Although you may dream of having more powerful connections, it is true that the grass isn't greener on the other side of the fence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Gain reliable support. You won't need to pull yourself up by your bootstraps if you have a trusted buddy or lover to hold your hand.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): No excuses, no regrets. People appreciate frankness and directness and see through evasiveness. Impulse buying might prove very satisfying. Someone might give you valuable ideas.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Exercise your analytical and verbal skills. You might be able to turn rage into riches by impressing others with your charm and intelligence. This is a good day to go on an interview.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Appreciate spontaneity. Someone might blur out the truth and cheer the alt. Romantic encounters may get the high five later this evening, but you will need to have a heart-to-heart discussion first.

**IF SEPT. 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You've got big dreams and the know-how to make them a reality in the year ahead. In October your business intuition is at a high point. So don't be overly confident — you must follow through on all promises and contracts. Lovebirds could meet the guy or gal of their dreams or enter into a commitment in March. You get second chance at improving some important part of your life in June and can make promises that will be easily fulfilled.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): An impulsive question might result in a helpful answer. Clear the way ahead so there is no point of contention left unresolved.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Even if you can't draw a straight line you have creative energies that should be expressed. You might be drawn to a hobby that puts you in the public eye or earns recognition.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Eloquent language will rivet the attention of others. Go ahead and discuss your most important ideas without fear; articulate words will easily fall from your lips.

**CANCER** (the 21-July 22): A deep yearning for romance might be appeased late this evening. There could be a delightful phone message or a surprising discussion at home that makes you feel loved and desirable.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): What you see and what you get could be two totally different things. You could have high hopes and expectations but not enough facts.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Brilliance becomes you: You may be considered the guru of the day if financial ideas and job integrity are called into play. Trust your instincts if you must make a financial decision.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Split up the value-added details. The use of colorful, eye-catching sales techniques or slogans can be used in business or to promote yourself. People instantly trust your judgments.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This isn't the time to

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



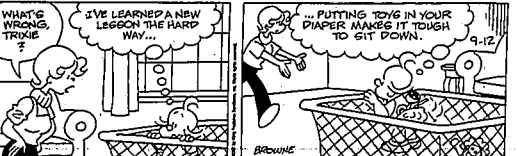
Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Brown



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



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DEAR NOT THE VICTIM

DEAR NOT THE VICTIM: This man sees his children 'a few hours at a time'...

TEAM PLAYER

DEAR TEAM PLAYER: Fred may be funny and intelligent, but he is also immature...

When my oldest daughter was 2, her father and I broke up and were apart for seven years...

I definitely do not want to break up my marriage — if it comes to that — but I need help with these kids...

Because you need help from caring for your daughter...

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 12, the 251st day of 2007. There are 110 days left in the year...

Today's highlight:

On Sept. 12, 1609, English explorer — Henry Hudson sailed up the river that now bears his name.

On this date:

In 1880, author and journalist H.L. Mencken was born in Baltimore. In 1914, during World War I, the First Battle of the Marne ended in an Allied victory against Germany. In 1939, Adolf Hitler demanded the right of self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia. In 1943, German paratroopers took Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government. In 1944, the Second Quebec Conference opened with President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in attendance. In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, R.I. In 1960, Kennedy, then the Democratic presidential candidate, addressed questions about his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Southern Baptist group in Houston, 'I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me.' In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was repatriated by Ethiopia's military after ruling for 57 years. In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry. In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour blasted off, carrying with it Mark Lee and Jan Davis, the first married couple in space. Mae Jemison, the first 'black woman' in space; and Mamoru Mohri, the first Japanese citizen to fly on a U.S. spaceship. Ten years ago With little to show after three days of shuttle diplomacy, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright declared she would not return to the Mideast until Israel and Palestinian leaders had made the 'hard decisions' necessary to restart peace talks. Sen. Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms, exercising iron control, prevented any commitment to signing on William Weld's nomination to be ambassador to Mexico. Five years ago: Raising the specter of war, President Bush told skeptical world leaders at the United Nations to confront the 'grave and gathering danger' of Saddam Hussein's Iraq — or to stand aside as the U.S. acted. Three years ago: International executives were charged with looting the conglomerate of hundreds of millions of dollars all three pleaded innocent at their arraignment in New York. (Former CEO L. Dennis Kozlowski and former CFO Mark Swartz were later convicted of grand larceny and securities fraud. Tycos' former top lawyer, Mark A. Belink, was acquitted.) 'One year ago: In a speech in his native Germany, Pope Benedict XVI quoted from an obscure medieval text that characterized some teachings of Islam's founder as 'evil and inhuman,' unleashing a torrent of rage across the Islamic world (the pontiff later said he regretted that Muslims were offended). Syrian guards foiled an attempt by suspected al-Qaida-linked militants to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Damascus.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Irene Dalley is 87. Actor Dickie Moore ('Our Gang') is 82. Actor Freddie Jones is 80. Country singer George Jones is 76. Actor Ian Holm is 76. Actress Linda Gray is 67. Singer Maria Muldaur is 64. Actor Joe Pantoliano is 56. Rock musician Gerry Beckley (America) is 55. Rock musician Neil Pearl (Bush) is 52. Actor Peter Scolaris is 52. Actress Rachel Ward is 50. Actress Amy Yasbeck is 45. Rock musician Norwood Fisher (Fishbone) is 42. Actor Darren E. Burrows is 41. Rock singer-musician Ben Folds (Ben Folds Five) is 41. Rock musician Clark Murray (The 1,0,0,0,0's) is 39. Actor Paul Walker is 34. Country singer Jennifer Nettles (Sugarland) is 33. Actor Benjamin McKenzie is 29. Singer Ruben Studdard is 29. Singer-actress Jennifer Hudson is 26. Actress Emmy Rossum is 21.

