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DALE MILLER MURDER

Cameron Watts, the second man to be charged in the murder of Dale Miller last week in Twin Falls, appears Monday in Fifth District Court in Twin Falls.

charged in slaying

(to his new friends) was methamphetamine-related," Black said, "Dale told me that he had been using.! told him he needed to stop." Around the time that Miller linked up with Madrid and McElliney, who both lived at 322 Morningstde Drive, he had lost 33 pounds. That prompted his friends in frements of the strength of the state of

lost 33 pounds. That prompted his friends to suspect he was using meth. But they never grew so con-cerned as to stage an inter-

cerned as to stage an inter-vention.

That's perhaps because
Miller's reputation was that
of the mediator — the ther-apist for his friends, said
Black and Molly Hobbs, another close friend.
Although he was deeply troubled by his parents' divorce, he usually took on the role of helping his friends solve their prob-lems, So, that he was facing an imminent crists never crossed their hard.

rossed their minds.

Hobbs said she saw Miller
wo weekends before his

body was found.
"It looked like he was using." Hobbs said. "But he

"It looked like he was using." Hobbs said. "But he didn't come out and say that he was. He seemed really happy. He told me to take care of myself. He told me he'd met some new friends

over by his house and they seemed pretty nice."

Emily Ollphant, 18, described Miller as her best

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Oliphant said her flance, with whom she was having a baby, began to abuse her and only Miller would stand up to him, Oliphant said.

She planned to ask Miller to become the godfather of the baby, which was born in July.

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Friends say the last time Miller was seen was on Saturday — four days before his body was found.
"I'm kind of disappointed in him," Oliphant said. "He had never really been able to lose weight before — even when he was working out or going on diets. And he was losing it really quickly.

he was insting it reasy quan-ly.
"Unfortunately, his is one of the cases that ended this badly. So, I didn't say any-thing to him ... I kind of wish I would have now."

Reach Cass Friedman at 735-3241 or cfriedman@masicvallev.com.

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met some new friends over by his house

and they seemed pretty nice."

- Molly Hobbs, about her friend Dale Miller

Second suspect

Details emerge about victim By Cass Friedman Times-News writer

Cameron Watts, 29, shuddered quietly in, court Monday while reading over the charges against him for the first time: One charge of first-degree murder and one charge of first-degree kidnapping. The charges were filed last week, just two days after neighbors discovered the body of .18 year-old. Dalo Miller stuffed in a barrel in a garage of a Morningside Drive apartment last Wednesday

Go inside the

courtroom

with a video

hearing. Check it

out at

31, was a lire a dy locked up in the Twin Falls County jail on

Identical charges. Fifth District Magistrate

Roger Harris ordered Watts held without ball.

held without ball.
Twin Falls County
Prosecuting Attorney Grant
Loebs declined to comment
on the case, which remains
sealed by the judge's order.
Authorities have been tight
lipped about the homicide
and events leading up to it.

Authorities have been tight lipped about the homicide, and events leading up to it. Watts, McElhiney and Rachel Madrid, who rented the apartment, may represent the 'new friends' Watts told its long-term friends he had been making over the past few weeks friends. The state of th

school.
"I know the connection

Wednesday vening. Police ir Paul arrest in

ed Watts on

a warrant Friday. A second defendant, John Henry McElhluey, 31, was

Cameron Watts, 29, shud-

We've all heard of heirloom plants, but heirloom animals? COUNTRY ROADS, PAGE D1 'GRANDPA' JERRY

He specializes in getting kids to read — and smile. MAGIC VALLEY PAGE D3



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Good Morning

Slight chance of rain showers. Details: B4

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POLE LINE ROADWORK

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Ryan Wright of Doug McCoy Construction works on an irrigation pipe that crosses Pole Line Road East, Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.

## Developers add \$750,000 in changes

Passing the finish line doesn't always need a checkered flag Sometimes a double-yellow line will

do.
The six-month-long construction project in north-east Twin Falls is about one month from completion, and private developers

added \$750,000 in last minute changes—including moving the power lines. Latter-day Saints. underground, one of the "Beginning at the interproject engineers told the Twin-Falls City Council meeting on Monday." In May, the City Council cauthorized a public-private partnership—officials called it unprecedented—to make way for more than 1,000 new homes and the

## **Wages lag** in region

South-central Idaho pay is more than 7% helow state average

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

South-central Idaho is leading the state in job growth, but it's lagging behind in terms of, ing units again the property of the complete o

tends to skew the average, was excluded. Officials say the average wage is affected See how south-cen-tral Idaho

wage is affected compares by several factors, including industry classifications and the condition of the local, state and national economy.

In less than 10 years, Twin Falls and Cassia counties have attracted several new manufacturing businesses in Industries that Include recreational vehicles, plastics and food processing.

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The new businesses have brought in more jobs, but they have not necessarily increased; the average wage because they generally seek employees with little to no secondary education or training.

The booming manufacturings sector in south-central Idahohas provided the area with mixed results.

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## **ACLU: First Amendment protects Craig**

MINNEAPOLIS — Sen.
Larry Craigs foot-tapping
and hand movements in an
alroot bathroom-amounted
to speech protected by the
First Amendment, the
Kamerican Civil 'Liberties
Union argued in court papers
on Monday.
The Idaho senator pleade
guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct after an undercover officer at the

Minneapolis airport alleged that Craig solicited him for sex. Craig has denied that, and his attorneys have asked a judge to let him withdraw the guilty plea.

Craig was accused of moving his foot next to a police officer's foot and tapping it into the control of the plant of the control of the plant in the pl

sending a signal by swiping his hand under the divider between the stalls, and of peering into the officer's stall

before Craig took his own stall.
Even if he did those things,
they re not a crime, the ACLU
argued. And even if Craig
solicitied sex, it would only be
a crime if police could prove
he was seeking illegal bathroom sex and not a legal liaison somewhere else.
The ACLU also argued that
the distorderly conduct

The ACLU also argued that the disorderly conduct statute is too vague to be enforceable in Craig's case. The ACLU asked the judge to accept its arguments as a

friend-of-the-court brief in friend-of-the-court brief in Craigs case.
Chuck Samuelson, the executive director of the ACLU's Minnesota branch, said other police departments have prevented bath-room sex by posting signs and patrolling with uniformed officers.
Samuelson said the airport undercover work "is the kind of sting operation that at the very best borders on entrapment."

Fire season has been busy — and it's not over yet

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — Frequent evacuations, power outages and road closures have marked the busy 2007 wild-fire season in Idaho, and its not even close to over yet, experts warn.

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More acres have burned in Idaho so far this year than

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anywhere else in the nation, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. So far, nearly 2 million

acres in the Gern State have burned, and at a time when the season is normally when the season is considered to the season in the season in the season is the season in the season is the season in the season is the season in the season in the season is the season in the season is the season in the season is the season in the season is season in the se

of September and we're still seeing (fires grow).

Last year, nearly 882,000 acres burned in Idaho, while under 500,000 acres burned in 2005. Nationally with about 7.8 million, with about 7.8 million, with about 7.8 million match the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season has yet to match the control of the season

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## TODAY'S FORECAST

## TWIN FALLS

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Wednesday

MINI-CASSIA y: Mostly cloudy with possible showers. Highs in the

ower 70s

Tonight: Generally cloudy with a small chance of a shower
Lows lower 40s wer 40s pw: A rain shower remains possible. Highs lower to

## Complete weather report: See page B6

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

class, offered by Walt Charles, 7 p.m., building, Burley Airport, \$8, 436-3344.

## GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-550.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Uncoln, 644-2700.
Lincoln, 644-2700.
But School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main, 543-844.

. City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-

Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main, 537-6511

o City Council. 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 F. Ave. A. 424.8189

24-9189. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600, Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

d8b-2030. Wendelf School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main, 536-6318. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m. council chambers, 300 Main, 326-5000.

## HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Gottling Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance Training, 9 to 10 a.m., Filer Elementary, 9 to 10 a.m., Buhl Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Buhl High School (temporary location: LDS church on Main), no cost,

region acute (temporary location: LDS church on Main), no cost, 7326475.

Regionic ascercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 10 No. 3 Chapter of Will Falls, weigh ins from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., medicy floring, 100 Falls, 2002 Filor Ave. E., 736-7237 or 736-9282,

"Overcoming Addiction and Angor," Theophostic Intermediate Therapy Basic Training video series, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Contec, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, donations, 734-9603.

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Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., mini raise, occurred to Mini-Cassal Shelter for Woman & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Ruppert, (208) 435-0937. The Diabetes Support Group meeting, with Jiamara Stricker of Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) on "How to Pay for Diabetes Care"; includes discussion on Medicare (possibly Medicaid), 7 p.m., South Central District Health, on the College of Southern Idaho campus (use north entrance of District Health building), no cost, open to the public, 737-5946. Read 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-673

2578.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557 or 324-7237.

### MUSEUMS

"Mingle In the Jungle" fere prolife review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idahon, no cost, 1732-6655.
Faulkner Planetarium "Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus. Win Folks, 34 for adults, 35 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 1732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by email at strowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 7345538; or by mail, Times-New, BO.80 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the

## COMING TOMORROW

### Make your fair-food favorites any time of year

The merry-go-round is packed up, rosettes have been proudly hung on bedroom walls, and the fair is gone until next summer. If you're a fan of fair food, though, you won't have to walt — you can make it at home.



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- · See what happened in court as a second murder suspect appeared on charges related to the death of Dale Miller.
- Meet "Grandpa" Jerry Wertz, who helps children to read

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### Rare animal breads make comehack

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reeus. Chances are, chickens and

Chances are, chickens and hogs didn't pop to mind. Unless you are Bes Studywin. Over the past couple of years Studyvin has purchased lacob sheep, mule-foot bigs, red wattle hogs and buckeye chickens. Proudly, he has shown his growing, ye extremely rare, stock at the Jerome County Fair and the Perrine Bridge Festival.

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### Construction project nears completion

Passing the finish line doesn't always need a check-ered flag. Sometimes a dou-ble-yellow line will do. The six-month construc-

The six-month construc-tion project in northeast Twin Falls is about one Twin Falls is about one month from completion, and private developers added \$750,000 for some last-minute changes — including moving the power lines underground, one of the project engineers told the Twin Falls City Council on Monday.

## Woman pleads guilty to infant's death

A woman Indicted on first-degree murder in the Jan. 12 death of 2-year-old Ashtyn Roger Lynn against a couch in her apartment has plead-ed guilty to second-degree

murder.
Elizabeth Anne Miller, 22, filed a change of plea Sept. 10 after the prosecutor agreed to recommend she serve two to 10 years in prison.

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### **Campfire restrictions** eased in area

humidity earlier this sum numidity earlier this sum-mer prompted a ban on camplires and restrictions on smoking as large, aggressive fires ravaged forest and grassland in southern Idaho. SEE PAGE D3

## **OBITUARIES**

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### CORRECTIONS Date body found

An article published Sept. 13 about the death of Dale Miller incorrectly stated the day that his body was found in a Twin Falls garage. It was found Wednesday, Sept. 12, The Times-News regrets the error.

### Comments unclear

Comments made by Stuart Robinson about two Boise private investigators, para-phrased in an article pub-lished Sept. 14, were unclear. Robinson's direct state-ment was that he had "heard

the investigators had devel-oped a reputation for quality

The Times-News regrets the lack of clarity.

## Nebraska state senator sues God in protest of another lawsuit

By Nate Jenkins Associated Press writer

Associated Press writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — The defendant in a state senator's lawsuit is accussed of causing untold death and horror and threatening to causing untold death and horror and threatening to cause more still. He can be sued in Douglas County, the legislator claims, because He's everywhere. State Sen. Ernle Chambers sued God last week. Angered by another lawsuit he considers frively to the considers frivelying to make the point that anybody can file a lawsuit against anybody. Chambers says he strying to make the point that anybody can file a lawsuit against anybody. Chambers says in his lawsuit that God has made terroristic threats against the senator and his con-

stituents, inspired fear and caused "widespread death, destruction and terroriza-tion of millions upon mil-lions of the Earth's inhabi-tants"

tants."

The Omaha senator, who skips morning prayers during the legislative session and often criticizes Christians, also says God has caused "fearsome floods ... horrendous hurricanes, terrifying tornadors."

canes, territying to-modoes."
He's seeking a 'piermanent' injunction against the Almighty.
Chambers said the law-suit was triggered by a fed-ral suit filled against a Judge who recently barred words such as "rape" and "victim" from a sexual assault trial.

The accuser in the crimi-

The accuser in the criminal case. Tory Bowen, sued Lancaster District Judge Jeffre Cheuvront, claiming that he violated her free speech rights.
Chambers said Bowen's lawsuit is Inappropriate beçause the Nebraska Supreme Court has already considered the case and federal courts follow the decisions of state supreme courts on state matters.
"This lawsuit having been filed and being of such questionable merit creates a circumstance where my

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## States affected by wildfires near nact

Wildmes near pact
BOISE — Idaho prisoners are making new seed-collecting hoppers to be
worn by volunteers this
November during an effort
aimed at helping to restore
great swaits of sagebrush
desert torched by huge
wildfires this year.

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## Fossett recovery effort scaled back

MINDEN, Nev. — The Nevada-based search for Steve Fossett was cut back Nevada-based search for Steve Fosset was cut back on Monday, but those still involved in the hunt for the missing avlator and adventurer sald they adventurer. The Child Air Partol, which had 20 planes and 60 Searchers aloft over the weekend, suspended further flights and left two planes and a small team on standby at the alpror here. SEE PAGE D6

### Witness in Jeffs trial says she didn't tell mother sex was forced

ST. GEORGE, Utah — A defense attorney picked over the testimony of a key witness in the trial of a witness in the trial of a polygamous sect leader Monday, looking for dis-crepancies in her story about being under over-whelming: pressure to marry an older cousin when she was 14.

when she was 14.
Prosecutors contend
Warren Jeffs 51, used his
influence to push the girl
into a ceremonial marriage with her 19-year-old
cousin.

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## Wildfire season still burning strong

IDAHO FALLS IDAHO FALLS —
Frequent evacuations,
power outages and road
closures have marked the
busy 2007 wildfire season
in Idaho, and it's not even close to over vet, experts SEE PAGE A1

## NATION/WORLD



## Blackwater out

BACHDAD — The Iraqi government announced Monday it was ordering Blackwater USA, the secu-rity firm that protects U.S. diplomats, to leave the country after what it said was the fatal shooting of eight Iraqi civilians follow-ting a care hornh attack ing a car Donnagainst a State
Department convoy.

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**New sensors monitor** 

### diabetes constantly WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON
Diabetes care is undergoing a transformation:
Thousands of patients are
switching from a few finger-pricks a day to track
their disease to new sensors that keep guard
around the clock.

### Democrats to hold up Iraq spending

WASHINGTON Democrats are not expect-ed to take up President Bush's war spending Bushs war spending request until November, giving them time to calcu-late their next move and see if Republican support for his policies deterio-

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## Dole recalls lettuce in U.S., Canada

SAN FRANCISCO — A division of Dole Food Co. issued an international recall of bagged salad Monday after a sample taken from a store in Canada tested positive for a store of the contract of t

E. coli, the company said.
There have been no
reports of illness, company officials said.
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## **SPORTS**



## quarters in sight

SHANGHAI, China—
The United States survived games against North Korea and Sweden in the first week of the Women's World Cup. The spicy culsine of Sichuan province, home of giant pandas and blistering chilles, proved a little more difficult.

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## Redskins beat Eagles to stay undefeated

PHILADELPHIA — If Jason Campbell becomes a star in the NFL, he might pinpoint Monday night's win as the start of something creat.

pinjonn, win as the start of something great.
Showing the poise of a
veteran, the third-year
quarterback in his ninth
pro start converted several
big plays and got plenty of
help from Clinton Portis,
Chris Cooley and an
opportunistic defense in
Washington's 20-12 victory
over the Eagless EPAGE B1

### Tide indeed rolling at Bama under Saban

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — his time Nick Saban has only himself and his team to blame if Alabama fans are fervently talking titles

again.
"They've been saying crazy things since I've been here," Saban said.
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### **Burley boys soccer** stays perfect

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats boys soccer team looked really good in the first half of their 5-3 victory over the Diamondbacks Centu

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## Wages

local business because it relies on local suppliers and

services.

However, the average wage
for manufacturing laborers is
\$10 to \$12 per hour.

Chris Orders, manager of
the Twin Falls office of the
Idalto Department of Labor,
said pay rates may not be
enough to keep workers in
the area.

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"People will usually go where they can make more money," she said. "The prob-lem here is that wages are too low for many people to live here."

here."
Businesses say the wage report falls short because it does not represent additional compensation, which includes benefits such as health care coverage and

## Comparison of Idaho's average wages

2001 2005 2006 \$13.34 \$14.82 \$15.66 \$10.75 \$12.06 \$12.62 1996 \$11.18 South control Idah - 4

### Comparison of wage growth

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	One year (1996-'97)	Five years ('96-'01)	10 years	
Statewide	5.6%	17.3%	40.1%	
South-central Idaho*	4.6%	17.4%	32.7%	

employee bonuses.

"One thing that is going to change is that employers are going to have to pay more to he mure competitie." Orders said. "If anything, competi-

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tion will drive the wages un

## Fires

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Confinued from page A1 numbers seen in 2006, when numbers seen in 2006, when pmillion acres burned. It's hard to say how much money has been spent battling the fires — Frederick said bills are still trickling in. But he doubts the national cost will top the record \$2 billion spent in 2006. That's when the government summonted air tankers form the military and firefighters from the National Guard. New Zealand, Canada and other far-Off locales, he said, raising costs considerably.

said, raising costs considerably.
"Those costs add up,"
Frederick said, "We've been more restrained this year,
Last year we threw all kinds of resources at fires."

Typically the fire season begins winding down by the start of September, but fire managers predict this year that the largest fires could continue until the snow files. The Cascade complex burning in the Boise National

The Cascade compiex of the Boise National Forest has blackened nearly 300,000 acres, according to the NHZ. More than 860 firegisters continue to battle the complex, which is 30 percent contained. Firefighting has cost an estimated \$50.3 million.

In the Payette National Forest, the East Zone complex of four fires is still burning on nearly 294,000 acres. Firefighting has cost roughly \$32 million, and fire managers hope to have the com-

plex contained by the end of

piex contained by the end of the month.

