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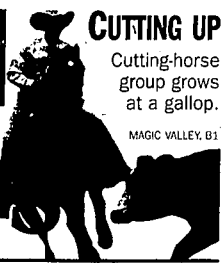


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A DOT ON THE MAP Tourists are starting to know the Magic Valley.

CUTTING UP

Cutting-horse group grows at a gallop.



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Good Morning

High: 58 Low: 36

Cool with widespread, heavy rain showers. Details: C8

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SPECIAL PHOTO PROJECT

SISTERS IN A STRANGE LAND

One is an Internet dater who came for love. One, a nurse who went without pay for months in Russia. One, a religious refugee. Two were mail-order brides.

All five Russian immigrants married American men and adjusted to life in Idaho. Already educated, they remained in the U.S. Most have

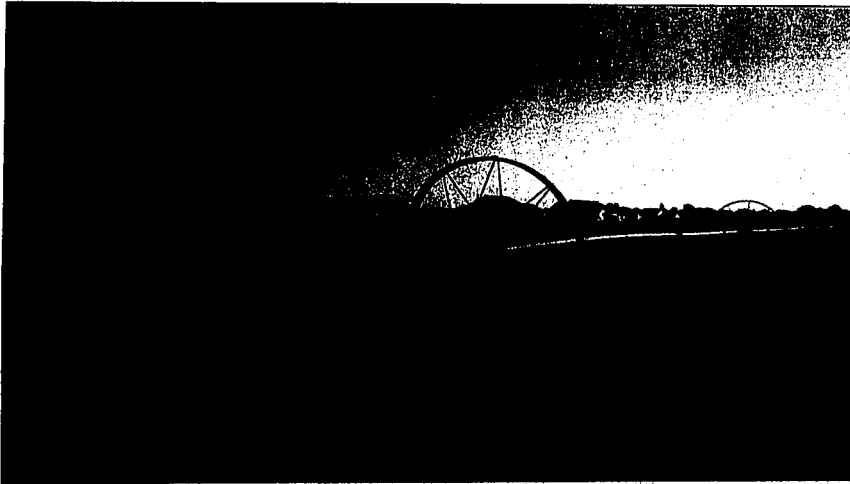
happy marriages. Still, it's a comfort to gather with others from their homeland — to eat okroska, sing folks songs and discuss Russian pop culture.

Times-News photographer Meagan Thompson profiles these women, their club and their new lives, in a special story and photo package on page E1.



Irene Robbins, 38, plays a Russian song for other immigrant women who married American men. The women gather regularly, this time at a picnic, to speak in their native tongue. When we came here we do have to adjust to American lifestyle,' Irene says. But it's a comfort to look back. 'You cannot completely separate yourself from your roots.'

The Kimberly crowd



Farm ground battles up against a new housing development off U.S. Highway 30 on the outskirts of Kimberly.

Eastern T.F. County town endures growing pains

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — For years, the drive to Kimberly on U.S. Highway 30 has been one of rural serenity: quiet, open farmland on either side of a two-lane road. You might not reach downtown for a couple of miles, but the hustle-and-bustle of Twin Falls was long behind you.

That's all about to change. Homes are under way south of the curving highway, which has been redone to accommodate traffic.

By the end of next year, a batch of commercial buildings — beginning with an Arctic Circle restaurant, a church and a First Federal bank — will greet drivers at the intersection

of U.S. Highway 30 and Idaho Highway 50, commonly referred to as Red Cap Corner. More businesses are scheduled to follow on more than a dozen acres of nearby land.

Red Cap Corner is the latest indicator of changes in Kimberly, one of many small but growing cities in Idaho trying to keep that small-town feel.

The tides of progress might make that difficult. In just over six years, the city limits of Kimberly have more than doubled.

But, unlike other growing areas, from boomtown Meridian to surging Jerome, Kimberly has seen the growth generally come in the form of residences and not businesses. City officials are hopeful that will change.

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Kimberly building permits

Building permits for Kimberly in the city's limits, and in the Kimberly area of Impact managed by Twin Falls County.