THOUGHT

'Civilization in itself is a long hard fight to maintain and advance.'

— Thornton Wilder, American playwright (1897-1975)

Ship to house homeless in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — Many retired Navy ships have been turned into museums, but community groups here are hoping for what military officials say is a first: turning a decommissioned vessel into a floating homeless shelter. The 842-foot destroyer tender 'Acadia' was built in 1981 and sailed around the world several times with a crew of 1,500 before it was decommissioned in 1994. January Navy officials decided to dispose of it or give away the vessel, which is docked at Pearl Harbor. Most ships are used for scrap or training after they are retired. 'Acadia' is a high commodity. We live on a rock,' the Rev. Gary Shields, director of the Victory Ohana Prison Fellowship, told The Honolulu Advertiser. 'Hawaii has to do something different out of the box. And this is out of the box.' A coalition of called the Acadia Acquisition Committee is negotiating with the state for a place to put the ship, a proposal calls for Acadia to start housing people as early as May 2009.

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2, Buddy



3, Canyon



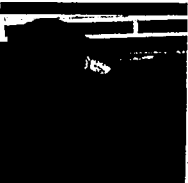
4, Cesco aka Ooky



5, Chico



6, Chico



7, Elkey



8, Jake



9, Jenna



10, Kahne



11, Leonard Edwin



12, Maddie Mae



13, Nomi



14, Oscar



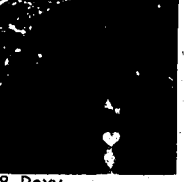
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16, Pepperoni (Roni)



17, Possum



18, Roxy



19, Shiloh



20, Sissy



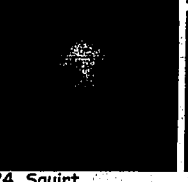
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22, Sox



23, Speedy



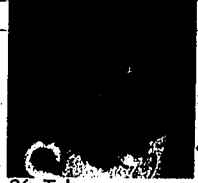
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25, Stella

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## Policy has brought in zero park acreage

### Developers instead opt to pay money into Twin Falls fund

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Since the city of Twin Falls two years ago required residential developers to create parks or pay to maintain existing ones, it has not received any new parkland. Instead, the city has netted more than \$155,000 from the builders.

While the park amount has remained idle, payments from six different residential subdivisions have brought in \$155,937, according to Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer. About \$15,000 has been spent on installing an irrigation system at Teton Park.

The policy, passed in April 2005, is to provide recreational areas for kids as Twin Falls continues to grow. Thousands of homes have been built since 2000 and the city recently passed the 40,000 population mark.

"It shouldn't be left to the existing taxpayers to pay for the new infrastructure the city needs, and parks is one of those infrastructure needs," said Bowyer. "Officially, we have not received any land as part of our new park ordinance."

City officials remain optimistic and cite two reasons for the delay and why just \$15,000 has been used.

First, the parkland is not handed over to the city until the final stages of residential subdivisions. That can take several years. Bowyer said 21 subdivisions have been approved, but not recorded with Twin Falls County. Bowyer estimates he could receive 25 acres within the next few months.

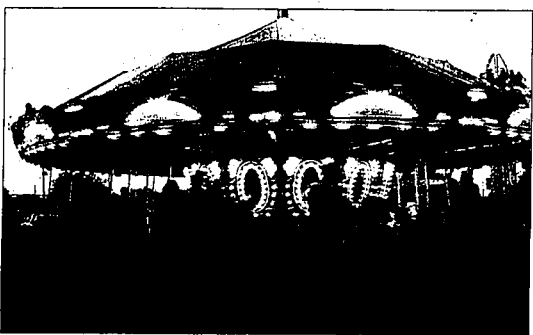
Second, the money received as payment from developers is limited to within one square-mile of where the homes are built. Sometimes, homes go up and there aren't any parks there.

"It just hasn't had enough time for it, to the developers to build out enough and the plots to be filed," said Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow. "I think it's working. This is for neighborhood parks."

Officials said large developments are preferable. Smaller subdivisions might be required to donate a fractional amount — perhaps less than one-fourth of an acre — and the city prefers they pay as opposed to having tiny parks.

Please see **PARKS**, Page D3

# Record setting



Twin Falls County attained record numbers from this year's county fair festivities.

## More than 96,000 turn out for T.F. County Fair

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

It's been easy to blame wildfires for misfortunes this summer. Now it's time to credit one.

The Castle Rock Fire near Ketchum may be responsible for an attendance record set at this year's Twin Falls County Fair.

The fire caused the cancellation of the Wagon Days Festival, kept Labor Day campers out of Sawtooth National Forest and may have pushed thousands of entertainment-seekers to Filer between Sept. 29 and Aug. 3, said John Pitz, fair manager.

A total of 96,370 people attended the fair — an increase of 5,000 people from last year. The previous record was set in 1999, when about 95,000 turned out.