Fires have quieted in the salmon-Chuills National Forest, which saw more than 160,000 acres burn this year. Forest officials put fire restrictions into place in early luly, but lightning still sparked dozens of blazes. As many as 15 were reported in one day in hig.

Fires have also calmed in Yellowstone National Park, after what was the busiess season since 2003, when 77 fires charred nearly 28,000 acres.

## Successful vaccine may come with a price: 'superbug' ear infections

CHICAGO — A vaccine that has dramatically curbed pneumonia and other serious illnesses in children is having an unfortunate effect: promoting new superbugs that cause ear infections.

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On Monday, doctors reported discovering the first such germ that is resistant to all drugs approved to treat childhood—ear—infections. Nine toddlers in Rochester, N.V., have had the germ and researchers say it may be turning up elsewhere, too. It is a strain of strep bacteria not included in pneumococal vaccine, Wyeth's Prevnar, which came on the market in 2000. It is recommended for children under age 2.

Doctors suy parents should continue to have their todders get the shots because the vaccine prevents serious lliness and even saves lives. But the new resistant strep is a worry.

worry.
"The best way to prevent
these resistant infections from spreading is to be careful about how we use antibi-otics," said Dr. Cynthia Whitney, chief of respiratory diseases at the federal Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention.

Avoiding antibiotics when they are not needed is the best way to ensure they will work when they are, she said.



Prevnar prevents seven strains responsible for most cases of pneumonia, meningitis and deadily bloodstream infections. But dazens more strep strains exist, and some have flourished and become impervious to antibiotics since the vaccine combats the more common strains.

Impervious to antibiotics since the vaccine combats the more common strains. If the new strains continue to spread, "It tells us the yactine is becoming less effective" and needs to be revised, aid Dr. Dennis Maki, infections diseases chief at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Hospitals and Clinics.

Wyeth anticipated this and its testing a second-generation vaccine. But it is at least two years from reaching the market, and the new strains could become a public health problem in, the meantime if they spread hard-to-treat infections through day care centers and schools.

rs and schools. "I don't think the new rains are moving fast

enough to call it a mee, but the fact is that certain strains are increasing," said Peter Paradiso, a scientist at Wyeth Vaccines, the Collegeville, Pa, division that makes Prevnar, "It is very worying," said Dr. Keith Klugman, an infec-tious diseases specialist at

Emory University



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## Road

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The project's sewer and water components — expanding a sewer line and new pipes attached to a nearby trunk line—is completed, said Gerald Martens, an engineer at EHM Engineers. A study last year found that all trunk lines in the city were under capacity except the near-full Blue Lakes line. The city then invested \$1 million. Martens said the roadwork is just about finished and the Intersection of Eastland Drive and Pole Line Road will no Pole Line Road will no The project's sewer and

Pole Line Road will Pote Line Road will no longer cause drivers to strain their necks. Eastland Drive will be ready for access Oct. 7,

Eastland Drive will be ready for access Oct. 7, although some road paving will continue for two weeks. Pole Line Road is scheduled for paving Oct. 21. He also said Cheney Drive will be fin-fished.

The project brought together four properties: 23 acres cast of Eastland Drive owned by Paul Bedortha: more than 300 acres north of Pole Line Road owned by Gary Storrer; and two properties west of Eastland Drive: the residential component for the future Mormon temple being developed by Ken Edmunds and the southern half owned by Cart ern half owned by Kent Taylor. Taylor. Since May, the develop-ers added \$400,000 to

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move power lines underground: \$150,000 for additional paving purposes; and
\$200,000 to expand a storm
drain. The extra funding
brought the project's total
cost to nearly \$51 million.

Without the cooperation
from the developers, the
roads would have to be
tipped up and redone for
five consecutive summers—
and the power lines would
not lawe been able to be put
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and the power lines will
five underground. Martens
said. "It's totally free of poles
the something that would be
impossible to do one developer at a time."

Mayor Lance Clow said
during the meeting that
moving power lines underground was news to him and
lie hoped for the same
change when Blue Lakes

Boulevard is reconstructed. State transportation officials have said the road will be revamped within 10 years. In other City Council busi-

ess: The council voted 5 to 1 favor of holding a public hearing Oct. I to raise water

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Water rates are expected to increase 10 percent and sewer rates 15 percent.

Councilman Trip Craig opposed the measure. He said people are seeing too-nany costs go up—from gas rates to franchise fees to the cost of living—and there needs to be a limit.

"In just finally going ex-pect of the properties of the said." Just felt we need to give a break to someone and that person being the tax-payers of Twin Falls."



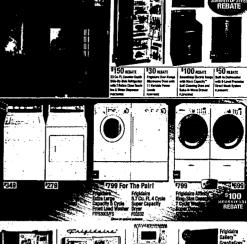
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## Fed ready to lower rates this week for first time in more than 4 years

WASHINGTON -- For the WASHINGTON — For the first time in more than four years, the Federal Reserve appears ready to lower interest rates to prevent a housing meltdown and a painful credit crunch from driving the economy into a treession.

recession.

A rate cut would affect
a fillions of borrowers, with
the Intention of getting
them to spend and invest
nore, which would revitalize the economy.

In one of their most
important and anxiously
awaited decisions, Fed
Chairman Ben Bernarke
and his central bank col-

leagues meet Tuesday to determine their next move on interest rates. Those policymakers are widely expected to cut an important rate, now at 5.25 percent, by at least one-quarter of percentage point. Some analysts predict a bolder step, a half-noint reduction.

half-point reduction.

If the Fed drops the rate, then the prime lending rate

commercial hanks then the prime lending rate that commercial banks charge many individuals and businesses would full by a corresponding amount. It now is at 8.25 percent.

"It's no longer a debate over whether they will ease but by how much," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. "The econo-

they're going to stay that The company could have saved millions of dollars by going along with the move, but illowing vegetable oil would have diluted the qualifier checolate, he said.

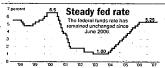
would have dilured the quality of its chocolate, he said.

Mars' products include M&MS. Dove Chocolate, Snickers, Milky Way, 3 Musketcers and Twix.

The Grocery Manufacturers Association, which is helping to lead the industry push for revised standards, declined comment on the Mars announcement, spokesman Scott Openshaw said. Nestle USA Inc., another large U.S. Inc., another large U.S. chocolate manufacturer, did

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this issue," she said.
U.S. chocolate manufacturers have been split on whether to support a change in chocolate standards. While the financial savings would be substantial, consumers and some within the industry have been outspoken in their support for genuline chocolate and not a cheaper substitute.



my is soft and getting soft-er," and the Fed has come under economic and politi-cal pressure to act. Should the Fed go with a quarter-point cut, analysts expect policymakers will lower the rate again in October and in December, their final meeting of the year.

Fed action would mean that borrowers who contain credit would see rates drop on a variety of loans. It would become less expensive for people to finance certain credit card debt and for homeowners to take out popular home equity lines of credit, which often are used to pay for that borrowers obtain credit s who can would see

education, home improvements or medical bills.

Also, it should help some homeowners whose cadjustable-rate mortgages reset in the fall.

Borrowers facing a rate reset Oct. 1 might see their ARM rates adjust to 6.7 percent, for example, rather than the 7.5 percent that a borrower whose loan adjusted back on July 1 experienced. Said Greg McBride. Senior financial analyst for Bankrate.com. Still a big increase, but not the knockout punch it could be relief for the country's economic health. An expected series of rate decreases

could take three months to nine month before tippling through the economy and bolstering activity.

"It's like taking an antibiotic. After you take the first dose, you don't feel immediately better. But after a series of dosages accumulate, there will be a more positive effect," explained Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

Over the short term, a rate cut would provide an impor-

cut would provide an impor-tant psychological boost. It could make investors, busi-nesses and others less inclined to clamp down or make drastic changes in their behavior that would hurt the economy.

## No changing this sweet treat late. Today, Mars US choco-late products are pure, authentic chocolate and

Candy maker bucks chocolate industry push to substitute vegetable oils for cocoa butter

By Dave Carpenter Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — The maker of M&M's and Milky Way bars says it would be a mistake to mess with its chorolate.

Mars Inc. said Monday it will continue to use 100 percent cocoa butter in Its U.S. chocolate products, bucking an industry campaign to allow cheaper vegetable oils to be substituted.

The announcement comes

anow cheaper vegenatio ons to be substituted. The announcement comes amid a push by a dozen food industry groups to change food industry groups to change food industry groups to change coton butter with another vegetable fat, up to a level of 5 percent. The groups say the change, which would save money for manufacturers, would allow more flexibility and innovation.

Manufacturers already comes vegetable fats instead of coocab butter, but they are not allowed by the Food and Drug Administration to call it chocolate.

allowed by the Food and Drug Administration to call it chocolate. Mars, one of the largest disclosed the company's manufacturers, disclosed the company's to cocon butter substitutes at the All Candy Expo in Chicago, North America's biggest candy trade show.

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"Changing the definition of what chocoine is would be a mistake." said Tod Itackettstown. N.I.-based Mars Stackfoods US. The bottom line is that we're not going to change our choco-

late and not seemed.

As recently as 2000, Mars had said it would support allowing up to 5 percent vegetable fat to be used in chocolate.

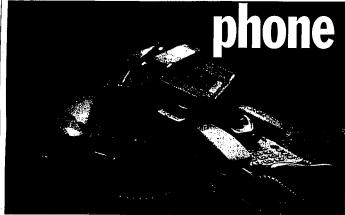
The European Union has used a 5 percent celling since 2003.

""Changing the definition of what chocolate is would be a mistake. The bottom line is that we're not going

to change our chocolate."

— Todd Lachman, president of Hackettstown, N.J.-based Mars Snackfoods US

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## State order delays new area code

State regulators will keep idaho from being split into two area codes for a little

two area coucas --longer.
The Federal Communications Commission granted a request from the Idaho
Public Utilities Commission to allow a pooled Public Utilities Commission to allow a pooled phone number system in Idaho. That means that state regulators can order most of Idaho's telecommunications providers to pool their unused phone numbers, making them available to competitors as needed, according to a written statement from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission released Monday.

Monday. "There are about 3.2 million numbers that are not currently in use," said Gene Fadness, public informa-tion officer for the IPUC.

"What we do is sell those in 1,000-number blocks to providers who request them for subscribers, but it is inevitable that we will run out of numbers soon." He said increased demand for cell phones and other forms of telecommunication have placed a larger burden on the limited amount of numbers under the 208 area code.

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NeuStar Inc., a company that manages telephone area codes in North America, has predicted that Idahō's 208 area code would run out of telephone numbers in 2010. The mandatory pooling rule should stave of that date, officials said.
"It has been the long, standing policy of this commission to delay the implementation of another area code as hong as possible to

mentation of another area code as long as possible to avoid the resulting disrup-tion, inconvenience and potential cost to Idaho's

business and residential customers," Idaho Public Utilities Commission President Paul Kjellander said.
Telephone numbers are generally assigned to telecommunications companies in 10,000 number blocks. However, many providers do not use all the numbers assigned to them, state regulators said, leaving many phone numbers stranded but not in use. In its petition to the FCC seeking mandatory number pooling, the Idaho commission reported that only 42.2

pooling the Idaho commission reported that only 42.2 percent of the numbers assigned to Idaho providers are in use

assigned to Idaho providers are in use.
However, officials say it is inevitable that the state will run out of numbers. Fadness said there have been two proposals to add another area code in Idaho. "The first proposal is to divide the state into three regions with three different

area codes," he said. "A survey of Idaho's telecommuincation system found that
even with a second area
code, the state would run
out in about 10 to 15 years."
He said Idaho would like
ly be divided into a northern region, as well as southwest and south-east
regions.

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"The other proposal would be to create a 10-digit dialing system where even your neighbor could have a different area code." he said. "That might make it caster for some people because those who already have a number wouldn't have to change it.—still, tiev are just proposal, but it it ware just proposal, but it it ware just proposal, but it. have to change it — still, they are just proposal, but it will be inevitable that we will run out of numbers soon."

Joshua Palmer can be reached at jpalmer@magic-valley.com or at (208) 735-3231.

## MONEY BRIEFS

Rates rise at weekly Treasury bill auction
WASHINGTON — Interest

rates on short-term Treasury bills rose in Monday's auc-tion to the highest levels in

The Treasury Department, auctioned \$18 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 4.050 percent, up\_from\_3.800\_percent last week. Another \$13 billion in

4.130 percent, up from 4.020 percent last week.

**U.S. Commercial** Service to hold seminar

BOISE — The U.S. Commercial Service will

hold a seminar on International Commercial Transactions & the Law on Tuesday, October 30 at the C.W. Moore Plaza, on 200 5th Street in Boise order to help compa-in Idaho, the U.S.

Commercial Service will offer the seminar to educate companies engaging in business abroad. The main focus will be protection in international transactions and helping to increas

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## EDITORIAL.

## Whatever happened to our own private Idaho?

on't like all those Californians who've moved to Idaho? You'll have to be more specific.

Are you talking about the thousands, mostly suburban or exurban dwellers, who have fetched up on our shores in the past five years? Or the tens of thousands, predominantly reformed city folk and ex-San loaquin Valley farmers, who came in the decade before that?

Orthe many others who've been absorbed into our economy and culture since 1976, when Hewlett-Packard — at the time the quintessential California tech company — built a plant in Boise and brought 2,800 Californians to that town?

Fact Is, the californication of Idaho has been going on for-so specific

Fact Is, the californication of Idaho has been going on for so long — and has been such a pervasive, manced process — that it's hard to remember a time when Californian refugees weren't here in volume.

As many as one-sixth of the 1-3.

As many as one-sixth of the 1.3 million residents of Idaho million residents of idano — that's nearly 200,000 people — may have lived for at least some time in California. And that's not counting the children of first-gen-eration ex-Californians who were born here.

born here.
Did they bring their politics and values with them? You bet.
Orange County politics and val-

es. Idaho is more conservative

ldaho is more conservative today than it was when Honald Reagan was elected president in 1980, collecting 66 percent of the Idaho vote in the process. And ex-Californians haven't just been part of that process; they've driven it.

It's impossible to imagine Helen Chenoweth-Hage or Bill Sali getting elected to Congress without all those hard-right Californian exiles in Canyon and Kootenai counties. Since Californians started arriving in numbers, Idaho has passed its Right to Work law, passed a series of restrictive abortion laws (most of them subsequently overturned by the courts), repealed its Little Davis-Bacon Act, declared English to be its official language and slashed property taxes. That trend hasn't just happened in Idaho, of course. Ex-Californians also changed the politics of Montana and Colorado, although both of those states seem to be moving slowly back to the left. Not here, at least not yet.

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But politics are just one aspect of how Golden State expatriates have reshaped Idaho. They have been instrumental in economic development, provided investment and venture capital and transformed investment and venture capital and transformed important parts of the state's economy. A generation ago, for example, the potato was king of Idaho agribusiness; now, thanks in part to former Californians, it's dairy.

But whether Idaho has assimilated California values, or the other way around, the fact remains that ex-Californians who live here aren't much different from the rest of us anymore.

That was only to be expected, Idaho is a state only six generations old; almost every Idaho family came from someplace else, and most within living memory.

memory.
Just as 20 years ago, California defectors are ubiquitous in Idaho. But it's getting harder to tell them

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## Iraq will be someone else's mess

corge W. Bush delivered his farewell address on Thursday evening—banding the baton, and probably the next election, to the Democrats. Why did is say that? Because in his speech to the nation the president basically said that on the most important, indeed only, legacy issue left in his presidency. Iraq, there would be no change in policy—that a substantial number of U.S. troops would remain Iraq—bysund my presidency. Therefore, it will be up to his successor to end the war he started.



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other issues

What do

THOMAS FRIEDMAN

"In one fell swoop George Bush abdicated to Petracus, Maliki and the Democrats," said David Rothkopf, visiting scholar at the Carnegle Endowment, referring to Gen. David Petraeus and the Iraij prime minister, Nouri al-Malik!. Push left it to Petracus to handle dur. Malik! to pandle our. Petraeus to nancie the war, Maliki to handle our timetable and therefore our checkbook, and the Democrats to ultimately fig-

ure out how to end this
The sad thing for the
American people is that
have no commander in ander in chief anymore, framing our real situation and options. The



president's description on Thursday of the stakes in Iraq was detusional. An Iraqi ally fighting for "freedom" against "extremists"? There are extremists in the Iraqi government, army and

There are extremists in the ineal government, array and police. There is a civil war on top of tribal, neighborhood and jihadist wars, fueled not by a single tract quest for freedom, but by differing quests for "justice," revenge and, yes, democracy. The only possible soff-sustaining outcome in the near term is some form of radical federalism.

we also do not have a com We also do not have a com-mander in chief weighing the costs of staying in Iraq indefi-nitely against Americas other interests at home and abroad. When Petraeus hon-estly averned that he could not say whether pursuing the surge in Iraq would make America safer, he underscored how much the war there has become discor

able worthy goal — democratization of iraq or spreading progressive governance in the Arab-Muslim world — and is now just about liself and abstractions of "win-independent of the Arab-Muslim world — and is now just about liself and abstractions of "win-independent of the Arab-Muslim world of the Arab-Muslim world of the Arab-Muslim world of a Democratic victory in 2008, there are seen wild cards that could change things a miraculous turnarmund in Iraq (unlikely, but you can always hope), a terrorist attack in America, a coup in Pakistan that puts loose nukes in the hands of Islamist radicals, or a recession induced by the melt-down in the U.S. mortgage market, which forces a stark choice between balling out Baghdad or Chicago.

The first three, for sure, could propel the right Republican candidate right Republican candidate right back into the tilek of things — especially if the Democrats have not positioned them.

have not positioned selves with a credible

approach to Iraq and the wider national security issues facing the country.
There is an opportunity mow for Democrats, and Americans will be listening but they need to articulate a concrete endgame policy, and it would have to include at least three components. First, a detailed blueprint with a fixed withdrawal date tied to a negotiation with Iraq factions on a federal solution tied to a military redeployment plan to contain the inevitable spillover from Iraq.