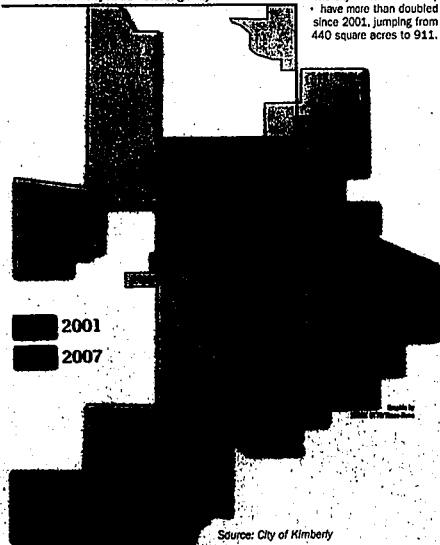
Listed by year city county

2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
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Kimberly growth

Kimberly Road - U.S. Highway 30

The city limits of Kimberly have more than doubled since 2001, jumping from 440 square acres to 911.



Source: City of Kimberly

Caught on tape?

Investigators say video shows Blackwater guards fired without provocation

By Robert H. Reid Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Iraqi investigators have a videotape that shows Blackwater USA guards opened fire against civilians without provocation in an incident last week in which 11 people died, a senior Iraqi official said Saturday. He said the case was referred to the Iraqi judiciary.

Iraq's president, meanwhile, demanded that the Americans release an Iranian

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Bouncing the bad check stigma

By Melissa Davin Times-News correspondent

The facts look incriminating. A 10-day long shopping spree involving tens of thousands of dollars of merchandise, including a sports car and two motorcycles, all bought with bad out-of-state checks.

But Patrick Pryor, the man who wrote the checks, wants people to know it was all a misunderstanding.

Any Joe Schmo can look at a situation and say 'This is what happened,' Pryor 21, said. 'This was just mistiming and misperception.'

In late July and early August, Pryor visited local businesses and bought furniture, amps, two motorcycles and a sports car using checks from his Navy Federal Credit Union account. When businesses were unable to verify the funds, however, they tried contacting Pryor to get their merchandise back.

Pryor, unaware of the situation, had left town for the week with friends. The first he heard of the problem was when he returned to Action Cycles 'N Sleds to get a scratch fixed on his motorcycle and a manager called the police.

It turns out the bank had frozen Pryor's account. In September 2006, Pryor had

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday. Includes weather icons and descriptions like 'Much cooler with heavy rain at times'.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Showers continuing, some will be heavy at times. Highs, upper 50s. Tonight: Cool with lingering showers...

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Cub Scout/Boy Scout Pack No. 46 potato/chili bar, noon to 2 p.m., Rupert Methodist Church...

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

The Monthly Indoor Flea Market, with over 35 vendors, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds...

To have an event listed in the October monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description...

THREE DAY PLANNER

SALE

Sept. 24 — Big sale at the Twin Falls Senior Center Bargain Shop, includes racks of clothing...

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Sept. 25 — American Legion and Auxiliary Burley Post No. 17 meeting and potluck, Boys and Girls Sisters will report on personal conference experiences...

Sept. 26 — Twin Falls County Democrats Central Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Perkins Restaurant...

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Sept. 25 — Burley Public Library After School Program, in honor of National Duct Tape Awareness Month...

Sept. 25 — Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass fiddle (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille...

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 23, the 260th day of 2007. There are 89 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 5:51 a.m. Eastern time.

Today's highlight

Fifty years ago, on Sept. 23, 1957, nine black students who had entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw because of a white mob outside.

On this date

In 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship Bonhomme Richard, commanded by John Paul Jones, defeated the HMS Serapis.

In 1780, British spy John André was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British.

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis more than two years after setting out for the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, Neptune was identified as a planet by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

In 1973, former Argentine president Juan Peron won a landslide election victory

that returned him to power; his wife, Isabel, was elected vice president.

In 1987, Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden withdrew from the Democratic presidential race following questions about his use of borrowed quotations and the portrayal of his academic record.

In 2001, 13 coal miners were killed in explosions at the Blue Creek Mine No. 5 in Brookwood, Ala.

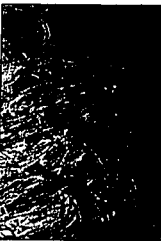
Ten years ago: The Senate Finance Committee opened hearings into reports of alleged abuses by the Internal Revenue Service.

Five years ago: A defiant Yasser Arafat dug in at his besieged West Bank compound, rejecting Israel's demand to hand over the names of all those held up inside.

One year ago: Three young children were found dead in an East St. Louis, Ill., apartment, hours after Tiffany Hall was charged with killing their pregnant mother and her fetus in a grisly attack.

Sept. 22, 1992: A double murder in the death of Jimella Tunstall and her children, as well as intentional homicide of Tunstall's fetus. Barry Bonds hit his 734th career home run.