A Saturday record was also set this year when more than 23,000 attended Saturday,

Aug. 1. Pitz credited a sellout at the Saturday rodeo as another reason for record attendance.

Pitz also credits new attractions targeted at younger crowds for the boost. A text-messaging competition, a fair photo contest and a game show-style competition likely lured larger numbers of younger people to this year's event, he said.

Despite the higher numbers, the fair board isn't likely to make much profit, Pitz said. "We pretty much break even on the fair," he said. It costs about \$600,000, he said, to host the event.

This year, the fair earned about:

- \$358,000 at the gate.
- \$75,000 from food vendors.
- \$80,000 from merchant booths.
- \$100,000 from the carnival.

### By the numbers

This year's county fair set an attendance record for the first time since 1999.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

13,404

Thursday, Aug. 30

9,925

Friday, Aug. 31

15,444

Saturday, Sept. 1

23,373

Sunday, Sept. 2

14,361

Monday, Sept. 3

19,863



Check out what happened at the Twin Falls County Fair by going to [magiclevel.com](http://magiclevel.com) and clicking on the Fair Portal button.

## Police crack down on T.F. gaming

### Agencies seize 16 poker machines

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

Police raided the Pioneer Club bar and a second unidentified establishment in Twin Falls on Monday and seized 16 video poker machines that were providing illegal gambling, authorities said.

Marv Pierce, owner of the Pioneer, didn't like losing the six \$5-bill cherry masters machines that for eight years had occupied a space behind the pool tables in his bar. Politically, he disagrees that they should be illegal.

"They would rather have people with whisky on their breath driving to Jackpot," he said. "I'm pro people having fun. People don't lose much money."

But the police agencies that had investigated his business for a year conducted their seizure very professionally and with a warrant, he said. And it didn't bother him excessively to relinquish money-making machines with a combined worth of at least \$25,000 that he doesn't even own.

"I don't own those machines," he said. "And I am not at liberty to say who does."

Officials are likely in the multijury investigation that has lasted one year, said Idaho State Police Spokesman Rick Ohmsman.

Pierce says he's not worried.

Investigators declined to identify the establishments at this point because the investigation may lead police to more extensive finds, Ohmsman said.

"One of the things they confiscated was surveillance video from some of the cameras that actually showed people using these devices," Ohmsman said.

The investigation spearheaded by Idaho State Police also involved Twin Falls County and Jerome County sheriff's offices, Twin Falls Police, the FBI, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Also involved was the state police's Alcohol Beverage Control division.

According to Pierce, a second establishment raided Monday was a house across the street from Latham Motors.

If the establishments prove to be part of a larger gambling ring, as Ohmsman said usually is the case, the FBI could bring federal charges against the ring.

"It's a law," said Pierce, who objects to it but says he has no plans to replace the machines. "They've ruled that out, you'd probably think Idaho is doing a lot of things that are strange."

## CSI enrollment up 6 percent

By Meta Popolino  
Times-News writer

College of Southern Idaho enrollment grew by 407, or 7.204 students taking at least one class this fall, school officials announced Tuesday.

Enrollment is now 6 percent higher than in the fall of 2006. When calculated as full-time equivalent numbers to take into account the impact of students going only part-time, CSI enrollment rose by

130, to 3,897.

CSI administrators attribute the increase to affordability and good marketing. "Our increases this semester, I believe, can be traced to the continued access and affordability CSI offers its students," said Claude Buetner, CSI executive vice president and chief academic officer. "We have also been reaching out to our current and prospective students more effectively."

Most of the increase was on the college's academic side, including health sciences, fine arts, library sciences, business and a development program that helps students prepare for college-level classes. Another booming program is the college's dual-credit offerings, and students from 35 area high schools may be a large part of what's behind the college's growth.

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## Debco wrapping up original contract work

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** — You may still see Debco employees and vehicles in Buhl. But after this week crews will be in town working on items separate from the original contract.

Debco officials are confident that they have near-

ly completed \$3 million in work now contracted with the city.

"All the original contract work, except for some minor grinding on some concrete, is complete," said Debco Project Manager Chuck Martinez. "We are now waiting to

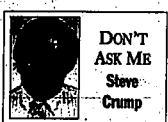
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# Turning over a new leaf in Bernadine's shop

In the 1974 movie "Chinatown," Jack Nicholson — playing a private eye — wishes to pilfer a zoning plat map from a large, dusty book in the Los Angeles Hall of Records. Then, as now, the public was welcome to look at such documents, but you couldn't take them home. So Nicholson launches into a coupling fit that completely drowns out the sound of a page being ripped out of the huge plat book.