Second, a commitment by the next president to impose a stiff tariff on all imported crude off, to make sure we become less dependent of what is sure to be a more unstable Middle East as we leave Iraq. And third, a plan to deal with the broader research stablenge. Ser a date. Ser in the contained of the plan of the contained of the conta

ace. Be careful: Despite the Be careful: Despite the mess Bush has made in the world, or maybe because of it. Americans will not hand the keys to a Democrat who does not convey a "gut" credibility on national security.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist with The New York

## Rudy vs. Hillary: New York rumble returns of marriage. He can't whip up

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ts on. Or, rather, it's back on. Rudy versus Hillary, a New York steel-cage match pitting two eye-gouging, hair-pulling, kick-en-till-they're-dead brawlers. For months, Hillary's comely male rivals for the Democratic nomination have tiptoed around her, letting their ywise stake shots at the front-runner.

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Barack Obama looks wary when he's on stage with Hillary, but Michaelle stepped up: "Some women feel it's a woman's turn, you know? They just feel like it's Hillary's turn. That, I reject, because democracy Isn's supposed to be about whose turn it is." That followed Elizabeth Edwards's takedown of Hillary: "She's just not as vocal as women's advocate as I want to see, John is." That followed Elizabeth Edwards's takedown of Hillary: "She's just not as vocal as women's advocate as I want to see, John is." Obama and Edwards probability of the she's proposed in the she's probability. It'll the she's probability were hidling behind their wives skirts. Enterfludy, He may wear skirts, but he's not afraid to take down a skirt.

He put up an ad Friday on his campaign whe she she shamming her as a hypocrite formning an and war campaign after supporting the president on the authoriza-



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tion for war.

tion for war.

Obama has been trying to make this point for quite a while, but so gingerly that every time he sneaks up on it, Hillary surges ahead.

Rudy doesn't do ginger, Hillary surges ahead.

Rudy doesn't do ginger, Hillary has been trying to Rudy-up, corralling ground zero and playing the fear card, saying that if there were a terrorist attack before the election, only she could stop. Republicans from keeping the White House, But Rudy aims to de-Rudy her. His ad is an instant cult classic, with a solernn trumpet that is reministent of "Ings" and a narrator who sounds like the guy who does trullers for "in a World Gone Wrong" disaster files.

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Just when Hillary was basking in her reinvention of herself, Rudy sprang out of the
Republican primary shadows
and showed her back.
He ignores her autempts to
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enough to deal with bin Laden. He recasts her as Old Hillary, a Code Pink pinko Hilliary, a Code Pink pinks
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"In 2002," the white words
flash on a black screen,
"Hillary Clinton voted to
authorize military action in
traq because she believed it
was the right thing to do."
Then it goes to a cilp of

Iraq because she believed it was the right thing to do."
Then it goes to a clip of tillar speaking on the Senate floor during the war authorization debate that Obama has been too refined to highlight.
Then the narrator intones, 'But now that she's running for president, Hillary Clinton has changed her position, even joining with the radical group MoveOn.org in attacking American General Petraeus' when she said it would require "a willing suspension of disbellef" to believe him. "Just when our troops need all our support to finish the job, Hillary Clinton is turning her back on them," the narrator concludes.

Rudy can't campalgn on family values or the sanctity

of marriage. He can't whip up any fears on abortion or gays. He can't campaign on his plan to get out of fraq because he doesn't have one. He can't campaign as the tough-guy heir to Bush

because he doesn't have one. He can't campaign as the tough-guy heir to Bush because nobody likes Bush. He can't campaign on attack in the can't campaign on attack in the can't campaign on the can't campaign on the like crazy Dick Cheney. He can't campaign on the can't can't

Maureen Dowd is a columnist with The New York
Times.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A different opinion does not make someone evil

Why is it that a person with n oninion that differs from an opinion that differs from ours is automatically a vile, evil person? It's not that their evil person' it's not that their experiences, values, interests, religion, etc., differ from mine — it's that they are evil. I am a member of the American Nazi Pa — er, sorry

 Republican Party. That logic means that Mr. logic means that Mr.
Schuckert must be a person
who supports socialist communist mass murderers like
Stalin, Pol Pot, Mao, etc. He
must be an evil, deceiful,
lying man who wants to
enslave the masses by saving them from themselves

mem from themselves. Good going, Mr. Schucke you have shown yourself to be a bigot who accepts his own perfection and wants that perfection imposed on everyone else. JIM CARVER Burley

### Airport art project should be open for bid

Why is Gary Sione so privileged! I personally, don't ithink his works are that great. Perhaps if the city is going to spend the type of money on his project at the alropart hat it is, it should open the project for bids. There are

several Magic Valley artists that might like a chance at the project who are capable of doing a better job. PAUL OSTYN Twin Falls

### Global warming is a front for world government

In 1966, the Hudson Institute released a study called the "Report from Iron Mountain" that was not intended to be made public. It was the brainchild of the It was the brainchild of the internationalist Council on Foreign Relations. The pur-pose of the study was to explore ways to "stabilize society" to perpetuate and

increase government's power to control its citizens from rebelling.

The major conclusion was that war has been the only reliable means to achieve that goal. During war, the masses are compliant enough to sustain and expand government control over titler lives without much complaint.

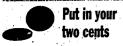
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Another conclusion was to find a credible global threat. Environmental pollution was viewed as most likely to suc-ceed. It could be related to observable conditions like air and water pollution and pre-dictions could be made showing end-of-earth sceshowing end-of-earth see-

narios. Scientific truth and narios. Scientific truth and accuracy in these prediction would not be important. Many are bogus. like the man-caused global warming fraud. Their purpose is to frighten people into accepting world government. While the followers of the environmental movement are preoccupied with planetary doom, the leaders.

tary doom, the lea including Mikhail Gorbachev, head o Gorbachev, head of Green Cross, and CFR members Cross, and CFR members-Henry Klssinger and David Rockefeller, have an agenda of a United Nations world government. To achieve world govern-ment, regional governments

are created, like the
European Union and the
developing North American
Union where the United
States, Mexico and Canada
merge and give up their
independence.
To stop this drive for world,
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from the North American
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candidate Rep. Ron Paul, to
get out of the United Nations!
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## New sensors monitor diabetes round the clock

WASHINGTON - Diabet.

WASHINGTON — Diabetes care is undergoing a transformation: Thousands of patients are switching from a few finger-pricks a day to transformed the same of the same

version yet, a seven-day model, for adults.

The ultimate goal is to create an "artificial panereas," pairing such sensors with implanted pumps that would automatically dispense insulin to make a diabetic's blood sugar better resemble a healthy person's.

That's still years away, For ow, the hope is that these under-the-skin sensors will empower the most vulnerable patients — those who require insulin injections — to make changes that better

## Devices ease monitoring blood sugar



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control their disease. Perhaps more important, they come with alarms that can sound in time to avoid dangerously high or low blood-sugar lev-els.

"It.really catches problems," says Katie Clark of Grandville, Mich. She bought a sensor for her 7-year-old daughter, and no longer has to wake up in the middle of the night to

spot-check whether Ellie's OK.

OK.

But these "continuous glucose monitors" cost up to
\$1,000, plus at least \$350 a si
month for supplies,
Insurance coverage is hitorniss; Some do pay but many
refuse pending proof that the
sensors five up to their promise of better health.

Some short-term studies
show users greatly improve

control of their blood sugar, while other studies have found little impact. Why the discrepancy? Diabeties who do the worst job fighting their disease arent going to put in extra effort to improve just because of a sensor, says. It I lirsch of the University of Washington.

Washington.

"Welearned that lesson the bard way," says Hirsch, who presented research at a recent diabetes meeting suggesting the sensors instead will most benefit patients who can't lower their blood sugar to optimal levels—a score below 70 at a test called the AIC—despite following best-care guidelines.

Hirsch finds the sensors help lower AICs between 7 and 4.5, but not those who start our higher.

By November, scientists should complete enrollment of 450 diabetics into a study formed by the averalle foundation to address financer's questions on hest use of the sensors. Preliminary results are due next year. Washington. "We learned that lesson the

## Bush picks retired judge Michael Mukasey for AG

By Lara Jakes Jordan Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Three weeks ago, President Bush had never met former fed-eral Judge Michael Mukasey, a sometimes-brusque. New Yorker who had scolleded his administra-tion's Justice Department at least once.

had scolded his administra-tions lustice Department at least once.

On Monday, Bush made Mukasey his attorney gen-eral, turning to an outsider to lead the beleaguered department away from crit-icism that it is too close to White Hauge pollics.

By nearly all accounts, Mukasey is a tough-on-ter-rorism jurist with an inde-pendent streak. If con-firmed, he would replace Alberto Gonzales, Busifs longtime friend and fellow Texan who quit after months of scenators' demands for his resignation and investigations that called his credibility into doubt.

Gonzales announced his resignation Aug. 27. The White House immediately swung into action, calling Mukasey that day for an inf-



In a sun-deenched morning amnouncement Monday on the White House lawn, Bush intro-duced Mukasey as "a tough but fair judge" and asked the Senate to confirm him quickly.

"Judge Mukasey is cleareyed about the threat our nation faces," Bush said, praising his reputation as a smart and strong manager.

## Police insist O.J. Simpson treatment is fair

By Ryan Nakashima Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — News conferences, a slew of felony charges, a perp walk in handcuffs and detention in a handculfs and detention in a holding cell without bail — it's clear authorities aren't giving O.J. Simpson any celebrity breaks. Police insist such treat-ment is prudent for a man

with a slow-speed chase from officers in a white Ford Bronco. But legal experts are questioning whether Simpson is being singled out for extra-tough prosecution in his casino-hotel robbery case as payback for his mur-der acquittal more than a decade no.

der acquittal more than a decade ago. "It is regrettable that America has not gotten over the O.J. Simpson criminal case," said Carl Douglas,

who was co-counsel with Johnnie L. Cochran in Simpson's 1995 criminal trial.

trial.

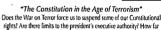
"The fact that he is being held without ball seems unfair and over the top," Douglas said. "O.J. has always been able to satisfy his obligations to the court. He cooperated with the authorities in this case. He is seen all let when he is the said. not a flight risk. And he cer-tainly can't hide anywhere."

At least six plainclothes policemen, accompanied by a handful of hotel security guards, arrested Simpson on Sunday at The Palms cashnotel. He was accused of leading an armed helst of sports memorabilia. Simpson said he was only reclaiming possessions that had been stolen. "By dur standard, there was no major show of force." Set, John Loretto said.

Set. John Loretto sald.

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## Dole recalls bagged lettuce in U.S., Canada after sample tests positive for E. coli

By Lisa Leff Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A divi-sion of Dole Food Co. Issued an international recall of bagged salad Monday after a sample taken from a store in Cannada tested positive for E. coli, the company said.

There have been no reports of illness, company officials

sald.
The voluntary recall affects all packages of Dole's Hearts Delight salad mix sold in the United States and Canada with a "best if used by" date of September 19, 2007, and a production code of "A24924A" or "A24924B," Dole

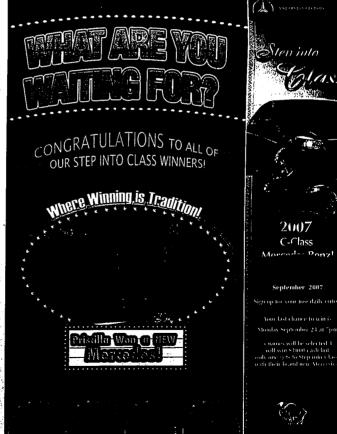
said.
The product was sold in
Ontario, Quebec and the
Maritime Provinces in
Canada and in Illinois,
Indiana, Maine, Michigan,
Misslssippi, New York, Ohio,
Pennsylvania, Tennessee and

neighboring U.S. states start-ing the weekend before last, said Marty Ordman, a Dole

sald Marry driman, a Dole spokesman.

The romaine, green leaf and butter lettuce hearts that went into the blend were grown in California, Colorado and Ohlo, then processed at Dole's plant in Springfield, Ohio on Sept. 6, according to Ordman.

Eighty-eight cases were distributed in Canada and 755 cases in the U.S., he sald. The company's move came a day after the Canadian Food inspection Agency warned consumers not to eat Hearts Delay aftery. Before the Canadian the Company was aftery. Before the Canadian control of the Canadian statement was aftery. Before the Canadian the Canadian that the Sald the Company was working with U.S. and Canadian health agencles, as well as those in various states.



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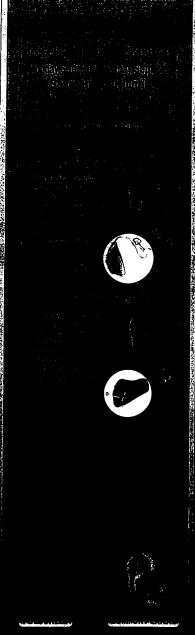
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## U.S. has World Cup quarters in sight

SHANGHAI, China — The United States survived games against North Sorea and Sweden in the first week of the Womens World Cup. The spley cuisine of Sichuan province, home of glant pandas and bitstering chilles, proved a little more difficult.

difficult.

"I felt very at home, but I still couldn't eat the Sichuan food," sald U,S. coach Greg Ryan, a Texan who should know about chill peppers, "It was too hot for me. I had to bring my own food." I Ryan could afford to Joke as his team arrived Saturday in

sprawling Shanghai following Fridays 2-0 win in Chengdu over Sweden, FINS No. 3-ranked ream.

Add this to a testing 2-2 tie with North Korea on Thesday, and the No. 1-ranked Americans Have four points and need only a tie Thesday against Nigeria in Shangahi to reach the quarterlinals as they seek a third World Cup to go with titles in 1991 and '99. Nigeria, the five-time African champions, is problably the weakest team in Group B, the toughest of the four in the 16-team tournament.

B, the toughest of the four in the 16-team tournament. Abby Wambach, the top American striker, has three goals in the first two games to

give her 80 in 98 appearances for the U.S. Think there is a bit of relief getting three points yesterday," she said. "I know there was a lot more tension than expected after playing North Korea and having gotten only one point. Having four points is a little bit of a relief, but still anything can happen."

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The race for the two qualitying spots in Group B is tight. The group winner will have a big advantage and face the No: 2 team in Group A — likely England or lapting the second-place team will probably draw defending champlon Germany.

Through two games. North Korea and the Americans are even on the first three criteria FIFA uses to break ties in the standings; points, goals and goal difference the difference the difference the difference and number scored and number allowed). So Tuesday's final Group B games are critical, with North Korea facing Sweden in the northern elty of Tianjin. Sweden and Nigeria are long shots to advance.

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shots to advance.
"We know very little about
Nigeria," Wambach said.
"Hopefully, the Nigerians
aren't as fit as us because that's
definitely something we'll
have to take advantage of."



feam captain Kristine Lilly works the ball Alv Wagner. Angela Hucle: watch during a practice Monday in

## Fines are fine, but suspension would have been better

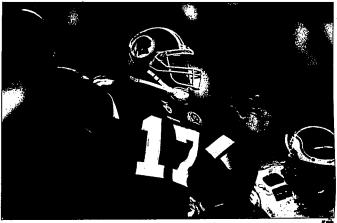
Any remaining doubts that Bill Bellchick got, off casy should have evaporated by the end of the first quarter. It was New England 14, San Diego of at that point Sunday night and it was already apparent things were only going to get worse for the Chargers and the rest of the NFL from there out.



"What it was, was a trap for us, roully." San Dlogo cruning back La Dainian Tomilinson said shortly after the Partos put the finishing touches on a 38-14 win. What he meant is any coach worth his motivation-al sail, let alone a master manipulator like Belichick, would have no problem lighting a fire under his team after the events of last week. "Spygate" was bul-letin-board material, all right, in block letters 4 feet high.

Torminson summed up.
Whether the same can be
said for commissioner Roger
Goodell is anyone's guess.
Like everyone else who
foliows football, Goodell
must have known Belichick
and the Patriots' organization were going all-in this
season. After winning three
Super Bowls in four years,

## MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WASHINGTON 20, PHILADELPHIA 12



## **Redskins beat Eagles to stay** undefeated, drop Philly to 0-2

The Associated Press

PHIADELPHIA I Jason Campbell becomes a star in the NFL, he might phipoint Monday night's win as the start of something great. The might phipoint Monday night's win as the start of something great. The start converted several big plays and got plenty of high from Clinton Portis, Chris Cooley and an opportunistic defense in Washington's 20-12 victory over the Eagles. The superpising Redskins, coming off a 5-11 season, are 2-0 and tied with Dallas atop the NFC East, which Philadelphia was expected to dominate.

But the Eagles are 0-2 and their offense, other than the dynamic Brian

Westbrook, has been far too spotty.
Portis and Cooley each scored touch down and Cooley each scored touch the cooley each scored touch the cooley each scored touch the cooley each substant of the cooley each substant of the cooley each score and the co

on the move when it counted with sharp passes and timely third-down conversions.

After Sulsham's third field goal, a 37-yarder, put Washington on top 13-6, David Akers matched it with a 26-yarder later in the third quarter.

Then Washington's mastery on third down — it went 8-for-15 — helped it to the winning score, a 6-yard run by Portis early in the fourth period. Campbell caliny found Cooley for 9 yards on third-and-8, and hit Todder Cooley for 9 hards on third-and-10.

Philly lost safety Brian Dawkins, its

third-and-10.

Philly lost safety Brian Dawkins, its defensive leader, with a neck injury on the play that moved the ball to the Philadelphia 6. Then Portis swept left for the decisive points.

## Belichick agreeable to NFL request for materials in spy probe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass.—
The NFL may soon find out if the New England Partiots video spying went beyond one game, and the team itself may provide the evidence.
Coach Bill Belichick said Monday he will comply with the NFL's request to provide any notes or tapes made from video recordings similar to those that drew a still penalty against him and the team. "Of course," he said.

penally against him and the term of course," he said.

Beyond that, Belichick declined comment when asked about commissioner Roger Goodell's request and referred to team owner Robert Kraft's remarks during an Interview at halfitme of Sunday night's 38-14 win over the San Diego Chargers.

"I think that's a fair question and I'm sure there are other questions out there as well," he said Tex made my comments on that and, as Mr. Kraft said last night, we'll handle it as an internal mater. So I'll Just leave it at that.

Asked If there are more videos, Belichick. In his eighth year as coach of the Patriots, shifted the discussion to next Sunday's home game against Buffalo.

I think that right ow we maching a got of video on Buffalo," he said.

During the NBC television interview, Kraft was asked If anything else might have been done that would incur turther penalities.

"I know of nothing else that could be in this category," he said.