MAGIC VALLEY



Valley no longer a dot on the tourism map

There was a time when state officials thought the only reason anyone would want to stop in south-central Idaho was to visit friends or relatives.

But they quickly changed their opinions about south-central Idaho when the executive director of Southern Idaho Tourism received the most comprehensive study about tourism in the Magic Valley area.

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The changing face of Kimberly

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Community Action throws picnic party

Ken Robinette has quite a few friends — at least 65 of them.

And all of them showed up Saturday to help Robinette celebrate the 40 years South Central Community Action Partnership has served the eight counties in south-central Idaho.

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OBITUARIES

- Emma Lou Andrews, 90 Arlene L. Benoit, 85 Alice Louise Rogers, 77 Dorothy Louise Bamhardt Roake, 78 Rickey Lee Sanchez, 51 Raymond Miller Wickel, 92 Tracy Wilson, 90

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IDAHO LOTTERY

Table with lottery results for Saturday, Sept. 22 and Sunday, Sept. 23. Columns include Power Play, Mega Millions, Wild Cards, and Keno.

THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS

MONDAY IN IMAGE



P.E. tools

How the stuff you learned in gym class can keep you fit even as an adult.

TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS



Composing compost

How to make it and how to use it.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME



Online ingredients

A Hagerman chef films a new Internet show.

THURSDAY IN TNT



Ash Bash

Steve Miller, Bruce Willis and Carole King rock out a thank-you to firefighters in Sun Valley.

FRIDAY IN OUTDOORS



Get yer gun

The Times-News offers a preview of the Big Game season.

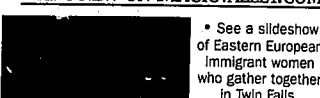
SATURDAY IN RELIGION



Sleeping in on Sunday

How come men don't go to church?

WHAT'S NEW ON MAGICVALLEY.COM



See a slideshow of Eastern European immigrant women who gather together in Twin Falls.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- Actor Mickey Rooney is 87. Actress Margaret Pellegrini ("The Wizard of Oz") is 84. Singer Julio Iglesias is 64. Actor Paul Petersen ("The Donna Reed Show") is 82. Actress-singer Mary Kay Place is 60. Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 58. Actor, Jason Alexander is 48. Actor Chi-McBride is 46. Actress Elizabeth Pena is 46. Country musician Don Herron (BR549) is 45. Actor Erik Todd Dellums is 43.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Education is hanging around until you've caught on." — Robert Frost, American poet (1874-1963)

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SPORTS

Golden Eagles VB crushes CEU

The relief and excitement on College of Southern Idaho head coach Fred Carlisser's voice spoke volumes of her Golden Eagles' Saturday play at the College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah.

It wasn't until the 30-21, 30-18, 30-18 final-set match that Carlisser's team made against CEU that raised Carlisser's spirits. It was the way the Golden Eagles carried out their season-long passing woes to get the win that was much more exciting to the program's second-year head coach.

Passing was phenomenal," Carlisser said. "We finally just put it all together."

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Idaho rally falls short against Huskies

MOSCOW — Costly mistakes by the Idaho Vandals helped the visiting Northern Illinois Huskies earn a 42-35 nonconference victory on Saturday.

Justin Anderson led NIU (1-3) with 167 yards on 35 carries and one touchdown. Huskies quarterback Dan Nicholson went 10-for-17 and a pair of touchdown passes.

Idaho (1-3) was led by Deonte Jackson, who rushed for 111 yards and scored two touchdowns.

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ISU hammered in conference opener

Eastern Washington sliced, diced and mutilated the Bengals 34-7 at Holt Arena Saturday.

The Eagles (0-0, 1-0 Big Sky) took advantage of three early interceptions and put up 24 points in the second quarter, basically ending the contest before halftime. Idaho State's (1-2, 0-1) freshman quarterback Russel Hill tossed all three picks and was removed from the game shortly before halftime. He never returned.

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Bruins best at Bob Firman invite

The Twin Falls boys cross country team picked up a huge team win Saturday, winning the 2007 Bob Firman Invitational Division I boys high school state title at Eagle Island State Park, outside of Boise.

Nick Jacobs' fourth-place finish in 16 minutes, 53 seconds paced the Bruins, while teammates Ander Jayo, Dunia Emmanuel and Alex Schenk finished seventh, ninth and 10th, respectively.