I thought about that Saturday when I was sitting in the waiting room at the quick-lube establishment where I get my oil changed. There were half a dozen of

us, all guys and all reading Field & Stream, the only magazine on the premises. As I was finishing a fascinating article about Cabela's, I kept hearing the faint sounds of paper tearing. So I looked around furtively and noticed that, one by one, every other guy in the room secretly tore an article out of Field & Stream — you know, how to tie a particular fly, or tips for sighting in your hunting rifle, or how to carry a bronutosaur-sized elk out of a narrow, brush-choked canyon 600 feet deep. Most masked their larceny by sneezes, coughs or yawns. I was appalled. So I waited until every-



body else had left the room before I tore out the piece about Cabela's. Immediately, I felt guilty. My Aunt Bernadine taught me better. Bernadine, who was widowed by the time I got to know her, ran a small beauty parlor in Downey, a tiny town south of Potomato. It looked a little like the beauty

shop in "Steel Magnolias" and was just as cramped. But women came from as far away as Potomato and Preston to get their hair done because Bernadine had three of those electric hair dryers that fit like a metal cap over the head of the dryer. They were heavy and noisy and dried a girl's hair in, oh, three days or so. My aunt's shop was chock-full of old magazines that she had begged, borrowed and subscribed to — mostly variations of Ladies Home Journal, with lots of recipes and articles about how to improve one's husband. The recipes tended to be on what we call the "Jump" in the

publishing business — the page to which an article is continued if it's too long to fit on the first page. And those jump pages disappeared like Jesse James' loot with the railroad's payroll. This proved Bernadine to no end, but enforcement was problematic. When you've got three hair dryers humming along at 90 decibels, it's hard to detect a recipe for Graham Cracker Surprise with Pineapple Cognac Frosting being swiped from under your nose. For some reason, most of the magazine they involved recipes with pineapple. This was shortly before World War II and the Portneuf River

Valley was still a pretty remote place. You had to drive into Pocatello to Albertsons to find a can of S&W chunk pineapple, and if you wanted a real pineapple — shoot, you'd probably have to ride the train clear down to Salt Lake City. But whatirked my aunt more than anything was that her customers would pore through pages from her magazines, take them home, make the desserts and bring a slice to Bernadine — pretending all the time they'd made it up themselves. Bernadine took to clipping out the pineapple recipes

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Willa Wilcox

Willa Wilcox, 91, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away peacefully Sept. 8, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates. She was born Nov. 14, 1915, in Kimberly, Idaho, the youngest daughter to Fred and Lenora Bacon. She grew up and attended schools in Lenora, graduating from Jerome High in 1934. She then moved to Gooding, Idaho, where she attended Gooding College. In her youth, she also spent many hours playing the piano. She met and then married Charles "Bob" Wilcox on Sept. 18, 1947. Bob worked as an assistant superintendent with the sugar company. Early years were spent in Twin Falls, assisting their family. Bob was later transferred to Burley, then Nampa, Idaho, with the sugar company. After retirement in 1980, they moved back to Twin Falls, where they remained.



Willa loved her hobbies: she enjoyed playing cards with her brother, Fred Bacon Jr., and sister-in-law, Madeline "Madge" Bacon. They would play for hours. Willa was very talented and loved to paint beautiful pictures and crochets; she also enjoyed interior design, with a good eye for color, fashion. She was especially, enjoyed her stitchery groups in Caldwell and Twin Falls. They gave her much happiness and time to share her witty sense of humor with her dear family and friends. Willa always wanted to know what each and everyone of her grandchildren

were doing and took great interest in their activities. Every Wednesday morning for 40 years, she met with her friends in a coffee group. Willa cherished the lifelong friendships she made in these groups. She was also a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and looked forward to spending time with her visiting teachers.

Willa is survived by her brother, Fred Bacon Jr.; daughters, Thayne (Leland) and Brenda (Ned) Homer of Paul, Idaho; four grandchildren, Rhonda (Lynn) Hanschen of Twin Falls, Idaho, Julie (Gwyn) Simint of Ogden, Utah, Dawn (Aaron) Whitesides of Paul, Idaho, and Tyler (Anna) Dennis of Cambridge, England; seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; her parents, Frances Callen Sheneberger, and sister-in-law, Madge Bacon. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

A special thanks to Bridgeview Estates and all those involved in her care, who she lived in independently living up until the last month of her life. Willa's life will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with Bishop (Aaron) White conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

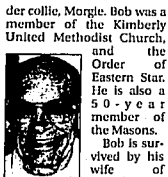
Robert L. James

Our beloved husband, father, grandpa and papa, Robert L. James, passed away Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at his home surrounded by his family.



Bob was born Nov. 14, 1920, in Kimberly, Idaho, the only child of Loyd and Bessie James. He graduated from Kimberly High School in 1939, where he was active in band and sports. After graduation, he worked in his father's grocery store in Kimberly and also for Browning Auto in Twin Falls. During World War II, he served in the 7th Army, as a mechanic in Sacramento, Calif., and was also in the United States Air Force Band. In January 1945, Bob was deployed to France, where he served in the 7th Army's 698th and 932nd Field Artillery. He was honorably discharged in April 1946. In May 1946, Bob went to work for General Automotive as its first employee. He worked for Waite Electric for a number of years, then in August of 1960, he went to work for Northrup King Seed Company and retired from there after 25 years.