Goodell fined Belichick S500,000 and the team

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# Tide is indeed rolling at Bama under Saban from the rankings. "That's another one of those external factors that you guys love to talk about that has no affect on the outcome of anything," he said Monday. "It's great to be recognized as a Top 25 team. It's good recognition, it's good exposure. We certainly appreciate that were in that position; but it's not something that we can allow to affect how we go about our wife the wear of the second to the second the second to the

TUSCALOGSA. Ala. — This time Nick Saban has only himself and his tearn by himself all the himself and his tearn by himself all the himself and his tearn by himself all the himself and himself and

quarter evaporated.

The coaches settled down to business with an early morning film session Monday. It wasn't all praise,

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## Phillies close in on Mets-

ST. LOUIS — Ryan history hit a grand slam and a solo homer and Philadelphia, which led 11-0 in the sixth inning, hung on for its fifth straight victo-ry, 13-11 over St. Louis on Monday night. The Phillies, who swept New York nover the weekend.

Monday night.
The Phillies, who swept
New York weer the weekend,
pulled within 2½ games of
the NK. East-leading Mets
and moved a season-best 12
games above. 500 (816-89).
The Phillies entered the
night 1½ games behind San
blego in the widle card race.
Philadolphia was clinging
to a 123-11 lead witen Auron
Rowand made a tumbling
catch on the warning track
in center of Ryan Ladwick's
drive with two on in the
ninth, and Pranciscs
Rosario struck out Rust
Rosard outs to can this first
currer save.

### NATIONALS 12, METS 4

MATIONALS 12, METS 4
WASHINGTON — Nook
Logan had three hits and
New York committed four
errors as Washington sent
the Mets to their fourth
straight loss.
The Mets, who had six
errors against Philadelphila
on Sunday, saw their lead
over the Phillies, who beat
St. Louis 13:11, in the NL
East drop to 2½ games. The
II cerurs over two games set
a franchise record.

### CUBS 7, REDS 6

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CHICAGO — Mark
DeRosa litt a go-ahead single against a five-man
infield for his fifth hit of the
game and Chicago rallied
for three runs in the ninth
inning to hang onto first
place in the NL Central.

place in the NL Central.

The Cubs remained in first by one game over Milwaukee, which beat Houston 6-0.
Cincinnati protested the game, saying Chleago manager Lou Pintella made an illegal double switch in the sixth inning because he did not go directly to the plate umpire.

mpire.

BREWERS 6, ASTROS 0
HOUSTON — Yovani
Gallardo dominated
Houston for the second
time in two weeks and
Corey Hart hit a two-run
double for Milwaukee.
Gallardo (9-4) allowed
seven hits and struck out
five in a season-high eight
innings to win his fourth
consecutive start. He hasn't allowed a run in 21 innings,
a streak that began when he
threw seven start. He hasn't allowed a run in 21 innings,
as freak that began when he
threw seven start. He hasn't allowed in 14-2 victory on Sept. 5.

### BRAVES 11, MARLINS 6

ATIANTA — Andruw Jones hit a three-run homer, Jeff Francoeur reached 100 RBIs for the second straight year and John Smoltz pitched six strong Innings for Atlanta. Jones hit his 25th homer to

cap a five-run lifth inning that gave the Braves a 10-1 lead.

## American League

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BLUE IAYS 6, RED SOX 1
TOOMNTO — Prank
Thomas hit three home
runs to lift the from the
lays over the floaten fleet,
lays over the fleet,
lays cut to 3½ games after the Yankees beat Baltimore— the smallest deficit since before play on April 22.

### YANKEES 8, ORIOLES 5

NEW YORK — Hideki Matsui broke out of a slump with a go-ahead homer, and Phil Hughes won his second

Phil Jughes woo his second straight start with help from a bullpen that escaped two bases-loaded Jams. Alex Rodriguez, ited his carer high of 142 BBis, Doug Mientkiewicz, hit a two-run single, Robinson Cano had an RBI dubble, Jorge Posada got three his and Bobby Abreu drove in two runs as New York walt-ed out an inconsistent Daniel Cabrera (9-17).

Barney caurera (9-17).

INDANS 6, TGERS 5, 11 INNINGS
CLEVELAND — Casey
Blake homered with one out
in the 11th inning to give
the -Indians a come-frombehind win over the Tigers,
who slid 5½ games back in
the AL Central.

Blake turned on a 1-2
pitch from Zach Miner (3-4)
and drove it into the left-

and drove it into the left-field bleachers for his second game-ending homer in four days, a shot that low-ered the Indians' magic number to seven and inched them closer to their first postseason appearance since 2001.

since 2001.

\*\*TWINS 5, RANGERS 4\*\*

MINNEAPOLIS — Ian Kinsler misplayed Jason Bartlett's popup with two outs in the ninth Inning, allowing Lew Ford to score the winning run as the Twins milled to beat the Bangers.

Michael Cuddyer opened the inning by driving a 2-2 pitch from Joaquin Benott (7-4) into the left field seats to the the game. Ford then walked and advanced to second on a sacrifice burn by Brian Buscher.

## WHITE SOX 11, ROYALS 3 KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jermaine Dye, Danny Richar and Josh Fields

homered in an 11-run fifth inning as the White Sox rallied to beat the Royals.

It was Chicago's biggest inning since an 11-run third

at St. Louis on June 20, 2006.

— The Associated Press

## Spy.

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S250.000 last Thursday for
violating a league rule that
prohibits clubs from using a
videocamera on the sidelines for any purpose,
including recording signals
relayed to opposing players
on the field. New England
also must forfelt a firstround draft pick next year if
it makes the playoffs or a
secondand third-rounder if
it doesn't.

it doesn't.

A video camera aimed at
was confiscat-A video camera aimed at lets coaches was confiscat-ed from a Patriots employee during the first quarter of the team's 38-14 win Sept. 9 over the New York Jets, coached by Eric Mangini, who has had a cool relation-ship with Belichick since

leaving as Patriots defensive coordinator after the 2005

coordinator after the 2005 season.

Before the penalties were announced. Mangini declined comment on whether he knew of similar didectaping while he was with the Patriotis.

Last November in Green Baya Patriotis employee was shooting unauthorized-video duting New Englands 35-0 victory. Packers officials simply asked him to stop. Goodell acknowledged Sunday in his first televised interview on the matter that the league had asked for the tapes and notes that go along with them and said he mand said notes along with them and said not means the season of the mand said not mean and said not means and the mand said not mean said the mean said the means said he means said the means said tapes and notes that go along with them and said he "absolutely" expects to "absolutely" receive them.

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to realize that 'Georgia is
just as good a football team
as Arkansa.

But the win did seem to
restore some of that
Alabama swagger, and not
just among the fans. Asked
about Georgia quarterback
Matthew Stafford, defensive end 'Wallace Gilberry
sald: 'I do'nt know anything about him. But after



Burley's Pablo Marin (9) splits two Century defenders during the Bobcats' 5-3 victory over the Diamo

## Burley boys stay perfect

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats boys soccer team looked really good in the first half of their 5-3 victory over the Century Diamondbacks on Monday.

But Burley got a real scare in the second half from the Diamondbacks, leading just 4-3 until Carlos Gils header sealed the victory late in the game.

"It was a tale of two halves," Bobcats coach Was Nyblade said. "We didn't think that wind was that much of a factor But, man, it really was, it helped us out in the first half, but thought we were just playing well. Then we came back in the second half, and, boy, we had a hard time with it."

The Bobcats got two quick goals from Paulo Marip early in the first half, one off an assist from Gil and another off a free kick from Gustavo Sanchez. After Century narrowed the margin to 2-1, Marin assisted two booted one through and headed the other in just a few minutes after.

Burley (11-0) travels to Jerome Wednesday for Great Basil Conference West corness.

### WOOD RIVER 2. MIXICO 1

The Minico Spartans took a narrow 2-1 loss to the Wood River Wolverines Monday. Raul Navarrete scored the Spartans' goal in the first half, but the Wolverines were able in the HIST HAIL, DUIL THE WOIVETHERS WETE ADDE to equalize about 15 minutes later and pulled ahead, Despite taking a conference loss, Minico couch Armando Tapia sald he is still pleased with the effort his team is giving on the pitch, Minico (7-4-3) travels to Pocatello on Monday.

### Girls soccer

COMMUNITY SCHOOL 4, JEROME 0

The Community School Cutthroats girls soccer team remained undefeated Monday with a 4-0 shutout of the Jerome Tigers. Hannah Hennessy and Maddle-Kate Curry scored goals during the first half off assists from Cody Curran and Erlea Eshman, respectively, During the second, Curran and Eshman scored the final goals themselves. The Cutthroats (9-0, 7-0 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) travel to Wendell today and Buhl Thursday. The Tigers (3-6-1, 2-2-0 Great Basin Conference West) host Burley Wednesday.

CENTURY 3, BURLEY 0

The Burley Bobcats girls soccer team suf-ered another setback Monday, falling 3-0 to the Century Diamondbacks A key part of that offense, Jenna Williams

A key part of that offense, lenna Williams, was injared in Saurday's match against Twin Falls and dld not play. Burley dld welcome Meagen Warner back to the active lineup. Warner was injured during Burley's last match against Century on Aug. 31, when she took a kick in the ribs. She dldn't resume goalkeeping duties yet, but she got valuable minutes out on the field.

The Bobeats (27-29) travel to conference rival lerome on Wednesday.

WOOD RIVER 6, MINICO 0
The Minico Spartans girls soccer team
took a 6-0 loss to a highly disciplined Wood
River side Monday at Minico High School.
Coach Dennis Haynes said his team competed hard throughout the match, but critical lapses allowed the Wolverines to take
advantage and strike hard and fast.
The Spartans (4-9-1) host Pocatello on
Wednesday.

### Volleyball

Volleyball

CASTLEPOR 3, WENDELL 2

Rikki Wiggins and Ailison Rodgers helped lead the Castleford Wolves to a 3-2 victory over, the Wendell Trojans Monday as the Wolves won 22-25, 25-19, 9-25, 26-24, 15-13, Wiggins and Rodgers had double digits in kills and digs for Castleford, Wiggins had 10 kills and 15 digs while Rodgers killed 11 and dug a dozen. Rachel Rodgers added 10 dignore had more than a dozen assists each. Wendell was led by Jody Lunid with 11 digs and five kills and Kristen Brandsma with six kills. Wiltings Gines recorded 18 assists.

Castleford (5-3, 4-2 Magic Valley Southside) hosts Hansen, and Wendell (2-5) travels to Carey today.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL 3, CAMAS COUNTY 2

The Community School Cutthroats railled from a two-game deflict to defeat the Camas County Mushers 3-2 Monday. Camas County won the first two games of the match 25-19, 25-12, but the Cutthroats took the final three with scores of 25-20, 25-12, 15-7.

— South Idalab Pras reporter Cluck
— Munn contributed to this report

## Public to decide fate of Bonds' record-breaking ball

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SAN FIRANCISCO (AP) —
The fate of Barry Bonds' record-breaking home run ball is now in the public's, hands after its buyer announced Monday he was taking votes on whether to give the ball to the Itali of Fame, brand it with an asterisk or blast it nito space.
Fashion designer Marc

Ecko revealed himself as saturdays winning bidder in the online auction for the ball that Bonds hit last month to break Hank Agron's record of 755 home runs. The final selling pice for No. 756 yas \$752.467. Ecko had not even taken possession of the ball before setting up a Web site that lets

visitors vote on which of the three outcomes they think the ball most deserves. He plans to announce the final

plans to announce the man tally Sept. 25.
Ecko said he voted to brand the ball with an aster-isk, a reference to the belief that Bonds' record is tainted by his alleged use of perform-ance-enhancing substances.

## Brink passes for 4 TDs in Washington State win over Idaho

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — On a Washington State program noted for great quarterbacks, Alex Brink is setting some new standards. Brink threw for 307 yards and four touchdowns.

Brink threw for 307 yards and four touchdowns as Washington State (2-1) beat Idaho 45-28 in the 90th Buttle of the Palouse on Saturday, In completing 26 of 36 passes, Brink surpassed Jason Gesser for most completions in team history, He has 624, while Gesser had 611.

G11.

Brink's four touchdown
passes gave him 60 in his
career, one more than Ryan
Leaf for second place.
Gesser leads with 70. Brink
also now has 8,042 passing
yards in his career, moving
past Jack Thompson for second place behind Gesser's
8,830.

8,830.
"I feel good," said Brink, a four-year starter. "The dues I paid the last four years are paying off. I'm seeing things

Last week, Brink complet-ed a school record 38 passes in a win over San Diego

In a war State.

"This is the best I've seen him play," said receiver Michael Bumpus, who caught 8 passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns.
"Everything looks easy for him."

"Everything looks easy to-him."
The game between the rival schools that are located just 8 miles apart was any-thing but easy.
The game was tied at 21 midway through the second quarter before the defense of washington State began to assert itself.

Maha coach Robb Akey, in

assert itself.
Idaho coach Robb Akey, in
his first season after spending the previous eight as a
defensive coach at
Washington State, said it was

Washington State, sald it was different standing on the other sideline at Martin Stadium.

"It's been something I've been looking forward to," Akey sald, "I just wish we would have finished a little better."

would have finished a little better."
Idaho (1-2) trailed 31-21 at halftime, and scored just once in the second half.
Vandals freshman quar-terback Nathan Enderie completed 17 of 35 for 205 yards and three touch-downs, but was intercepted four dimes. Preshman Deonte Jackson rushed 28 times for 113 yards. Max Komar caught five passes for 95 yards and two touch-downs.

downs.
Washington State leads the series 70-17-3, and the two teams are taking a break from their annual showdown.

Dwight Tardy rushed 22 times for 108 yards and two touchdowns for the Cougars, who scored more than 40 points for the second game in a row.

## Litke

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Confinued from page B1, then missing out on the past two, their plan was to wird it all now. That's why owner Robert Karft opened his wallet, trading for Randy Moss, signing three other receivers and handling Adallus Thomas \$7 million å year. So how much, really, did Goodell think he was going to accomplish by taking away a likely No. 1 dinft pick next season (the Patriots have two), fining Bellehick \$500,000 and the franchise an additional \$250,000?

Based on scant evidence, even the

Based on scant evidence, even the commissioner would have to conclude: not enough.

Bellchick acknowledged as much, in

"At times it was challenging," he said referring to his players, "but they stayed focused."

referring to his players, but they stayed focused,
That was putting it mildly.
Tom Brady connected on 5-of-6 passes in the Pats' efficient opening drive, presumably without any help from New England's crack video staff. Moss wound up catching two touchdown passes and Thomas justified some of the hype that followed him to New England by intercepting an ill-advised pass from San Diego's Philip Rivers and returning it 65 yards for another score.
As the clock ticked off the final seconds, Brady, Moss and Thomas joined a

long line of New England stalwarts congratulating Belichick like he was the father of the bride.

Perhaps the only thing more impressive than the game plan Belichick put together to styrnie the Chargers was how thoroughly he masked his satisfaction afterward.

When someone asked whether this had been one of his most difficult weeks as a coach, Belichick answered with a straight face, "The Chargers are a tough football team. They're not easy to prepure for."

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Preparation is what Belichick does better than anyone else in the business and if Goodell wanted to whack the Patriots, that's where he should have aimed his stick and suspended Belichick for a game or two.

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sligned a contract extension paying him in the \$5 million range through 2013, the least effective punishment is hitting him in the wallet. The only way he gets the message is if it costs his team some

games.

Just one loss could make the difference between the Patriots going on the road during the postesseon or playing at home. A loss to the Chargers might have significantly attered the playoff picture, since they're expected to push the Patriots and Colts in the AFC title

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race despite early season scoring prob-lems.
Right naw there seems to be little hope of slowing the Patriots, though "Spygate" may have legs.
Whispers continue to circulate that New England defensive linemen may have been stealing opponents' radio signals ahead of the anap. That would explain league reports that the Patriots were using more radio frequencies against the jets than league rules allow.

against the jets than league rules allow. While noting the amount of the fines and likely penalizing New England a No. 1 draft pick were 'unprecedented,' Goodell also reserved the right to pile more punishment on the organization if additional information becume available. He also said he expects full copperation regarding some other materials he requested.

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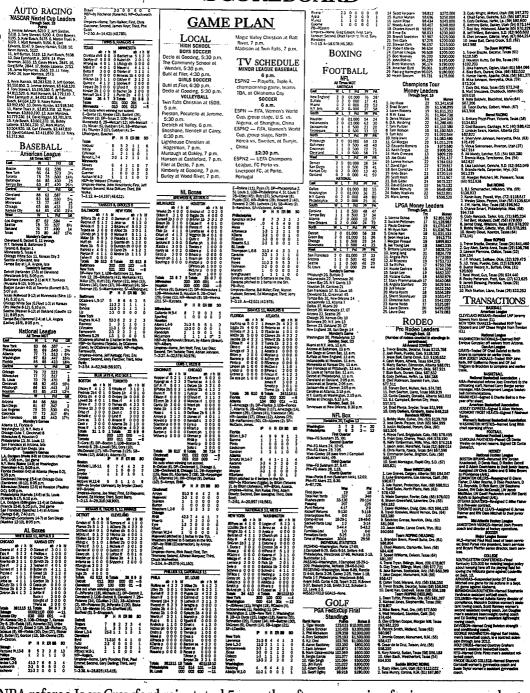
"I'm very confident the Patriots are going to abide by the rules," Goodell said in a pregame interview on NBC.
"They understand that the conse-"They understand that the conse-quences could increase."
Judging by their performance,
Belichick and the Patriots don't seem
too worded.

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gane.
Gilberry then insisted the comments were "all in fun."
"I don't talk trash," he said.

the game Saturday, I can tell you anything you want to know. —his birthday, his telephone number, his home address. I'm serious, because I will know. "I've got to know where to send the flowers after the game." Gilberry then instead the comments were "all in fun."

## **S**COREBOARD



## NBA referee Joey Crawford reinstated 5 months after suspension for improper conduct

NEW YORK — NBA referee Joey Crawford was reinstated by commissioner David Stern on Monday, five months after he was sus-pended indefinitely for improper on-court

pendes indennitely for improper on-court conduct.

San Antonio Spurs star Tim Duncan contended that Crawford challenged him to a fight during a geam seguins; the Dullas Contended the contended that the player was laughing on the bench. Stern clied a pattern of similar aqts in suspending Crawford.