Twin Falls freshman runner Amanda Ward came up with the biggest win of her young high school career, making the Division I girls championship. Ward finished in 19:01, while Bruins teammate Dani Bates came in fifth at 19:53.

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The Kimberly crowd

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The current emergency is that of a bedroom community with a crowded school district and a city struggling to maintain services.

"It's just part of what's happening all over the valley," said Kimberly Mayor Jim Sorenson. "Any town has got to have reasonable growth if it's going to survive because it's much better than the alternative of not growing. But you have to have growth that pays for itself."

Another city, another growth spurt

There are plenty of ways to measure growth: financially, physically and even the number of people who use city water services. In Kimberly, each one confirms the same pattern of growth.

- The population of Kimberly was 2,782 in 2006. In 2001, it was 2,614, according to the U.S. Census, a change of 6 percent.
- In 2001, the city was 440 square acres. Today it is about 914, despite two years without annexations.
- 139 building permits were approved in the past three years. The three years before that, 24 were approved.
- In 2001, 849 residences were hooked up to water service. Today there are 912.
- Within the last year the city hired a sixth police officer and bought an additional police vehicle for a cost of about \$50,000. Sorenson couldn't recall the last time the city had hired a police officer.

Officials attribute the influx to three reasons: people are looking for a small, affordable and spacious community; it's close to Twin Falls, which doubles in size during dry hours; and the quality of the school district.

Other reasons might be under the surface. Since 1973, the city has sent its wastewater east through a Twin Falls trunk line. That allows Kimberly, which pays about \$7,000 monthly to Twin Falls city, to continuously shuffle in new residents. There is also — so far — plenty of water: five wells and two holding tanks.

Stress of the city

Any growing city discovers new challenges. Kimberly is no different with burgeoning stress on city services.

"Somehow growth has got to pay for the increased demands on water services and sewer services," said Sorenson, who has been Kimberly's mayor for 12 years. "Your cash flow is so much smaller in a smaller community."

There are subdivisions in the unincorporated part of the city, including some near the Pleasant Valley Golf Course. They have their own wells and septic tanks. But the city of Kimberly responds when police officers are needed or fire departments are called.

Sorenson said the city prohibits trucks from driving through Center Street since



Students from Kimberly Middle School start their daily walk Thursday afternoon to the elementary school lunch room.

the damage can cost millions. The city's general budget is about \$1.3 million.

"They don't stop, they don't buy anything — they just go through," Sorenson said of the trucks. "It's the citizens of Kimberly that are picking up the bill."

The heavy influx of homeowners and lack of businesses means a shortfall on tax money. Sorenson estimates about two years before taxes are collected on homes — homes need to be occupied before money is collected — but city services must be provided and paid for before that.

"The way tax structure is in Idaho, if all you're doing is residential construction, you can grow yourself right into bankruptcy," said Sorenson. "The services cost more than the tax money you'll get out of it."

Searching for business

Officials said they are looking into impact fees, costs of growth assessed to developers. To prepare, the city has studied Kuna and Eagle, and is developing a strategic plan. Businesses are trickling in — which officials hope will balance the growth. Consultants say that the commercial entities will come to Kimberly naturally.

The city's location — about six miles from Twin Falls and four miles from the Hansen Bridge — makes it attractive to businesses, said Jan Rogers, executive director of South Idaho Economic Development Organization, which the city recently joined.

Retail is a byproduct of residential areas, but Rogers said that industrial and manufacturing are likely to follow. She said that urban areas routinely participate in the suburban sprawl of surrounding communities, and there's further incentive with bypassing the Ferrine Bridge to get on Interstate 84.

"It's just a matter of time," she said. "It's going to be great for companies looking for easy access to the highway."

Officials hope Red Cap Corner will show businesses can succeed in Kimberly. First Federal Bank, which is already in full operation, owns more

than 13 acres along Kimberly Road. Jake Tolman, manager of the bank there, said there are plans to build a strip mall and add about a half-dozen businesses.

For the kids

From about 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., it's lunchtime at Kimberly Elementary School. But the extended lunch hour isn't a reward for winning gold stars.

It's because middle school students eat there too.

In some ways, the Kimberly School District has felt the heaviest burden of growth. The district is 83 percent full. In 2000, the district enrolled 1,227 students. This year, there are 1,453, including its largest kindergarten class of 105 kids.

Superintendent John Garner said some signs of the growth are now in the high school — four teachers don't have classrooms and instead use push carts to carry their supplies around. And, again due to space concerns, middle school students are taught art and music at the high school. The middle school also turned its library into class space.