Bob married Marietta Whiteley on Nov. 22, 1953, at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls. They lived on Foothill Street for several years, raised their three children there and always had a beautiful yard and flowers. They moved to a new home in Twin Falls, and Marietta loved to travel, enjoying trips to Australia, New Zealand, Canada, a family trip to Hawaii and an Alaskan Cruise. Bob loved woodworking, gardening, hunting and fishing. He looked forward to First Friday lunches at Jaker's with Marietta's 1950 class group, lunches with the 20th Century Club and spending time with his brother, Fred Bacon Jr.



der collie, Muggle. Bob was a member of the Kimberly United Methodist Church, and the Order of Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Order of the Masons. Bob is survived by his wife, Marietta, almost 54 years; Marietta; sons, Ronald L. (Li Li Zou) James and Timothy L. (Kim) James of Twin Falls; his daughter, Robin Marie James (Larry Wilcox) of Twin Falls; grandchildren, Jengli James of Bellingham, Wash., Derek (Kinky) James of Twin Falls, Mandia (Michael) Pappas of Meridian, Idaho, and Whitney James of Boise; step-grandchildren, Relsa (Jacob) Florence and Trisha (Troy) Nickel of Boise; and great-grandchildren, Stryder James of Twin Falls and Jaxon Pappas of Meridian. Bob is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Berniece Bolinger of Twin Falls, Virginia Garon of Pearl River, Miss., and Charlotte Pratt of Sanquigun, Utah; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Bob's life will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jerry Steele officiating and Masonic rites by the Masonic Lodge No. 45 AF & AM. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park with military rites by Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliary. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be given to the Crossroads United Methodist Church Building Fund, the Order of Eastern Star Scholarship fund, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Keith Clark

GOODING — Keith Clark, 74, of Gooding, passed away Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, after a short illness in a Boise Hospital with his family by his side.



Keith was born in Nevada and grew up in Springs, Wyo., to Fred and Nettie Clark. He was the youngest child of 12 siblings. He graduated from high school in Rocks Springs and then entered the United States Navy for four years. While in the Navy, he was an engineer on the USS Laysan DE. He traveled to Hawaii and Japan and was on a tender boat and two destroyers during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1954. He attended carpentry school in Rock Springs. Keith moved to Gooding in 1958. He was married to Deloris LeaVell Holmes later deceased, from that union he was a proud father of three daughters, Denise, Christy and Marlene.

proud of his beautiful cabin on Soldier Creek, watching the wildlife venture into his yard. He also enjoyed his day trips to Jackpot with his friend, Gloria. He could find Keith at the local coffee shop each morning catching up with his friends and sharing construction tips. He especially enjoyed spending time with his daughters and grandchildren. He belonged to VPW and American Legion organizations. He was a proud American veteran.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents; special daughter, Christy Stratton; his brother, Harold, Donald and Jack; and sisters, Ruth, Laverne, Vera and Neta. Surviving him are two daughters, Denise (Ty) Maxwell and Marlene (Howard) Shields; his son-in-law, Kevin (Robin) Stratton; his grandchildren, Keith Byce, Jerek Richardson and Tiffni Stratton; a canine great-grandchild, Chewy; and long-time friend, Gloria Morrow.

Special thanks to the staff at Gooding Memorial Hospital and St. Luke's CCU Boise. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St. in Gooding. A viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at the chapel.

Burley's Rosetta Living to host National Assisted Living Week

BURLEY — In honor of National Assisted Living Week, Sept. 9 to 15, Rosetta Assisted Living will host an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the center, 1919 Hills Ave. in Burley. Information on how to select an assisted living facility, a tour of the facility, and refreshments will be provided. Families and visitors will have the opportunities to interact with residents and staff at Rosetta, and learn about the services provided.

ed. The facility will also present information about long-term monthly Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group. Rosetta Homes will host the open house, Maquel Wright will discuss what to look when choosing the right assisted living facility to meet loved ones' special needs. For more information about National Assisted Living Week, call Rosetta Homes at 679-5451, or go on-line to www.ncal.org to learn more.

Larry G. Reese

HILLSBORO, Ore. — Larry G. Reese, 53, Hillsboro, Ore., died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007, at his home.

Born Oct. 25, 1953, in Twin Falls, Idaho, Larry grew up on a farm in a Castletford, Idaho, area. He graduated from Castletford High School in 1972, where he excelled in football and basketball. His hobbies included motorcycle riding, hunting and fishing. His pride and joy was a sporty blue Dodge Demon with wide white stripes.

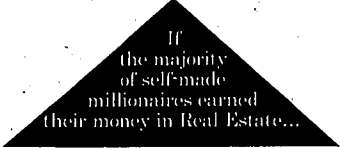
He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the Glencoe High School district, where he worked more than 27 years in finance at First Interstate Bank, 1980 to 1996; PacificCorp, 1996 to 1999; US Bank, 1999 to 2001; and Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon, 2001 to 2007.

Family was his first priority. He met his wife, Gayla, in college and they married on Jan. 7, 1978. He and Gayla and their three sons, Ryan, Ryan and Ryan, were active in sports and basketball, led their Scout troops and actively supported their activities in the Glencoe High School district and soccer teams. Larry maintained a positive attitude during his four-year battle with leukemia, which was valuable to the end when he passed on a quality of life. During his final weeks, the family went on their first cruise to Mexico. He and his wife chose to celebrate their 30th anniversary early. He is survived by his wife and three children, Shane, Dustin and Jessica, all of Hillsboro. His brothers, Lynn and David Reese, live in Walla Walla, Wash., and his sister, Diane Cismser, lives in Buhl, Idaho. He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald

and Lois Reese. Celebration of his life was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, followed by a graveside gathering at the First Lawn Memorial Park in Hillsboro. An outdoor reception in his neighborhood was held for relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for remembrances to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 9320 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland, OR 97219.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com.