"Based on my meeting with loey Crawford, his commitment to an ongoing counseling program, and a favorable professional evaluation that was performed at my direction, I am satisfied that loey understands the standards of game management and professionalism the NBA expects from him and that he will be able to conduct himself in accordance with those standards." Stern said in a release.

## MLB

### Red Sox dress rookle Matsuzaka as Teletubby for trip to Toronto

TORONTO — The Boston Red Sox didn't need an interpreter for this: With one quick wardrobe change, Dalsuke Matsuzaka went from star pitcher to Teletubby.

"I didn't think there was anything that could make me laugh last night. There was," manager Terry Francona said Monday.

Many teams use a late season trip as a chance to have some fun with the rookles, dressing them in outlandish costumes that must be worn on the flight to the next city. Dice-K had to don the outlift following Sunday night's 4-3 loss to the New York Yankees at Fernway Park.

Inight's 4-3 loss to the New York Yankees at Fernway Park. In addition to Matsuzaka, Boston's veterans in addition to Matsuzaka, Boston's veterans dressed reliever Hideki Okajami and outfield-re Bandon Hidebury as fernale pirates, pitcher or Bandon oness as Dorothy from "The Wizard of Or."

"There were some interesting looks, but no international incidents." Prancona said. Third baseman Mike Lowell said Matsuzaka and translator Masa Hoshino — also a Electubly — wore the funniest outfits. "That was pretty original, I thought." Lowell said.

said.
Francona said watching Matsuzaka clear
customs at Toronto airport was "hilarious."
"Somebody wrote a check for \$102 million,
and he's going through dressed as a rodent."
Francona said.

Francona said.

Francona was pleased that Matsuzaka, an eight-year veteran of the Japanese leagues, had no problem overcoming the cultural barriers and taking the Joke.

## Sports Shorts

## WAC FOOTBALL

### **Broncos returner named WAC** special teams player of week

DENVER — Boise State kick returner Rashuan Scott was named as the Western Athletic Conference special reams player of the week Monday. Scott, a senior from Henderson, New, returned two kickoffs for a 36.5-yard average in Boise States 24-14 with over Wyoming in Boise States 24-16 with over Wyoming

### M-A-G-IC VALLEY Bruins host Punt, Pass and Kick

TWIN FALLS — A free NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick Competition will be held at 4 p.m. Sept. 22 at Twin Falls-High School's Bruin Field. Boys and gifts ages 8-15 will compete separately in four age divisions. Participants must show proof of age. No cleats are allowed and only soft-soled gym shoes will be permitted. Contact Shane Jund

at 734-3295 for more information.

## Parks and Rec basketball

registration extended • Pegistration extended TWIN FALLS — Youth basketball registra-tions for Twin Falls Parks and Recreation have been extended until Friday. The registration fee ranges from \$12 to \$15. Fall basketball is for girls in kindergarten to sixth grade and for boys in seventh and eighth grades. Teams play one Saturday game for eight weeks, beginning Oct. 1. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information contact 736-2265.

### Filer boosters to meet

FILER — The Filer High School athletics booster club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The meeting will be held in the FHS forum. Contact Ed White at 733-4090 with any questions.

### FHS soccer teams switch times

FILER — The Filer High School boys and girls varsity soccer teams will switch game times today. The boys will now play at 4:30 p.m., fol-lowed by the girls at approximately 6:30 p.m.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

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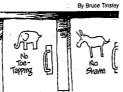
























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## HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

IF SEPT. 18 IS YOUR
BIRTHDAY: Home, family, education and excursions to foreign lands, either mentally or physically, could be the topics of most concern between now and the end of the year. Take pride in your good fortune and enjoy the respect of other members of your community. By the beginning of next year, it will become important to use your street smarts and business sense.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): CANCER (June 21-July 22):
The urge to compete might
complicate the very areas
that require the most cooperation. Downplay arguments,
delay signing contracts and
avoid making important
investments. delay signing contracts and avoid making important investments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Gaining approval might be a two-edged sword. You may be viewed as manipulative or, on the other hand, could feel as though you are being manipulated by others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let your imagination run wild. Keep the lines of communication open with a significant other. It is far better to drift along than to take matters into your own hands and make a large error.

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21): Shy away from commitments, Thoughful reflection and consideration are required before you make a major decision, but time may be hard to find amid the huste and bustle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't force issues. Although the appropriate information will eventually rise to the surface, you need not dive in and start digging.

APPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): APPRICORN

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## Testaments to tolerance offer hope for our future

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to respond to "Grateful Mom" (Inly 13), the widow who, in her time of need, was invited by her son Nell and his partner to live with them despite having rejected Neil' in the pass locause he is gay. I have a gay son, too, and I would, not trude him for anyone. He is the most loving and caring son any parent

one. He terthe med objections the terthe med bedge and carring son a closed may be a could ever have. I consider myself very lucky.

When it was time for me to relocate, it was his partner who first approached me about moving across the state to be near them. My son helped me find a cute little house to buy. My two dogs and I are very happy. I will not have grandchiden, but I do have grandchiden, but I do have grandchos and another wonderful son. I am blessed.

—ANOTHER GRATEFUL

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—ANOTHER GRATEFUL MOM IN MOM IN MOM IN LORIDA DEAR ANOTHER MOM: 1 am pleased that things are going so well for you. The responses to "Grateful Mom's letter were heartwarming. They serve as a reminder that acceptance, love and recognition of the importance of family can triumph over Intolerance and fear. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was touched that "Grateful Mom" was able to reconcile with her son and forge a wonderful relationship with him. My oldest brother was gay, and my parents welcomed his life purpose. It no our family. Wo partner into our family. We

all have open minds and hearts about individuality, I was saddened to read that "Grateful's" other chil-dren denied their mother a



DEAR ABBY Jeanne **Phillips** 

place in their homes. I took care of my mom in her final years, and although it was difficult for me to watch her health deteriorate. I was honored to be able to spend her last moments with her. I cherish those memories.

— CATHY IN RENO, NEV.

DEAR ABBY: 1 am the father of three boys, one of whom is gay. "Grateful Mom" had forgotten the most basic had forgotten the most basic of things — that your child is a part of you, and we must love, support and participate in our children's lives. This is what's missing in our society today, and it is causing all kinds of issues for the next generation. I love all my sons, and I am proud of them. I hope 'Grattell' continues to enjoy her son and continues to share the lessons she is learning.

— PROUD DAD IN is learning.

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NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: My mom came out to me and my brother about five years ago. She had been with men her were shocked, we understood we could react in one of two ways. We could either accept her and her girl-friend, "Daphne," or disown her and have to explain to our children why they couldn't see their "nana." We decided to accept my moth-

er for who she is and wel-come Daphne into the fami-

. It was one of the best It was one of the best choices iny brother and I ever made. Daphne loves my kids and can't wait to see them (she lives in Australia) later this year. My kids call let "Nana Daph." She is the best thing that ever happened to my mom, and I'm thankful she's in our lives. I'm happy that 'Grateful Mom' learned to accept and appreciate her son and his partner exactly the way they are.

## — JENNIFER IN INDIANAPOLIS

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for recommending P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) to your readers. It is an organization that provides understanding and support to both gays and their families. I have a lesbian daughter who has brought me much joy and pride. I went to P.FLAG when she first came out, and it was the wisest thing I ever did for the two of us.

— BENITAIN

– BENITA IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR ABBY: "Grateful" said her two daughters and one of her sons "married well." Sounds to me like Neil is the one who married well. Her letter made me cry. If only the world could be half as tolerant as Neil and his partner, Ron. Because of their good hearts and generous spirits, even that intolerant mother was able to change. How hopeful!

— BERKELEY, CALIF., READER

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2007. There are 104 days left in the year.

## Today's highlight:

On Sept. 18, 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

## On this date:

In 1759, the French for-nally surrendered Quebec

In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the british.

In 1861 Calle made its initial to the control of independence from Spain.

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slaw Act, which created a force of federal commissioners charged with returning escaped slaves to their owners.

In 1851, the first edition of The New York Times was published.

In 1872, the Columbia

The New York Times was published.
In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its on-air debut with a basic network of 16 radio stutions. In 1947, the National Security Act, which created

National Military stablishment, went Into effect.
In 1961, United Nations
Secretary-General Dag
Hammarskjold was killed in
a plane crash in northern

Rhodesia.

In 1970, rock star Jimi
Hendrix died in London at

Hendrix taes in Society age 27.
In 1975, newspaper helress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.
In 1987, the movie "Fatal starring

Attraction," starring Michael Douglas and Glenn Close, opened in U.S. the-

Close, opened in U.S. Invaters.

Ten years ago: Two gunmen opened fire on a group
of German tourists in front
of the Egyptian Museum in
downtown Cairo, killing
nine of the tourists and a
bus driver. Voters in Wales
narrowly approved a British
government offer to set up a
Welsti assembly. Media
mogul Ted Turner pledged
to spend \$1 billion on

United Nations causes.
Five years ago: The Bush administration pressed Congress to take the lead in authorizing force against Iraq, with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld assert-Donald H. Rumsfeld asserting. "It serves no U.S. or U.N. purpose to give Saddam Hussein excuses for further delay." in Paris, wartime collaborator Maurice Papon, 92, walked out of prison after judges ruled him too old and sick to finish his 10-year sentence for helping send Jews to Nazi death camps.
One year ago: An Iranian-

Nazl death camps.
One year age: An Iranian-American telecommunications enterpreneur,
Anoushei Ansari, took off
on a Russian rocket bound
for the international space
station, becoming the the
world's first paying female
space tourist. Abourd the
space studion, an oxygen
generator overheated and
spilled a toxic irritant, forcing the crew to don masks
and gloves in the first emergency ever declared aboard
the 8-year-old orbiting outpost.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 74. Actor Robert Blake is 74. Sen. Robert Blanke is 74. Sen. Robert Bennett, Re-Utah, is 74. Actor Fred Willard is 68. Singer Ernake Avalon is 67. Rock musician Kerry Livgern is 58. Actress Anna Deavers Smith is 57. Movle director Mark Romanck is 48. Actor James Gandolfini is 46. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human

Lengue) is 45. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ricky Bell (Rell Blv Devoe and New Edition) is 40. Actress Aisha Tyler is 31. Actress Jade Pinkett Smilh 36. Actor James Marsden is 34. Rapper Xzlbit is 33. Actress Alson Lohman is 28. Actors Brandon and Taylor Porter are 14.

## THOUGHT

"If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow."

## Madonna embraces Judaism on visit to Israel

ociated Press

JERUSALEM — Madonna toasted the Jewish new year with Israeli President Shimon Peres and declared herself at "ambassador for Judalsm," local newspapers reported

Sunday.

The singer, who is not lewish, arrived in Israel Wednesday on the eve of Jewish new year to attend a conference on Kabbalah or Jewish mysticism.

Madonna met Peres at his official residence on Sauutay
evening and the two
exchanged gits, with
Madonna receiving a lavishly
bound copy of the Jewish
Bible. She gave Peres a volume
of 'The Book of Splender,' the
guiding text of Kabbalah,
inscribed 'To Shimon Peres,
the man I admire and love,
Madonna,' the 'Vediot
Ahronot daily reported.
A Peres alide confirmed the
meeting but had no details.

"You don't know how popular the Book of Splendor is among-Hollywood actors." Yediot quoted Madonna as telling Peres. "Everyone I meet talks to me only about that. I am an ambassador for lidalsm."

Judaism.

Madonna, who was raised a Roman Catholic, has taken the Hebrew name Esther, and has been seen wearing a red thread on her wrist in a lewish tradition to ward off the evil eye.

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### TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of a showe Highe near 70 Tonight: Plenty of clouds with a shower possible. Low

the upper 40s Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy: A light shower remains possible Highs near 70.

### BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with possible showers. Highs in the ir 705 I**ght: Gene**rally cloudy with a small chance of a shower

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## TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST Today Slight chance of 71 / 48 76 / 46 75 / 48 ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS Barometric Temperature Precipitation Ma. Sunrise and Humidit Sunset Working 36% Working 36% U. V. INDEX Moonrise and Moones REGIONAL FORECAST NATIONAL FORECAST WORLD FORECAS 100 CANADIAN FORECAST Today Tomortow HI Lo W HI Lo W Today Tomorro

## Titans extend Fisher's contract through 2011

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Titans owner Bud Adams said more than a year ago that coach Jeff Fisher wouldn't be going any-where. On Monday, the NFLS longest-tenured coach with his current team

coach with his current team said he hopes to finish his career in Tennessee. Adams picked up the 2007 option on Fisher's contract at the end of last season when the Titans ralled from an 0-5 start to finish 8-8, and an extension had been expected since then. Fisher said they finally worked out the last details last week.

then. Fisher said they finally worked out the last details last week.

Never at any time was 1 of the opinion it was not going to get done. Fisher said. "What was most important to me was the team and the players and winning games."

The deal through 2011 is thought to be worth \$5.5 million to \$5 million per year.

thought to be worm 52.0 million to \$5 million per year.
Fisher is in his 13th season with the franchise that used to be the Houston Ollers. Promoted from defensive coordinator to interim head coach in November 1994, he was given the title after that season ended. He coached his 200th regular season game in Sunday's 22-20 loss to Indianapolis.
Only 10 men have coached more games with one NFL team than Fisher, and he can tie Hank Stram at 210, including the playoffs, this week at New Orleans. He ranks sixth among active coaches for most career wins with 111.

"I have never even considerad leaving," Fisher sald. "I'm enjoying living here, enjoy coaching here. It was never a consideration. Hopefully, I can finish my coaching career here."

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He is 18-32 since the
teams last playoff berth and
winning record in 2003.
But the Titans have won
seven of their last nine

seven of their last nine games going back to last season when they rallied to finish one victory shy of a playoff berth with Offensive Bookle of the Year Vince

Young. Fisher credited Adams with being patient through those struggles. The Titans went from a team that lost 17-14 at New England in a divisional playoff in January 2004 to a 4-12 record for the 2004 season when injuries

decimated the roster to 5-11 in 2005 after a salary cap-forced rebuilding.

"He understands you can't remain competitive if there's a catstrophic injury situation going on on your roster and those kind of things. He also understands the salary cap, and he understands there's going to be some lean years." Fisher said.

"He's excited as we are

"He's excited as we are right now for the future of

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This has been a very busy year for the Titans.

Adams chee not to the control of the

turnover helps a coach stick with a team longer. Burnout also isn't a prob-

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lem for a man who mukes a point of not missing Friday night football games when one of his sons is playing. His stability in this job also has allowed him to stock his staff with coaches like offensive coordinator Norm Critow, lured by Fisher to his first NFL job in 2005, former Artzona head coach Dave McGinnis and keep running backs coach Sherman Smith with him since 1995.

## Saints are far from divi

hen the New Orleans Saints lost 41-10 in

Indianapolis on opening night, it was disheartenin but not unexpected. The Colts and Peyton Manning can do that to

teams, even Super Bowl calther teams.



ΩN FOOTBALL. Dave

wever, a 31-14 loss to However, a 31-14 loss to what was supposed to be an ordinary Tampa Bay side on Sunday put the first defeat in perspective. It was one of a number of losses that high-lighted how bad some NFI, teams have been the first two works.

teams have been the time two weeks. Following a fairy tale 2006, season in which the Saints reached the NFC championship game for the first time in their 40-year history, some thought they would reach the Super How. After being outsegred 72-24 in two games, the current thoughts:

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How do you plug the defense?
 How do you re-start an offense with Drew Brees at quarterback and the explosive running back tandem of Reggie Bush and Deuce McAllister?

 More defense isn't the only

New Orleans isn't the only team with question marks. The Cincinnati defense

How do you give up 51 points to a Cleveland team that was to a Cleveland team that was the first ever to trade away its quarterback after one week? Derek Anderson (Derek Derek Anderson (Derek Anderson?) threw five touchdown passes for the Browns and Jamal Lewis ran for 216 and Jamal Lewis ran for 216 yards. That's the same Jamal Lewis who averaged 3.4 and 3.6 yards for Baltimore the past two seasons, defying the rule that almost every back who starts sliding never

who starts silicing item-regains his form.

Deniver. Yes, the Broncos are 2-0. But they were lucky-to win their opener with a last-second field goal in Buffalo by somehow scram-biling their kicking team onto the field. On Sunday, they would have lost in overtime to Oakland (2-14 last sea-son), but a last-second time-out negated a field goal by Sebastian janikowski, who Sebastian Janikowski, who then hit the upright on the re-kick. The Broncos aren't going to get close to the



w Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush (25) losses the ball as to by Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Ryan Nece (56) during the first quarter of a thall game Sunday in Tampa, Fla. Bush recovered his own fumble. hit by Tampa Bay Buccas

Patriots or Colts in the AFC

Patriots or Colts in the AFC that way.

\* The New York Giants defense. It made Tony Romo look like his Idol Brett Favre in the opener. Then it made Fort, playing with a bunch of youngsters, look like Brett, circa 10 years ago. The Glants have a leaky secondary, only one linebacker (Antonio Pierce), plus a good defensive end who looks lost at linebacker (Matthias Kivanuka). A franchise historically known for its defense has allowed 80 points in two games. Even with Eli Manning emerging — he played with a very bad throwing shoulder Sunday — Tom Goughlin is probably gone unless he fixes the defense. And he doesn't have the players to do that.

telense. And he doesn't have the players to do that... • San Diego. The Chargers went to New England and got pasted by a team that might be even money to go unbeaten without the need

inheaten without the need of illegal intelligence. It wasn't the loss as much as the lifeless manner in which the Chargers fell behind 24.0 Phillip Rivers, playing against two of the better defenses in the NFL—Chicago and New England—has a passer rating of 73.7 compared to 92.0 last year when the Chargers went 14.2. That has allowed opponents to key on LaDanian Tomilinson, who (gasph) has just 69 yads in 35 carries, a 1.9 average. Contrast that to

Derrick Ward of the Glants,

Derrick Ward of the Glants, never heard from until last week, who has 179 yards an 6.4 average with a stinky defense. Or Jamal Lewis, supposedly on his last legs. Some of the problems around the NFL were expec cd, like the Glants and Bengals defenses, although not to the extent they've shown themselves. The Salnts and Chargers iown incinscives. The Saints and Chargers

The Saints and Chargers are another story.