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# DEATH NOTICES

## Marion G. Johnson

**MOUNTAIN HOME** — Marion G. (Daniels) Johnson, 79, of Glens Ferry, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at her home.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Glens Best Cemetery in Glens Ferry. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

## Earl Anderson

**CASA GRANDE, Ariz.** — Earl "Andy" Anderson, 83, of Casa Grande, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at his home in Casa Grande, Ariz. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17,

at the Meridian Cemetery, 895 Franklin Road in Meridian. A visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 17, at the Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, 105 E. Carlton Ave. in Meridian.

## Alfredo Gonzalez

**BURLEY** — Alfredo Gonzalez, 64, of Burley, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

## Heber D. Durrant

**BUHL** — Heber Dale Durrant, 79, of Buhl, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional

Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

## Betty James

**GOODING** — Betty James, 76, of Gooding, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

## Judy L. Allen

Judy Lynn Allen, 68, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parks Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

# SERVICES

Jonathan Medina Arevalo of Raft River, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Blos de Vida Church on Eight and J streets in Rupert. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Amy Elise Benth, infant daughter of Thomas and Maren Benth of Davenport, Iowa, and formerly of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery, 900 W. Ave. 1 (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

Judy L. Chambers of Twin Falls, viewing from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave.

**E. in Twin Falls.**  
Arthur David Smith of Heyburn, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Herbert Samuel "Sam" Mahler of Welter, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Thomason Funeral Home in Welter; a gathering will follow at the Rolling Hills Golf Course in Welter.

The Rev. Robert J. "Bob" Smith of Twin Falls, memorial service and celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in

**Twin Falls.**  
Ted D. Allred of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Demary Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel; visitation for family and friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the chapel.

Helen Irene Arnold of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Monday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Raymond "Ray" James Pepper of Castleford, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Calvary Chapel in Buhl; viewing one hour before the funeral at the church (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

# Parks

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"It's a mess to have all these little pocket parks 'everywhere,'" said Community Development Director Mitch Humble.

The policy requires three units be determined with a mathematical formula and an appraisal value within six months of the purchase.

Doing Vollmer, a local developer, said that the ordinance has been just another cost developers add onto

homeowners, like irrigation system pipes. He estimated the price of lots have climbed \$5,000 in the past year.

"Every time they take a little bite, it increases the lot prices," he said. "So far it hasn't been a big deal to us. As I say, we just pass it on. It has caused our land lot values to go up."

Bowyer said that the city will receive two acres later this year in connection to the Bennos Park subdivision near Oregon Trail Elementary and Park Avenue and along Rock Creek.

"We'd want that land. That many people need a place to

play," said Bowyer. "We know there's going to be young kids out there. We need to have parks out there."

Some City Council members said that the lack of parkland is a natural byproduct of growth.

"I think we're behind the curve in developing parks and I don't think it's anyone's fault," said Councilman David Johnson. "It's early to judge and say this hasn't been successful because it's a slow process."

Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

# CSI

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Enrollment in the concurrent-credit program, the new name for dual-credit, should be up by about 74 percent from last year's high-water mark of 852 students, said John Miller, CSI's instructional

dean in charge of off-campus programs. Though Miller said he doesn't have any official numbers yet, that would mean more than 1,400 students in the program.

"Our goal, basically, was to go over 1,000 students,"

Miller said. The college's technical courses benefited less from the gain, with only 1,241 students taking technical classes. Such classes include auto service, welding, drafting and computer sciences.

"I suggest we pay them for the extra work and not release the retainage until we conduct a flow test which will be done later this week," he said. "If all goes well, release the retainage and we'll bring the project to a close."

The council agreed to hold the retainage until testing is complete. However, one concern held by the council was that residents may feel that the city is neglecting their promise to return property back to their original state, and decided to send property owners along the Broadway renovation a letter outlining the remainder of the project.

"We need to communicate those affected... So they

know we haven't forgotten them," said Councilwoman Pam McClain.

Blair Koch can be reached at 626-2607 or by calling 316-2607.

# Work

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hear from the city in regards to turn work and plan on meeting with the city later this week.

Marrize explained that Debo could complete some light landscaping needs by turning property along Broadway-Avenue back to their pre-construction state.

However, Buhl may decide to use another contractor in hopes of getting the work done sooner.

"Debo is not doing it until October," said City Engineer Scott Bybee, who updated the City Council about progress being made during Monday's meeting. "We are getting quotes from outside." The council was presented with Debo's request to be paid \$128,000 for work com-

# Rupert shooting suspect identified

## Attempted to rob woman last month

By Sven Berg  
For the Times-News

**RUPERT** — Minidoka County Sheriff Kevin Halverson announced Monday investigators had positively identified the body of the man who killed himself Aug. 31 shortly after robbing a woman outside Swensen's grocery store in Paul.

46, of Declo, was identified by state authorities using forensic techniques not available in Mini-Gassia, Halverson said. "Frankly, we all knew who it was, but we had to positively identify him," he said. Halverson said he expects to release further details of the case after meeting with investigators. He said the name of the woman who was robbed has not yet been released, and investigators will not release the names of officers involved in pursuing Anderson.

Anderson released the day of the robbery. Anderson said the scene of the robbery by car and was pursued by deputies. Shortly thereafter, Anderson left the car on foot and, after a brief standoff in a field, shot and killed himself. Halverson said Monday identification of Anderson's corpse required the services of state authorities due to the damage caused by the gunshot. He said the cost of major forensics laboratories is prohibitive for small law enforcement communities.