"A couple of Tampa Bay guys came up to me after the game and they said that it's going to be tough, that everybody is gunning for you now, and you guys are going to be marked." New Orleans to be marked." New Orleans the state of the said that the said that it's going to be said the said that it's going the said that it's going the said that it's going the said the said that it's going the said that it's going the said the said that it's going the said the sai

to be marked," New Orleans linebacker Scott Fujita said after their game Sunday. "I came into this season liking that feeling. I always wanted to be at the top and have people gunning for us. Whatever it is, we have to get our focus."

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The Chargers also knew they would be marked. No

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Alex Smith in San Francisco.
And he's also a good guy.
Still, Turner is now 60-84: as a head coach with the
Redskins, Raiders and
Chargers. If Marry
Schottenheimer was fired for
failing to win in the playoffs,
Turner has the onus of even
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getting there with a team considered extremely talented.

San Diego lost not only Schottenhelmer, but both coordinators to head coaching lobs — Cam Cameron to Miaml and Wade Phillips to Dallas (Phillips beat Cameron 37-20 on Sunday). Shawne Merriman had two sacks Sunday night, but other than that, the Chargers got no pressure on Tom Brady and Randy Moss and Wes Welker ran loose in the secondary.

Next week, the Chargers travel to Green Bay and in a couple of weeks Houston comes in. Last April, when those games were posted, they looked easy. Now both teams are 2-0, the Packers have won six straight since last season and Pawre is back in form, looking like he could play until he's 45.

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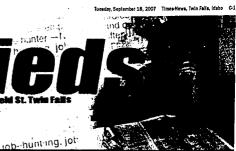
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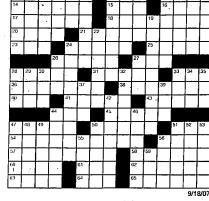
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But there were two problems: getting forced by the defenders and unblocking the clubs. West led spades, and on the third round, rather than shorten himself, declarer discarded a diamond. He won the diamond switch in dummy, then played ace and king of hearts. Given the likely 42 heart break, South now needed to address the club blockage.

He solved his problem by cashing just two clubs in dummy, then returning to hand with a trump to the queen. The 4-2 break revealed itself, but dummy's blocking club queen could be discarded on the heart jack. With trumps safely drawn, South cashed the rest of his clubs, making 10 tricks.

Had West, played a fourth spade, declarer would have ruffed low in dummy. If East had three or four hearts, South would be safe. If East overruffs, South does so too, and the ensuing play follows similar lines. But if, rather than overruff, East discards a club, declarer must cash just one of dummy's clubs, then draw trumps, this time discarding both the remaining two club honors from dummy.

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## **TREASURES**

FROM THE PAST

Rare animal breeds make comeback

-By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

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JEROME — Think rare breeds.
Chances are, chickens and hogs didn't pop
to mind. Unless you are Rex Studyvin.
Over the past couple of years Studyvin has
purchased Jacob sheep, mulefoot hogs, red
wattle hogs and buckeye chickens. Proudly,
he has shown his growing, yet extremely
are, stock at the Jerome County Fair and the
Perrine Bridge Festival.
Gladly, he took me on a short tour of his
Jerome farm.
Our first, so his least are breed but most
intriguing; he said, because of its unique
horrs. Jacobs are a multilnened, or "polycerate," breed with most having two or four
horns. Buct it shu uncommon for a Jacob to
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"Both sexes are horned, and as the rams."

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"Both sexes are horned, and as the rams grow, they get horns of the most impressive size and shape." Studyvin said. "Mine are younger so their horns aren't quite as impressive, but people at the fair were really drawn to them anyway."

Next we headed — indicated by odor — toward the hogs.

This third-generation farmer has plenty of hogs on his property. He stopped to say hello to a sow with ther dozen suckling piglets, I took photos and was disappointed when my host said the cute criters aren't endangered.

Then suddenly, his pride

and foy: a small

"Nobody knows what the wattles are for. But the red wattle breed is hardy,

forages well and grows great. They produce a lean, flavorful and tender meat."

- Rex Studyvin describing red wattle hogs

To No. Wall ABOVE: Rex Studyrin of Jerome holds the American-bred buckeye chicken; its breed is no

have been described in many cultures throughout bistory, appearing in works of art from the Far East, be East and Mediterranean regions. Among the accounts is the biblical story of Jacob, who bried spotted p and for whom the breed is named. Fewer than 1,000 are registered in the U.S.

They didn't look special until Studyvin climbed in and pointed out their hooves. It have been intrigued with these hogs since high school. We had an outdated textbook that included these hogs — once very popular, but are now almost gone. They are mulefoot hogs, he said.

They are named for their most distinctive feature, a solid noncloven hoof that looks

like a mule's. The characteristic occurs rarely as a single gene mutation, but the mulefoot breed is consistent in appearance and behavior. It's valuable in early-1900s American history and a conservation priori-

"In America there are only 250 registered purebreds left," Studyvin said. "And they aren't the other white meat." Mulefoots have

"Both sexes are horned. and as the rams grow, they get horns of the most impressive size and shape."

— Rex Studyvin describing Jacob sheep

— Rex Studyvin describing Jacob sheep red meat and its marbled — quite different than any pork you can buy at the store."

Around the barn at another pen, the pigs inside are more rare than the mulefoots, add Studyvin, proud to have two of Just 88 registered red waitles in America. The two are unrelated and he hopes to breed the pair, adding more stock to the registry.

Again, a closer Jook was needed to spot the special characteristics. Studyvin reased the red wattle hogs with a favorite treat, a weed pulled from alongside the pen. Then I could see it: a red fleshy wattle swinging from each side of the hogs 'necks.

"Nobody knows what the wattles are for," he said. "But the red wattle breed is hardy forages well and grows great. They produce a lean, flavoritj and tender meat."

At a chicken coop I saw another breed in critical status, the buckeye, with fewer than 500 breeding birds in the U.S. Studyvin is captured by the buckeyes' Justrous red plumage.

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"Buckeyes were developed by the same gal that developed the Rhode Island reds," he said, "The meats are tender even at an older

said. The means are tender even at an older age."

Efforts like Studyvin's are important in saving rare breeds that mass production and consumer preference have driven close to extinction.

extinction.

"We need to save these breeds so we have options in the future," said Marjorie Bender, director of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy Research and Technology Program. "We have a rich treasure trove of genetic resources available, but once a breed dies, it's gone for good. There is no getting it back."

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As consumers become more aware of how animals are raised and how they taste, breed-conservation proponents say, more want options — like organic, outdoor-grown chicken.

"Broad-breasted chickens do well indoors, but you can't just put those outside and expect it to thrive. You need a breed that is a specific environment, so if we lose those individual breeds our options go foo. Bender said. "Because consumers are beginning to want more options the marketplace is opening up to those growing rarer breeds. They can finally make a little money raising them."

Blair Koch may be reached at 316-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com.

## Extension: Locally grown fruit an answer for small acreages

A hundred years ago, fruit orchards dotted the freshly developed Twin Falls Tract, and settlers shipped their produce to fruit-craving markets via the rallroad. Today, according to the University of Idaho mark... Today, ac University of Juane small-acreage ensio landowners are asking Jo Ann Robbins if it isn't time

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"There's a huge movement
toward locally produced
food, and right now, we only
have a few orchards, sald
Robbins, a U of I Extension
educator in Jerome County
Although late-spring fruit
unreliable in Angic Valler
many local to the produce of the
responsibility fruit
There fruit do really well here
— although I would always
recommend that grower
plant more than one kind to
manage the springtime foot
risk."

Asmall-farm conference in-

Asmall-farm conference in Hagerman on Oct. 23 will promote tree fruit produc-





tion to small-acreage owners.
Filer grower Roger Akland
will discuss the challenges of
apple production, while
nurseryman Richard Kelley

will share his observations of promising new cherries, apricots and peaches, the U of I said. To help prospective growers avoid overproduc-

tion, Rick Vycital of the Small Business Administration will address the opportunities and challenges of value-added products. Jim Barker, author of a book on Buhl his-tory, will take listeners back to earlier — and more fruitful

to earlier—and uncounter-times. Whether workshop particl-pants hope to plant two trees or two acres of them. Robbins said, they'll benefit from learning about new rellising icchniques and dwaffing rootstocks that prompt trees to produce fruit at surprisingly early ages.

## A tree full of memories

## Maryland tree that sheltered family cut down

By Adrian Higgins The Washington Post

This summer, we toasted the life and marked the loss tree. 90-ton crane arrived

of a tree.

A 90-ton crane arrived outside the brick cottage of Chuck and Pat O Connor in Silver Spring, Md., and the dismembered trunk segments of an ancient sulproplar hovered like silventy country.

It is perhaps indulgent to feel grift at the demise of a rewelling to the when the world is so full of human strife, but it is good to mark the passing of something that has lived for so long and seen so much and, ultimately, proved so fragile.

The O Connors moved to their home in 1963. Even then the tree was the dominant plant in the cozy back yard. In the intervening four

decades, it grew taller and thicker, until it stood almost 100 feet high and five feet across at the base of the trunk. Naturally, the O'Comnors considered the tree an old friend, and they made sure it was correctly pruned to maintain. It is beauty and health. More than a dozen bought radiate from the bush of the magnitude of the magnetic from the side yard, you can see a web of branches reaching out in every directions aff to shelter and comforts the four families that live under its broad canopy. That protective stance went all wrong on the evening of fray 12 when-dusk gave iway to a violent electrical storm. Chuck O'Connor, a retired economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, went to close his back window. Just as he was pulling down the blind he heard an explosion and saw a bail of fire. At first he thought the Ughtning

Please see TREE, Page D2

## ANGELIC ALPACAS



Barbara Crews cools her alpaces with a garden hose in July, in Forest, Va. Alpaces are the latest in exotic far animals. In some parts of the country, these pint-size cousins of the llama have become the next cash cow fo class of small-time farmers and backyard entrepreneurs seeking a high return on their investment.

## Tree.

ued from page DI

bolt had hit a tree that stands nearby in the yard of limily Biasini, because he could hear debris raining on his roof.

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Neighbors Donald Lockley and Jennel Harvey were watching "Casablanca," but the storm proved even more entertaining, Lockley turned off the lights and opened the blinds to enjoy the spectacle. Then the bolt struck. "It was so loud, and you could hear bam, bam, bam, the branch-esh titting the shed."

He went out with a flash-light and an umbrella

light and an umbrella because he could smell burn-ing and was worried about a light

because he could smell burning and was worried about a fire.

Daylight brought a grim seene. The top 15 feet of the tree had been sheared by the bolt, and there were cracks descending on opposite sides of the trunk. At first, Chuck O'Connor's regular tree crew thought the tree could be saved. But he called in two other arborists, and by the time they came the leave seemed to be smaller and the cracks larger. The bolt had cooked the cambium layer he wascular system — of the tree, and if left it would decline quickly. Moreover, it was structurally unsafe, and a tree that had cosseted four families and brought them together now endangered them. It cost approximately \$5,700 for arborists to climb into the tree and dismember it, and \$2,500 to rent the Into the tree and dismember it, and \$2,500 to rent the

into the decision and the crane.

The heartache and expense of dealing with an old, lightning stack tree is not unique to they call good to the common and touching. In the well, plant week, Pat O'Connor lighted with the common and touching. In the well, plant week, Pat O'Connor lighted sandalwood incense sticks, set out chairs on the small awan and invited her neighbors to a tree wake, lolning the O'Connors. Blassini, Lockley and Harvey were their other neighbors, ack Lyden, a host for National Public Radio, and her husband, Bill O'Leary, a veteran O'Leary's mother. Sarah O'Leary's mother. Sarah O'Leary's mother. Sarah O'Leary's mother, Sarah O'L



Meighbors and guests gather in Silver Spring, Md., for a farewell ceren for the O'Connors' lightning-damaged tulip poplar, before it was taken down. Chuck O'Connor said the tree drew wildlife like a magnet.

down. Chuck O'Connor said the tree of her lyre. I couldn't help but his lyre. I rying to breathe life into the deaf Burydice. No such miracle was expected with the tulip poplar; but it didn't seem soppy or childish to honor a tree that had been such an anchor in these people's lives and itself had been around when neighboring landmarks, including the Capital Beltway, were built, it is od aft to hug a tree?

Biasini has known it sine 1960, when her parents bought their house. There was a brick grill under its canopy. "We would have our judicines over in the corner under the shade of the tree." A young couple lived in the O'Connors' house. "They had a little red-headed girl and she climbed the tree," she she was a brick of the tree." She she was a brick of the tree." She she was a brick grill under its canopy. "We would have our under the shade of the tree." She she was a brick grill under its canops. "Good of the tree," she she was a brick grill under its canops." They had she climbed the tree, she she was a brick of the corner under the shade or he to corner under the shade or he to corner under the shade or he to corner under the shade of the tree." She shade was a brick grill under its canops. They had she climbed the tree, she can be considered to the corner under the shade or he corner under the shade or he corner under the shade of the tree." She shade was a shade was a

birds had stopped going to it. Iread a poem by W.B. Yeats, "The Two Trees," which includes the lines, "The changing colors of its fruit / lawe dowered the stars with merry light." Lyden recited "The Sound of Trees" by Robert Frost: "I wonder about the trees / Why do we wish to bear / Forever the noise / So close to our dwelling place? Blassin! composed her own poem for the occasion, which read in part, "When storms came through you used to shed / Like some enormous dog / And how mysterious you looked / In misty morning fog."

At the close of the ceremony. At the close of the ceremony. Part O'Connor handed out glasses of apple luice while her husband voiced a farewell toast. "To our mighty ree. You have given us a good time here, food for the anisas and brides, and a feast our eyes. We thank you."

mais and birds, and a reast to our eyes. We thank you." 'His wife lifted her hands to the broken canopy. "We are grateful."

## Ignoring all the rules

Cowgirl fights cancer in own way.

By Patrick Scanned
Caspor Star-Fithuna
CASPER, Wyo. — Texic
Rose is a rule-breaker.
Once, she was bucked off
a horse during a rodeo.
Doctors told the to rest and
keep the arm in a brace.
"I got home (from the doctor's office) and took the
brace off," she said.
In October, after she had
surgery on both her knees at
the same time, doctors told
her to stay on the couch and
let her legs heal.
"I went to Wal-Mart the
next day," she said. "I was
like, 'Tin not sitting on my
couch all day."
So when Rose learned she
had cervical cancer, it
shouldn't be surprising how
she handled it. She went to
the College National Pinals
Rodeo, even after doctors
warned her that getting on a
horse two weeks after a stre
gery could pull her stitches.
"I wasn't even supposed to
get on a horse until (later),
she said.
Not only did Rose ride her
horse at the GNFR in June,

and hit the ground running three times, ving three goats for the defending national women's championship team. Weber State. That's just how Texte Rose works. She's not letting a sore arm, or two surjically repaired knees, or even cancer, stop her from what she wants to do.

"More or less, it was just like," Focus on my rodeo when it's time, focus on my cancer when lis that time," she said.

when it's time, focus on my cancer when it's that time, 'she said.

Rose is the winner of the second Shane Drury "Nothin' But Try "scholarship presented during the Friday night CNFH performance at the Casper Events Center.

Rose was diagnosed with cancer on Oct. 24, the day before her 22nd birthday and less than a week after her double-knee surgery. She credits her annual visits to her gynecologist for catching the cancer early and giving, her a fighting chance to survive.

"Cancer's something you wink of the hysterectomy and they done," she said. "Not at (age) 21 or 22."
Dennis Montgomery, Rose's rodeo coach, works with her in Weber States fire

"(Texie's) tough as tough, and she hasn't let this get

her down." -- Dennis Montgomery, Texie Rose's rodeo coach

— Dennis Montgomery, Texle Rose's rodeo coach marshal's office. He said Rose's attlude has been surprisingly upbeat, given the clicumstances can be compared to the clicumstances of the coache of the clicumstances of the

## Overwhelmed by weeds

Q:I took over a commu-nity garden plot last year, and, despite hard work at weeding and tilling by hand with a large hoe and a small gas tiller, we are overwhelmed with weeds. overwhelmed with weeds.
How can I control this
without using herbicides?
Is there a good cover crop
to plant in the fall?

Is there a good cover crop to plant in the fall?

A: Weeds not only robsoil of its fertility, they also rob it of water in times of drought. Most weeds compete for water more efficiently than cultivated plants and may tolerate temperature and moisture extremes better. The only organic solution for a weed-infested garden is a failow period aimed at reducing the seed bank available for weeds.

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Three weeks of sunny weather should greatly reduce the number of weed seeds in the soil, with the added benefit of killing diseases and nematodes that may build up on a community garden plot over time.

The key to any long-term weed-control program is the search for sources of inva-

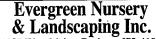
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sion. In community gardens, this is most often from abandoned plots and the margins of the cultivated area. Some community gardens provide for regular mowing of these areas to ensure that weedy plants thorit produce many seeds.

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## First day of school starts at Xavier, minus building

The classroom was crapped, and the students weren't using desks so much as chairs. But the teacher—in dark slacks and shirt, with one back pocket crammed fall of No. 2 pencils — and his whiteboard could belong in any school.

It was only by leaving the sixth-grade math and Spanish chasmon and seeing the "Wanted by leaving posters on the walls that one would know Xavier Charter. School wasn't quite where it should have been Monday morning.

should have need booking, morning. With the school's building on North College Road awaiting final remodeling and an inspection by the city, classes started as planned at 8 a.m. with a school assem-

Fire away

BLM, Forest Service ease campfire restrictions

Mild weather forecast for southern Idaho has prompt-ed wildfire officials to ease fire restrictions on public and private land.

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Illigh temperatures and winds combined with low humdily earlier this summer profit of the land of the

"The fire outlook is improv-ing, which does allow us to reduce fire restrictions," said Chris Simonson, fire manage-ment officer in the Twin Falls

Chris Simonson, in enumage-ment officer in the Twin Falls district of the Bureau of Land Management. "Still, we know there is a lot of use out there during the fall season and things are still very dry. It's important to keep using good sense to prevent wildfires." Current fire restrictions prohibit:

• Fires, including camp-fires, except in designated recreation sites and only within metal or concrete fire structures.

structures.
• Personal briquette barbe-

cue use.

Smoking, except within enclosed vehicles or buildings or within a 3-feet-diameter area cleared of all flammable materials.

The restrictions do not affect propane, butane or white-gas lanterns and stoves.

Monday's

Hefore Monday's announcement, no campfines had been allowed on public land. But the previous restrictions probably did little to curb campling, said Julie Thomas, a spokeswoman for U.S. Forest Service.

"It would have been different if it was during hunting season and you couldn't light a fire," she said. "But I don't think the restrictions stopped many people from campling — not in the middle of summer."

Refore

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

North

For a school that attracted For a school that attracted controversy before it even opened — first for being Twin Falls' first charter school and later for an idabo State Department of Education investigation—opening two weeks late at an alternate location was but a minor seback that parents were more than willing to overlook.

"When yourse

overlook,
"When you're ... starting
out something new, there's
going to be some glitches,"
said Corinne Starley, whose
daughters Brianna and Sierra
started their third- and sixthgrade years, respectively. "This has been worth the

wait."
Other parents shared
Starley's thoughts, including

Marla Rotman, who said she has one son, Zeke, enrolled In kindergarten at Xavier and another, Caleb, in third grade

at Perrine Elementar School. Since Caleb ha adjusted well to

at Perrine
School. Slinec Galeb has
adjusted well to public
school and dldp'r want to
leave his friends, she kept
him in Perrine, Rotman said.
But for Zeke, who's never
been in school. Xavier's first
year is a perfect time to start
him through the charter
schools system.
Zeke's continued enrollment at Xavier means even
more, Rotman said.— he's
autistic, and she kept him in
the school through the
Department of Education's
investigation into the
schools rectained in celafineup the school's specialneeds program is still evolving. Rotman said, it looks

promising and just what Zeke needs. "I think that sounds like something that's still being formed, which I'm OK with,"

formed which I'm OK with, so and, and with its programs, she sich oil.

Along with its programs, the schools building will evolve as officials try to meet their deadlime — the church agreed to house the school for two weeks. Officials still have to patch up the buildings ceiling and receive a final inspection from the city, though once all life-safety issues such as the ceiling work are complete, the school could receive a temporary 30-day permit that would allow students in while final touches are made. If that wasn't enough to plan around, students will have to go on "fluor days" on Thursdays, when the climen needs its space for fibbe

study classes.

The first field day, Principal Cindy Fulcher said, will be on the College of Southern Idaho campus, Tours of the Berrett Center for Arts and Science that she had planned

Herrett Center for Arts and Science that she had planned for later in the year have been rescheduled to this week.

"It's something we had already talked about," Policher said. We just pulled in quicker than originally in the control of the contr

## **AROUND**

## THE VALLEY Teen dies from car

crash injuries Grasm Injunes
Michael L. Stewart, 18, of
Fairfield, died Sunday at St.
Alphonsus Reglonal Medical
Center in Boise from injuries
caused by a one-vehicle crash
that happened at 2:20 a.m.
Saturday in Camfas County.
Stewart was one of four
teenagers, all from Fairfield,
traveling together in a Toyota
pickup, according to Idaho
State Police.
He and Logan G. Irvie, 18,
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pickup, according to Idaho State Police.
He and Logan G. Irvie, 18, were airlifted to St. Alphonsus in critical condition after the pickup left the road, struck a ditch and rolled near the intersection of 100 W 100 N. Stewart and Tucker S. Hathaway, 19, were both ejected from the pickup. Ilathaway has been released from St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.
An unidentified 16-year-old was treated and released at the scene.

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It appears none of the teenagers were wearing a seat belt. It is also unknown at this time whether alcohol con-ributed to the crash. State Police, who have not identified the driver, continue to investigate the crash.

### Ada County man nabbed in fraud case

ELKO, Nev. — An Idaho man accused of swindling investors was arrested at an elko. residence Saturday night on a \$2 million fugitive of justice warrant from Ada County, Idaho. Shane Turner, 31, is

County, Idaho.
Shane Turner. 31, is accused of allegedly defrauding investors by obtaining money for real estate construction loans and misapropriating those funds by converting them to money for his own use, Elko County Undersheriff Rocky Gonzalez said.

said.

He was arrested at a Rocky
Road residence after Ada
County law enforcement representatives reported he was

resentatives reported he was possibly in the area, conzalez said. Deputies and Elko police officers used a description of Turner's vehicle to locate him at the home of Floyd Gibson, 51. Turner's mother, Leanne Turner, 56, was also at the residence. After 45 minutes of trying to contact Shane-Turner at the residence, he was arrested without incident, Gonzalez said.

ed without Gonzalez said.

### First annual children's festival Wednesday

festival Wednesday

The first ever Fall
Children's Festival will be
held from 4 to 6 p.m.
Wednesday at the College of
Southern Idaho.

Students with the Asian
Student Organization are
sponsoring the free event to
provide fun, cultural activities for kids and their parents.

ASO advisor John Boling
says the events will also help
teach a little about Asian hertiage and art. The event will
include instruction in origamit, the ancient art of folding
paper into delicate shapes,
kite building and flying,
Korean top spinning, and a
workshop on bonsai plants.

The event will be held
inside and outside the
Student Union Building and
Is open and free to the public.

— from staff reports

## Bookworm hero

## WWII vet goes from mail service to reading to kids

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

To the outside world, he's Jerry Wertz, 88. one-time soldier, postman and railway worker.

To children at Lincoln Elementary School, he's Grandpa Jerry, the friendly, writhed man who's played ball during recess and helped them all learn to read for nearly 10 years. Wertz signed on to help with the America Reads program in 1999. The soft-spoken former

teachers, he joked, standing next to a map of the world painted on a wall in Lincoln.

After the war, he was posted as an amphiblous tank driver in California—"twent out in the ocean with that dumb thing," he said. His involvement with the unit nearly landed him in Germany, but Wertz declined the trip and found himself working for a railroad mall service in South Dakota. The job Involved heavy lifting, and in less than a year, Wertz Injured himself.

The first year I was home for Christmas, I was in the hospital with a hernia," he said.

He wasn't fit for the mall work, so Wertz served as a brakeman for a couple of years before signing on with the U.S. Postal Service, where he'd spend the next 28 and a half years. After working for a time in California, Wertz decided he'd had enough of the smog and moved to Twin Falls — where his niece had a



Jerry Wertz, 88, who has volunteered with the America Read program at Lincoln Element School since 1999, greets second-graders at the school Monday morning during recess.

home --- in 1976

home — In 1976. With northing to do, Wertz signed on to be a bus driver. That lasted to the signed on the bear several requests to fix them went out just as the bus approached cars parked at an intersection. Wertz saved the day by pulling into a gun store's curved driveway and hitting the emergency brake. brake.
"Well, then they fixed the brakes,"
he laughed.

he laughed.

Eventually Wertz read in the paper that Lincoln needed people to read with the students. Since he started with the students. Since he started helping out — first reading to kindergarten through third-graders and eventually just kindergartners— the school has changed, he said. "They do things a lot different now

than when I first started, "Wertz said.
"(The kids) used to go to the library
or the park. Now, with the government on (teachers') backs, can't
even pull them out of class to read."
And that means, he said, that it
might be time to retire again. His
obligations to the Twin Falls Senior
Center and local American Legion
have been fulfilled, and hed have
nothing to do but putter at home
with his wife of 61 years.
Not that he wouldn't miss the kids
who tackked him in the middle of
an interview, bringing a smile to his
face.

face.
"Oh my goodness, it's hug time!"

Nate Poppino may reached at 735-3237 npoppino@magicvalley.com.

## Woman charged with infant's death in January pleads guilty

A woman indicted on first-degree murder in the Jan. 12-death of 2-year-load Ashtyn Roger Lynn against a couch in her apartment has pleaded

In her apartment has pleaded guilty to second-degree mur-der.

Elizabeth Anne Miller, 22, filed a change of plea Sept. 10 after the prosecutor agreed to recommend she serve two to recommend she see ve.

10 years in prison.

"She did not mean to kill that child, said Twin Falls
County Prosecuting Attorney
Grant Loebs. I don't believe
she at any dme meant to
injure the child. There's a difference between intending to
do a murder and behaving in
an inherently dangerous way
that resulted in the death of
the child.
Miller had been arrested
on suspicion of manslaughter. Loebs, however, charged
first-degree murder, not
because he believed Miller
acted out of malice and fore-

thought but because under Idaho law the state does not need to prove intent when the victim is younger than 12. Miller's sentencing -is-set-for 8:30 a.m. Nov. 20. Ashtyris pareins were visiting Miller's home and Miller home to take care of the child. But she later told police when the provided of the child. But she have to the provided to the provi child. But she later told police she instead wanted to have "birthday sex" with her hus-band. When Ashtyn refused to sleep and began crying, Miller put him on the couch, leaned on his body and held

him down, according to a Twin Falls Police affidavit. Ashtyn's father, Will Lynn, believes the killing was mali-

believes the Kuling was man-clous,
"ILE is a former girlfriend of mine," he wrote in a Feb. 6 letter to the Times-News from prison in Boles. "We broke up a few weeks before Joy (Asthyris mother) and i start-ed seeing each other. (Miller)'s very unstable and is very vengeful, I think this was deliberate as a final get-back."

Loebs said none of the evidence points to Miller intending to harm the child. "He doesn't obviously know the facts surrounding the case," said Loebs, who also consulted with Ashtyn's mother, his maternal and paternal grandparents and his maternal great grandparents before he accepted Miller's guilty plea. There is certainly no evidence to support that this was an intentional act."
"Twin Falls County Public."

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Defender Marilyn Paul had filed several motions in late April; claiming the case against her client was predi-cated upon false testimony, an inconclusive autopsy and a violation of her due process rights. In most cases, falled to provide much

falled to provide much evidence.
Paul also asked for a change of venue to find an impartial jury. The prosecutor had argued that no legal basis exists for any of those allegations.

## DEATH NOTICES

## Ceaser T. Leoni

RUPERT — Ceaser "Cas"
Theodore Leoni, 88, of Rupert, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, ar Countrystde Care and Rehab in Rupert.
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Elighth St. in Rupert, with the Rev. David L. Poowey officiatine. Urn placement the Rev. David L. Poovey officiating. Urn placement will follow at the Rupert Cemetery with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans. A visitation for family and friends will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. p.m.

Einar Sande passed away Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, of natural causes after a long, full life.

Mr. Sande was born in

brothers. Pe

Friday, Sept. 21, at the church. The family suggests memorials be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

## Michael L. Stewart

FAIRFIELD — Michael Levi Stewart, 18, of Fairfield, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at a Boise hospital.

nents are pending will be announced by man Funeral Parlor In Bowman Garden City.

### O. Dale Miller

Otho Dale Miller, 18, of

Twin Falls, died. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in

## Rick L. Sanchez

HEYBURN — Rick L. Sanchez, 51, of Heyburn, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007. Cremation and arrange-ments are under the direc-tion of the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel

## William N. Trapp

SHOSHONE — William Nelson Trapp. 78, of Shoshone, Tresday, Sept. 41, 2007, at the Shoshone Living

No service is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory of Twin Falls.

### Gene E. Brown

Gene Edward Brown, 66, of vin Falls, died. Gene l Tyin Eal

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magle Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

### **Terry Palmer**

Terry Palmer, 55, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Nathan C. Jensen (Holy)

RUPLET — Nathan C. Jensen (Holy), a 23-year-old Rupert resident, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, of injuries in an auto accident. Nathan was born Aug. 11, 1994, in Burley, Idaho, He went to school in Rupert, graduating from Minico

went to scho graduating f High School in 2002. He made friends very easily and had many. He loved to make people laugh. He



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worked as a backhoe opera-tor at the Minidoka Irrigation District. Nathan worked hard and played

worked hard and played hard.

Nathan touched many lives and was loved very much by all who knew him and will never he forgatten. He will be greatly missed. Nathan is survived by his parents, Gary and Beverley Holy brothers. Travis Jensen and Jacob Holy: 4-year-old son, Dakotai; grandparents, L.W. and Annie Burns and Gene and Hildegard Holy; aunt, Shelley Holy; cousin, Sarah Hora; and uncle, James (Sally) Burns.

The funeral will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Spt. 29, at the Trinity Luther and Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert, with Paster David Poovey officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert (Jennetery, A viewing, Jor

will follow at the Rupert Cemetery, A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

## Robert E. Stobaugh

Robert Edward (Bob) Stobaugh, 94-year-old resi-dent of Twin Falls, was born along with a twin brother on April 20, 1913, to Frank and April 20, 1913, to Frank and Lydia Stobaugh on a ranch near Silt, Colo. The family



Lydia Stobaugh on a ranch near Silt, Colo. The family lived near Silt until 1921, when Lydin took the twin boys and the state of the state of the state of the state of healing father. In 1922, Frank John the state of healing father lin 1922, Frank John the state of healing father lin 1922, Frank John the state of healing father lin 1924, the family in Sawtelle. In 1924, the family moved to Stommer Lydin where they farmed and grew water they farmed and grew water help size of the state of the st touring cars and a Model T

Ford truck.

Briefly settling in Colbran, Colo., they farmed and the twins enrolled in Colbran High School. The following year, they moved to New Castle, Colo., and the following year to the Appleton area west of Grand Junction. Ford truck.

Appleton High School in 1931.

During the Depression of the 1930s, Bob worked at any job he could find to earn an honest dollar, mostly farm work at a dollar a day plus board and room, but he also worked as a truck driver, a construction laborer, a miner and a trapper. After Pearl Harbor was attacked, Bob enlisted in the Army Altrops, serving 35 months and attaining the rank of technical sergeant. He received a medical discharge from the service because of stomach ulcers and returned to the Grand Junction area to work as a construction laborer, then farmer.

work as a construction laborer, then farmer.

In April of 1945, he met and soon married Ethel Olds of Buhl, Idaho, on June 20, 1945. They briefly, lived in Grand Junction, then returned to Twin Falls in December 1945, where Bob has lived the remainder of his life. Beb werted at trucking life. Bob worked at trucking for a number of years, ran a couple of service stations for

Stobaugh

four years, then went to work
for the Twin Falls School
District in 1963 as a janitor
and grounds crew. He was
later given the opportunity to
oversee the purchase of supplies for the school district.
Bob always had the desire to
learn new things, and he pursued his education by taking
accounting courses in night
exhool through 1SU. Bob
retired from the school district in 1978, but for nia
more years, he continued to
manage the Magic Valley
Teacher's Credit Union.
Bob was an avid fly fisherman and loved all outdoor
activities. It is passion after
he retired was rock-hounding, He made beautiful year
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award in the 1993 American
Federation of Minerallogical
Societtes show in Denver,
Colo, where he placed first in

Societies show in Denver, Colo., where he placed first in the category of "creative cabochons." His winning dis-play was recently donated to the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

Bob passed away at Bridgeview Estates on Sept. 11, 2007. He was the last surviving member of a family of six Brothers and three sisters. He is survived by two daughters. Margaret Ann Stobaugh of Tolker and one of Twin Falls and Sarah Marie Stobaugh of Bolse; and one son. William Joseph Stobaugh of Bolse; and one survived by five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

the man to great gameline.

When we as member of the United Methodist Church the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Colfax Encampment No. 20, 1005.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations favorite charity, the Salvation Army. His desire was to help provide warm winter clothing for underprivileged children.

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The Funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road In Twin Falls. A graveside service will follow at Sunset Mamortal Park in Twin Falls. service will follow at Sunser Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the mortuary.

## Viola Mazie Michener

Viola Mazie Michener, 91, of Twin Falls, died Sunday morning, Sept. 16, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center. She was born July 9, 1916,

O'Nell

in by Nelli, Neb., to Charles and Gertle Neal, She married Ernest R. Michener on July 9, 1937. In South Dakota. The couple farmed in Iowa for many years, and then moved with their four children to Twin Falls in 1955. Viola was a member of the Methodist

Twin Falls in 1955. Viola was a member of the Methodist Church, After her husband died in 1974, she lived at the Lazy J Mobile Park for 30 years, where she enjoyed her flowers and playing pinochle. She also spent many hours embroidering, crocheting

and doing ceramics Surviving are two daugh-ters, Marcia (Earl) Hoffman and Dona (Larry) Henman, all of Twin Falls; two sons, E.

all of twin Falls; two sons, reloger Michener of Boise and Jerry Michener of Eden; 10 grandchildren, Steve Hoffman of Jerome, Brant Hoffman of Twin Falls, Kami Gillette of Twin Falls, Karee Richmond of Hailey, Kirt Hennnar of Florida, Nichole Henman of Florida, Ñichole Brown of Kuna, Hoyt Michener of Boise, Drew Michener of Logan, Joshua Michener of Fortland and Nicholas Michener of Biden: and two Sisters, Fern Vermilyaa and Luclie Neal. Viola's life will be celebrat-ed at a graveside service at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Cremation and arrangements are under the :::

arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Ivin Falls.

## Jeremy Theodore Rowe

Jeremy Theodore Rowe, age 13, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Utah
Jeremy was diagnosed with
acute mylogenous leukemia
in 2003 at the
age of 9. After
undergoing a
bone marrow transplant with
its sister as
the donor in
2004, Jeremy
was in remisston for more sion for more



wanted to be with its litelong frlends in Junior high, so attended Robert Stuart Junior High, Jeremy also developed an interest in skateboarding and snow-boarding and, from the first time he was on a snowboard, he wanted it to be winter all the lime.

Jeremy lowed to play World of Warcraft. He attended Camer Campt was able to learn and grow with other kids who had experienced childhood cancer. Jeremy spent summers on the Oregon Coast, where he was able to participate in 4-11 with his wery close cousins, Kevim and John Waller. While in Oregon, he cleaned stalls, went crabbing, picked berrles and spent time with his great-grandmother, Kathrya Heolzie; his great-aunt, Gail Rathbun; and Kevin and John's parents, John and Christina Waller, feremy didn't have a biological brother, but his cousin, Cody Rowe of Kimberly, was the best brother that Jeremy with his cousins, Randi Jo Rowe, currently of Portland, Ore, Jeremy also shared a special relationship with his cousins, Randi Jo Rowe, currently of Portland, Ore, Jeremy also shared a special relationship with his cousins, Randi Jo Rowe, currently of Portland, Ore, Jeremy also loved to spend time with his grand-parents relding ATVs and exploring outside. He hought that Crannipa made him drive too slowly, though.