Britany Hlatt, center, with committee members Edna Pierson and Chuck Marshall.

## Jerome Country Club gives out two scholarships

**JEROME** — The Jerome Country Club Member/Guest golf tournament recently awarded two \$500 scholarships to two golfers who are Jerome High School graduates. Both recipients are planning to attend college this fall. They are Sean Stadelman who will be a freshman at Montana Tech in Butte, Mont., and Britany Hlatt who will be entering Brigham Young University-Idaho.



Sean Stadelman, left, with Chuck Marshall.

# Crump

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before she put the old magazines in her shop. There was no more page flipping, but her business declined by about half.

So the Good Housekeepings and the Better Homes and Gardens soon returned to her beauty, recipes intact. Then shortly thereafter, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, plunging America into war

and the rationing that went with it. Within six months, all those pineapple recipes in all those magazines in Bernadine's salon had been supplanted by recipes made from SPAM.

Steve Crump may be reached at 735-3223 or scrump@magicvalley.com.

## T.E. American Legion holding youth dinner next week

The American Legion Auxiliary, Twin Falls Post No. 7 will hold its annual Youth Appreciation Dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Legion Hall located at 447 Seaton Ave. in Twin Falls.

The event will honor Boys and Girls State attendees as well as Poppy Paster winners. The students will give a short report of their experiences at their respective conferences.

For more information, call 733-8969.



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# Authorities still unsure about criminal charges for grizzly kill

LEWISTON (AP) — State and federal wildlife officials remain uncertain whether they will pursue criminal charges against a Tennessee hunter who killed a grizzly bear last week.

Hunting with an outfitter in a remote area near Kelly Creek, three miles from the Montana border, the man shot the grizzly after mistaking it for a black bear. The hunter and guide reported the kill to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The last confirmed sighting of a grizzly bear in the Clearwater Region of north-central Idaho was in 1946, officials said.

Dave Cadwallader, the state's regional fish and game supervisor, says he sympathized with the hunter, considering the extended absence of grizzlies in the Clearwater National Forest. The identity of the hunter has not been released.

Future grizzly kills may not be treated with the same leniency, Cadwallader said.

"We know they are here and we are going to have to be super careful," he told the Lewiston Tribune.

The bear was not confirmed as a grizzly until Friday, after the hunter and guide packed it out to the nearest roadless area and contacted authorities.

In April the Fish and Wildlife Service lifted



Idaho Fish and Game Conservation Officer John McLean holds a paw of a grizzly bear, Monday in Lewiston that was killed in north-central Idaho last week.

Endangered Species Act protections for grizzlies in and around Yellowstone National Park, but the grizzly was not part of that population and therefore was still under federal protection for threatened species.

The bear was killed in the Selway-Bitterroot ecosystem that extends from north-central Idaho into western Montana, where wildlife officials have been expecting grizzly bears to repopulate on their own.

The chance that other grizzlies may be in the region now or in the future could provoke changes in

land management and hunting regulations. State and federal officials intend to meet later this week to discuss the matter.

"One likely result, they said, is renewed emphasis on helping hunters and outfitters distinguish between grizzly and black bears, which are open to hunting. State officials estimate as many as 350 black bears are taken annually by hunters in the upper Clearwater River basin, where the controversial practice of bear baiting is allowed.

"Bear baiting has to be reviewed. We don't allow

bear baiting and hound hunting in areas with active grizzly bear programs in Montana and Idaho," said Steve Nadeau, large carnivore manager for the state agency.

For several years the department has promoted black bear hunting to reduce predation on elk calves. Cadwallader said the program will continue even with changes to prevent more grizzly kills.

"That is something we want to keep doing and need to keep doing," he said. "There is going to need to be some education."

## Mormon church has 'profound regret' for wagon train attack

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A ranking Mormon church official voiced regret Tuesday for the massacre of 120 California-bound pioneers moving through Utah on a wagon train, marking the 150th anniversary of the ambush.

Church Elder Henry B. Eyring of the Quorum of the Twelve, the second tier of leadership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, addressed a memorial service attended by hundreds at Mountain Meadows, the massacre site 35 miles northwest of St. George, Utah.

The church released Eyring's full remarks on its Web site.

"We express profound regret for the massacre carried out in this valley 150 years ago today, and for the undue and untold suffering experienced by the victims then and by their relatives to the present time," Eyring said.

On Sept. 11, 1857, the Arkansas emigrants were tricked into laying down their arms with a promise of safe passage and then killed for reasons still not fully understood. The massacre occurred in a climate of war hysteria as Utah Mormons prepared for an invasion by federal troops sent to deal with a defiant Mormon theocracy under church president Brigham Young. Seventeen children, all 6 or younger, were spared.

Eyring's statement stopped short of making an apology — a word he didn't use, a church spokesman said. Nor did Eyring take responsibility on behalf of the church for the massacre. Instead, he blamed "local leaders" of the church in Cedar City, Utah, for taking matters into their own hands.

Eyring cited research by church historians that put the responsibility on the local leaders and others acting under their direction. He said Brigham Young tried to "convey an order of protection for the wagon train, but the message didn't arrive in time by horseback.