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leremy had the blessing of having a friend and a father in flay Harris who taught him all he needed to know about caring for others and about Indig the positive in everything that life throws to us. On Sept. 7, 2007, It was discovered that Jeremy had relapsed with the same leukemia and was taken immediately to Primary Children's Medical Center, where he was to undergo chemotherapy and another bone marrow transplant as quickly as possible. During quickly as possible. During the short time that Jeremy the short time that Jeremy was undergoing medical treatment in preparation for the transplant, he was a model patient and was ready for the upcoming work to get better. Jeremy passed away very suddenly due to complications despite the dedicated efforts of the hospital staff. Jeremy was born on Jan. 20, 1994.

He is survived by his par-

20, 1994.

He is survived by his parents, Pam and Ray Harris of Twin Falls; his sister, lessle; and his biological father, Jeff Rowe; grandparents. Mike and Amy Danielson of Hammett, Idaho. Harry and Billie Burchett of Artesia, N.M., and Roberta Rowe of Everett, Wash.; numerous aunts and uncles, Including Jeri Burchett of Artesia, N.M., Randy Rowe (Brenda) of Kimberly, Chuck Rowe (JoAnne), Mike Rowe (Shelly), Jim Rowe (Shell), Jim Rowe (Jim Rowe (Jim Rowe), Jim Rowe), Jim Rowe (Jim Rowe), Jim Rowe (Jim Rowe), Jim Rowe), Jim Rowe), Jim Rowe), Jim Rowe (Jim Rowe), Jim Rowe), Jim  $\tilde{H}$ 

Children's Medical Center or to the Ronald McDonald House. Jeremy and his family would appreciate any stories or anecdotes that friends and family would be willing to share during the service.

## west of Grand Junction, where Bob graduated from Appleton High School in 1931. www.magicvalley.com





## Mr. Sande was born in Sola, Norway, on Nov. 27, 1910, the fourth of six chil-dren of Erlk and Maren Sande, in 1928, he came to the United States with his 7 7

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life, he got to love, know and
experience the West between
the North Dakota prairies,
Mentana and the deserts and
mountains of southern
daho. He lowed the history of
the West and took his family
on road trips to see his wifes
family in Minnesota, with
stops at the important landmarks. Yellowstone Park:
Glacler Park the Buffalls Bill
Museum in Cody, Wyo;
Glacler Park the Buffalls Bill
Museum he Cody, Woot
out at Rushmore and the
Coster Battlefield. He loved
to hunt and fish and, as often
as possible, to see the marinas and harbors of the San
Francisco and Seattle areas
that reminded him of
Norway. brothers, Per (Pete) and Mikal (Mike) to join their Uncle Martin in Cart-wright, N.D. He met hls wife, Pearl that reminded nm Norway.

Mr. Sande is survived by his wife, Pearl; his children, Barbara, Don, Karen, Anlia, Christine and Maren, and their spouses: nine grand-children; 10 great-grandehidren; his nephew and niece, Ron Sande and Joann Sharral, and their spouses, children and grandchildren; and many relatives in Norway. con at that time were married 10 years in Livingston, Mont., on

**Einar Sande** 

later in Livingston, Mont., on May 9, 1938. In his first years in North Dakota as a young man, Einar had the time of his life, riding his pony on the prairies, living in a log cabin he built with his brother on

Yellowstone River bottom and meeting many friends and characters he referred to all his life. During those Depression years, he described the working hours as "dark to dark", but he savored every moment of that time

that time.

During the 1930s, Mr. Sande, his brother, Pete, and cousin, Arne Rommetvedt, came to work for their uncle. came to work for their uncle.
A.M. Sande, who founded the
Twin Falls Feed and Ice and
Buhl Feed and Ice companies. After A.M. Sande died in
1952, his nephews took over
the business, which they sold
in the mid-1950s.
During Mr. Sande's long

## SERVICES

Lawrence R. Walden of Millcreck, Pa., and formerly of Buhl and Huntsville, Ark., service at 10 a.m. today at Burton Funeral Home, 3801 W. 26th St. in Eric, Pa

Lonnic Everett Burns of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Claire Christine McKim of Claire Christine McKim of McLaughlin, S.D., and for-merly of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley: friends and family may call one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Paul Gene Unruh of Buhl, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of God in Christ Mennonite in Buhl; viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Maria L. 'Ronnie' Rendon Gailey of Twin Falls, funeral at 3 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary p.m. ... Mortuary

Bill Jackson of Burley, neral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. In Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the funeral

and many least... Norway. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept., 21, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N. in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memori-

Falls. In Ileu of flowers, the family suggests that memori-al contributions be given to St. Luke's Home Care and Hospice; the Kenyan Water Fund (made payable to Our Savior Lutheran Church, specifying the Kenyan Water Fund) or a charity of choice. Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or malled to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls. 110 3303-1142.

Chapel, 10. 10. 1. Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Robert C. "Bob" Peterson of Lake San Marcos, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls and Burley, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Lake San Marcos Pavillon.

Clifton Sheppeard of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jero

William Ray-Hunter, for William Ray-Hunter, tor-merly of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. James Episcopal Church, 24447 94th Ave. S. in Kent, Wash. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Thane E. Maddox of erome, memorial service at p.m. Saturday at the Hove-obertson Funeral Chapel in lerome.

Philip Ray Bare of Declo and formerly of Rupert, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where family and friends may gather before the service.

June Vincent (Kyles) Peterson of Everett, Wash., and formerly of Boise and Filer, celebration of Ilfe at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Cathedral p.m. Sa United I in Boise.

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## Iraq orders U.S. government's security firm out of the country

## Recent killings prompt move

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government announced Monday it was ordering Blackwater USA, the securi-ty firm that protects U.S. diplomats, to leave the Blackwater USA, the securi-ty firm that protects U.S. diplomats, to leave the country after what it said was the fatal shooting of eight Iraqi civilians follow-

eight Iraqi civilians following a car bomb attack against a State Department convoy.

The order by the Interior Ministry, if carried out, would deal a severe blow to U.S. government operations in Iraq by stripping diplomats, engineers, reconstruction officials and other search their security propers. s of their security p

ers of them seemed to them.

The presence of so many visible, aggressive Western security contractors has angered many Iraqis, who consider them a mercenary than the seemed to the seem force that runs roughshod over people in their own

over people in their own country.
Sunday's shooting was the latest in a series of incidents in which Blackwater and other foreign contractors have been accused of shooting to death Iraqi citizens. None has faced chaiges or prosecution.
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Charges or prosecution.

Secretary of State
Condoleezza Rice telephoned Prime Minister
Nouri al-Maliki late
Monday and the two agreed

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan -

Pakistan's election commis-sion announced a rule change Monday that could allow Gen. Pervez Musharraf to remain army chief even as he seeks another term as president.



A U.S. private security officer with his face covered against dust, sits in a A C.S. private security interest min an acce overers against uses, sus in a Chinock helicopter in this 2003 file photo near the southern Iraql city of Basra. The Iraql Interior Ministry said Monday Sept. 17, 2007 that it was polling the license of an American security firm allegedly Involved in the fatal shooting of civilians during an attack on a U.S. State Department

to conduct a "fair and trans-parent investigation" and hold any wrongdoers accountable, said Yassin Majid, an adviser to the prime minister. Rice was

members were appointed by Musharraf, says the updated rules reflect recent Supreme Court decisions and denies

Court decisions and denies the change was made specifi-cally to help the president, who is elected by the parlia-ment and provincial assem-biles. The commission issues eligibility guidelines before each election. The decision throws

expected to visit the Mideast on Tuesday. Deputy State Department spokesman Tom Casey said Rice "told the prime minis-ter that we were investigat-

opponents question the legality of his plan to win another term from a parlia-

ment that is set to expire in

### Iraq orders firm out

- Aug.: U.S. Inspec General Joseph S quils his post to b CEO for Blackway
  - Oct. 2008: GAO lists U.S. contract with Blackwater as more than \$24 million

Ing this incident and wanted to gain a full understanding of what happened."

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Rule changes could let Musharraf stay head of Pakistan's army

the constitutional requirement does not apply because of special exemptions for the president. The commission said the change was made based on Supreme Court decisions in 2002 and 2005. The rules were updated, the opproval of the President." An organization that promotes democracy in Pakistan questioned whether the commission was pressured by the president. The decision "raises serfous doubts about the independence of

## Democrats expected to delay debate on Iraq spending until November

WASHINGTON

Democrats are not expected to take up President Bush's war spending request until November, giving them time to calculate their next move and see if Republican support for his policies deterierate.

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The delay in passing the bill, which Bush says is needed by Oct. 1, is likely to intensify the standoff between the Democratic-controlled Congress and Bush, who says at least 130,000 trops are needed in Iraq through next summer.

mer, "Just because this admin-"Just because this admin-istration wears bilnders, we cannot afford the limita-tions of their shortsighted world view," sald Rep, John Murtha, D-Pa., a Vietnam veteran and prominent war critic.

Democrats are in a tough spot. Still lacking enough votes in the Senate to pass legislation ordering troops home by spring, they would have to soften approach if they want to attract more Republicans. But doing so would rile much of the party's rank-and-file, elected on anti-war platforms and eager to cut off money for combat. "There's a lot of anger out there," Murtha told reporters Monday at the

National Press Club. "Alot of people are very unhappy with the Democrats because we haven't been able to get anything done." In February. Bush requested \$147 billion for the wars in Irisq and Afghanistan in budget year 2008, which heights Oct. 1. As early as this week, Bush is expected to ask for another \$40 billion to \$50 billion. Murtha, who chairs the House committee that oversees military spending, estimated Congress is likely to ignore the request until November. Congress could pass a stopaga funding measure that would include money for the war.

In the meantime.
Congress also is expected to
approve the Pentagon's
nearly half trillion annual
budget, which omits war
spending. That money covers routine costs, including
training, payrolls and
weapons procurement.
Under that bill, the mill-

tary is expected to be grant-ed the authority to transfer money between accounts, potentially keeping the war afloat for several more

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Murtha and other
Democrats say final passage
of the annual spending bill

anticipated by early
October — curbs the
urgency of the separate war
spending bill.

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## another term from a parliament that is set to expire in less than two months. The Supreme Court on Monday began hearing a challenge to Musharraf's eligibility to run for office. Lawyers seeking to knock Musharraf's name off the ballots as he should be disqualified because public servants are constitutionally required to resign their government jobs and wait two years before they can run for most political offices, including the presidency. Mohammad Aram Sheikh, the lead attorney on the case, said that means Musharraff's ineligible "either in or out of uniform." But the election commissions interpretation is that eligibility guidelines before each election. The decision throws another wariable into a turbulent political situation that appears to be nearing a climax, with the Musharraf, a U.S. ally, struggling to hold on to power as critics call for his ouster. Musharraf, who took control in a 1999 military-led coup, is required to win a new, five-year term if he wants to stay on as president. But his popularity has sunk to an all-time low, and he seeks another term as president. The commission said a key section of the constitution does not apply to presidential elections, drawing immediate condemnation from pro-democracy groups and Musharraf's political opponents. They say the panel is supporting Musharraf unfairly at a time when the Supreme Court is weighing his eligibility to run for a new term this fail. The commission, whose Iran criticizes France for nuclear standoff warning

TEHRAN. Iran (AP) —
Iranian media lashed out at
France on Monday for raising
the rhetoric in the standoff
over Tehran's nuclear program, a day after the French
foreign minister said -the
world should be prepared for
war If Iran obtains nuclear
weapons.
French President Nicolas
Surkozy and his administration have taken a tougher live.

tion have taken a tougher line against Tran's controversial nuclear program than his predecessor, Jacques Chirac,

who left the Elysee presidential palace in May.

"The occupants of the Elysee have become translations of the White House policies in Europe and have adopted a tone that is even harder, even more inflammatory and more illogical than that of Washington," Irans state-run IRNA news agency wrote in an editorial Monday posted on its Web site.

The U.S. and many of its allies, including France, have been pressuring Iran to sus-

pend its controversial nuclear program, which they believe is cover for weapons development — a charge fram denies. President lush has refused to take military action off the table if fran does not comply.

On Sunday, Ferneth Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner warned that war could break out if Iran obtains nuclear weapons and sald European leaders were considering their own economic sanctions against the

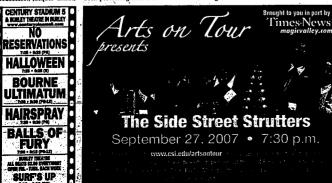
Islamic country.
Kouchner, speaking on RTL radio, said that if "such a bomb is made ... we must prepare ourselves for the worst," specifying that could mean a war.

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French Prime Minister
Francols Fillon sought to play
down Kouchner's comments
on Monday, saying 'everything must be done to avoid
war.

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war.

"France's role is to lead the way to a peaceful solution," he said.





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## Nevada search for Steve Fossett cut back

MINDEN, Nev. — The Nevada-based search for Steve Fossett was cut back on Monday, but those still involved in the hunt for the missing aviator and adven-turer said they remain opti-mistic about finding him

The Civil Air Patrol, which had 20 planes and 60 searchers aloft over the week-end, suspended further flights and left two planes and a small team on standby

at the airport here. The National Guard kept five helicopters on search duty — and many private airduty—and many private air-craft continue to operate out of hotel mogul Barron Hilton's I million-acre Flying M Ranch, where Fossett had been staying, Search and res-cue crews on the ground also continued their efforts.

"We're going to remain

continued their efforts.

"We're going to remain hopeful." said Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Churck Allen, speaking for the state Department of Public Safety. "I guess the best possible scenario we can think about today is that hus sitting new to bis alone somewhere. next to his plane somewhere in Nevada that no one has checked yet, and that he's

## Witness in Jeffs trial says she didn't tell family she was forced into sex

ST, GEORGE, Utah (AP) ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) —
A defense attorney picked
over the testimony of a key
witness in the trial of a polygamous sect leader Monday,
looking for discrepancies in
her story about being under
overwhelming pressure to
marry an older cousin when
she was 14.
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Warren Jeffs, 51, used his
influence to push the girl into
a ceremonial marriage with
her 19-year-old cousin.

Under cross-examination the bride, now 21, said she never told her mother about unwanted sex during the marriage of more than three years. "I never told anyone,"

she said.

Defense attorney Tara Isaacson challenged the claim that the woman had sex under duress.

Tisn't it true you said you had to sugar-up the situation to get things you wanted? Isaacson asked.

In response, the woman said she began to use sex to extract privileges from her husband, including money, visits to see family and other trips.

trips.

Jeffs, president of the
Fundamentalist Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints, is charged with two
counts of rape as an accom-

plice.
Juros last week heard two
days of emotional testimony
from the woman, who said
she sobbed through the wedding in a Nevada motel and
had to be coaxed by leffs and
her mother when asked to
say "I do."

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alive." Fossett has been missing since Labor Day.

"It's only going to take that one set of eyes to come forward and say, "We know where he's at." That's the day we're all hoping for," Allen said.

said.
Maj. Cymhia Ryan of the
Nevada CAP said volunteer
CAP pilots in up to 28 planes
made 245 lights searching
for Fossert, a millionaire who
has sailed and flown around
the world and has set more
than 100 aviation and distance records. tance records

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Regarding the CAP flight suspensions, she added, "We don't like to do that, It's against our nature to walk away from a search. But at some point you have diminishing returns."

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Maj. Ed. Locke of the Newada Air National Guard said the guard's helicopters will continue Bying and will be able to hover class to the ground, in contrast to the CAP planes which flew at about 1,000 feet above the eround.

## Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada and Utah near wildfire pact; prisoners building sage-seed hoppers

Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho prisoners are making new seed-collecting hoppers to be worn by volunteers this November during an effort aimed at helping to restore great swaths of sughrush desert torched by huge wildlines this year. 41s a small part of a four-state plan, announced by governors in Idaho, Newdad, Utah and Wyoming Aug, 6, meant to fight invastive cheargrass, the highly flammable aften weed that's established itself across the West since the 100s and is increasingly contributing to fire danger.

West since of increasingly contributing to fire danger. As early as this week, the governors aim to sign cross-border pacts to allow their states more easily to share resources and gear when fires crupt, said fon Hanlan, a spokesman for Idaho Gov. CL. "Butch" Otter.

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"pilot project" of planting grasses and restoring torched stands of sage, in bones of contributing to

grasses and ressoning trended stands of sign in beyond of the best way on prevent cheatgrass from galning an even wider footbold.

They face a daunting challenge in Idaha alone, nearly 3,200 square miles have burned this year, footbold the stay burned this year, footal and triple the land charred in 2005. And just a single fire this year, the Murphy Complex on the Idaho-Newada border, torched more than 1,000 square miles.

There's going to be a huge demand for sugebrush seed, because of the scope of the fires in diabo and the surrounding states," said Mary Dudley, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's volunter coordinator who has been collecting suge brush and bitterbrush seed since 1986. The wildfires destroyed grass land used by cattle

and wildlife habitat that support sensitive species such as sage grouse, which need sagebrush to survive. Come Oct. 1, state Fish and Game officials are plan-ning a media campaign to alert hundreds of additional alert hundreds of additional seed-collecting volunteers needed to collect sagebrush seeds from three different plant varieties, Dudley said. Ordinarily, state crews col-lect about 1,000 pounds of seed annually, but Idaho is shooting for several times that amount this fall. This Friday, stoff from Fish and Game, the U.S. Forest Service and the BLM plan tog to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, located on the Idaho-Nevada bor-

Indian Reservation, located on the Idaho-Nevada bor-der about 100 miles south of Mountain Home Mountain Home, to train people there how to identify and collect seed in that

and collect seed in that area.

About 70 new seed hop-pers, in addition to about 70 existing ones, are being built by Idaho Department of Correction inmates near

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Boise and should be ready by Nov. 1. They are simple canvas bags suspended from a metal hoop and are worn around a seed-collec-tor's neck. Sagebrush seeds — about the size of a pin head — are stripped by hand from plants after they

The planning for the seed collection is continuing. Halana said in an email. The seed beds are in the process of being identified, as well as identifying sources for available commercial seed, logistics of organizing and getting the manpower and equipment out to these areas is the next step."

step."
As part of their plan announced in August, Otter, Newada Gov. Jim Gibbons, Utah's lon Huntsman and Dave Freudenthal of Wyoming, Said they also planned to go the Bureau of Land Management and Congress to ask for new rules governing grazing in areas that burned.