Some characterized the statement as an apology or close to it. "We don't use the word 'apology.' We used 'profound regret,'" said church spokesman Mark Tuttle.

## Teen faces adult charges in rape case involving classmate

MERIDIAN (AP) — A 14-year-old high school student accused of raping a passed-out female classmate this spring as others laughed and snickered will be charged and tried as adult, a judge has ruled.

Nathan Whitney is scheduled for trial Oct. 22 on charges of rape and forcible penetration. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

Whitney, co-defendant Ramon Baeza, 14, and at least four other Meridian High School classmates

skipped school on March 9 and drank alcohol at Baeza's home, according to prosecutors.

After a 14-year-old classmate passed out from drinking, prosecutors say, Whitney and Baeza raped her while other teens entered the room, laughed and took photos and videos with cellular telephones.

During a hearing Monday, 4th District Judge Cheri Copsy granted a prosecutor's motion to transfer Baeza's case to juvenile court.

Last month Copsy ruled that statements Baeza made to police investigators could not be used against him at

Deputy Idaho Attorney General Justin Whatcott said it would be difficult to win a conviction without the statements, according to documents filed in the case.

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# Bin Laden video raises new health questions, but underlines role as al-Qaida spokesman

By Lee Meeth  
Associated Press writer

CAIRO, Egypt — Two messages from Osama bin Laden in a matter of days have revived the game of questions over his health and whereabouts, but they also made clear he is al-Qaida's propaganda "top gun," able to draw attention in the West and strike a chord among sympathizers.

In a new video released Tuesday, bin Laden's voice was heard commemorating one of the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers and calling on young Muslims to follow his example in marrying themselves in attacks.

It came on the heels of a video released Saturday containing the first new images of the terror movement's leader in nearly three years. It showed him urging Americans to convert to Islam and railing against capitalism, globalization and democracy as failed philosophies.

Both releases on Web sites used by Islamic extremists may in part be an attempt to use bin Laden's charisma to win over supporters in an audience of growing importance for al-Qaida — Muslim converts and immigrants from Muslim countries living in the West, particularly Europe.

Militants from both groups have been implicated in several plots inside Europe in recent years, and the anti-globalization rhetoric could be aimed at giving disenfranchised Muslims their future reason to join his cause,

along with his traditional condemnation of U.S. policy in the Mideast.

The two videos, timed to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, also made a splash in the U.S. at a time when the presidential campaign and falling support for the war in Iraq have prompted a debate on how America should be fighting terrorism.

Presidential candidates weighed in on the question of whether the man President Bush once vowed to take "dead or alive" remains a threat. Republican Fred Thompson called bin Laden a "symbolic" figure, while Republican Rudy Giuliani insisted the al-Qaida leader needed to be taken down.

U.S. intelligence agencies, meanwhile, are poring over bin Laden's messages, looking for clues to the 50-year-old's health and location.

Little was immediately evident, except for bin Laden's new beard — dyed a dark black from the mostly gray of previous videos.

The images in Saturday's video were clearly recent — made at least since June, because bin Laden mentioned British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who took office that month, and perhaps done as recently as early August.

Because bin Laden's image moves for only a few minutes in the first tape and not at all in the second, questions are being raised about his health.

Magnus Ranstorp, a terrorism expert at the Swedish National Defense College, said trying to guess at bin

Laden's physical condition from the images is pure speculation. But it is clear that the al-Qaida leader is plugged in, he said.

"He's very much up on current events, but it is more than that," bin Laden has learned to skillfully package and tap into issues that have political currency and a wide resonance outside his normal constituency," Ranstorp said.

The messages end a long dry spell for bin Laden — his last video had been released in October 2004, while his last audiotape came out in July 2006.

During that lull, numerous videos and audiotapes were issued by his deputy, Egyptian Ayman al-Zawahiri, who many analysts believe has a more direct hand in al-Qaida and has led the rebuilding of the network's command since the 2001 U.S. assault on Afghanistan.

Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism expert and professor at Georgetown University, said the evidence indicates al-Zawahiri likely holds al-Qaida's operational reins, heading meetings of the network's top leadership in the border region of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

But Bin Laden is "still the master name ... wheeled out in dramatic fashion," Hoffman said.

"He's a brand name, probably one of the most recognizable brand names in the world. So he has tremendous value in that respect. He's the headline."

Tuesday's video was the latest in an al-Qaida tradi-

tion: Every year on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack it has commemorated one or two of the 19 suicide hijackers by releasing their videotaped "last will and testament."

This year, the video included the testament of Waleed al-Shehri, one of the hijackers on American Airlines Flight 11 that hit the World Trade Center. An audiotape of bin Laden introduced the testament, played over a still photo of the terror leader taken from Saturday's video.

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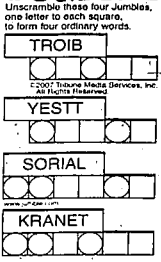
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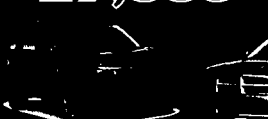
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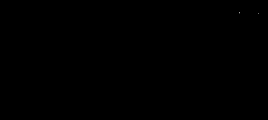
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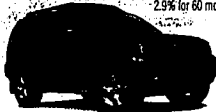
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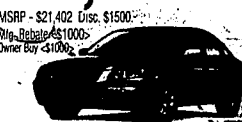
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