Garner said more than half the students come from outside the city limits, many from unincorporated subdivisions.

"We try to monitor it. It's neither a help nor a hindrance," said Garner. "A school district is set up to be a zone entity."

Tension within the crowded district peaked in January when voters failed to pass — by two votes — a \$6.09 million bond to upgrade facilities. On Oct. 18, a second attempt, this one \$10.25 million, will be put to voters in hopes of adding

classrooms and computer labs, among other things.

Garner made a list of nearly 30 reasons why the first bond failed, but his more confident this time.

"We just didn't get the 'yes' votes that were there," he said. "I think people got a little complacent. I think people are supportive. But I think we need to a better job of explaining how this money is going to be used."

Forecasting 'Red Cap'

It's unclear exactly how Kimberly will look even five years down the road. In fact, it's unclear what City Hall will be like. Sorenson, who's up for re-election in November, hasn't bothered to decorate his office, which was constructed about four months ago.

But many are hopeful that businesses will continue to come and complement the residential areas.

In fact, they admit hoping is all they can really do.

"We're trying to remind each other that we've got to look 20 years in the future," Sorenson said. "Twenty years is where it's going to show whether we're right or not."

Nevertheless, it is still early in this development rush. Red Cap Corner might be getting a bank and a new fast-food joint for the hundreds of nearby residents, but there are no signs on the farmland across the street from First Federal.

"That's OK," says Sorenson. "What's the rush?"

"The owner wants to farm it and that's fine," he said. "There's plenty of space for development."

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Correction Notice

On the front cover of the 9/23 Best Buy ad insert, we mistakenly priced the 50" Panasonic TH-50PZ77U (850171) at \$1799, before '90 savings. We intended to advertise the 42" Panasonic TH-42PZ77U (850175) at \$1799, before '90 savings. Best Buy will not be honoring this price on the 50" Panasonic TH-50PZ77U (850171).

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Iraq

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arrested this week on suspicion of smuggling weapons to Shiite militias. The demand adds new strains to U.S.-Iraqi relations only days before a meeting between President Bush and Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim Khalaf said Iraqi authorities had completed an investigation into the Sept. 16 shooting in Nisour Square in western Baghdad and concluded that Blackwater guards were responsible for the deaths.

He told The Associated Press that the conclusion was based on witness statements as well as videotape shot by

cameras at the nearby headquarters of the national police command. He said eight people were killed at the scene and three of the 15 wounded died in hospitals.

Blackwater, which provides most of the security for U.S. diplomats and civilian officials in Iraq, has insisted that its guards came under fire from armed insurgents and shot back only to defend themselves.

Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell said Saturday that she knew nothing about the videotape and was contractually prohibited from discussing details of the shooting.

Khalaf also said the ministry was looking into six other

fatal shootings involving the Moyock, N.C.-based company in which 10 Iraqis were killed and 15 wounded. Among the shootings was one Feb. 7 outside Iraqi state television in Baghdad that killed three building guards.

Khalaf said the report was sent to the judiciary, although he would not specify whether that amounted to filing of criminal charges. Under Iraqi law, an investigating judge reviews criminal complaints and decides whether there is enough evidence for a trial. Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said Saturday there had been no decision on whether to seek punishment for any Blackwater employees.

Rice, al-Maliki avoid each other as tension mounts over Blackwater

By Matthew Lee Associated Press writer

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki kept a polite distance Saturday as they attended a group meeting and avoided discussion of a Baghdad shootout involving guards from a U.S. company protecting American diplomats.

With tensions running over the Sept. 16 incident, Rice and al-Maliki chose not to speak directly at a United Nations gathering at which they were among senior diplomats and officials from Iraq's neighbors, including Iran and Syria, weighing future assistance to Iraq.

Neither Rice nor al-Maliki brought up the matter in the broader talks, according to David Satterfield, the State Department's coordinator for Iraq, who said testify that the two also did not meet separately on the sidelines

and that the incident had not been on the agenda.

But Rice immediately clear when the last time Rice and al-Maliki have been in such close proximity and not spoken face-to-face. Satterfield told reporters after the meeting that Rice had already spoken by phone with al-Maliki about the matter.

Al-Maliki said before the session that he believed security was improving in Iraq and urged the United Nations to boost its presence in his country.

The presence of Rice and al-Maliki at the same meeting here was the closest high-level encounter between the governments since the incident and since Rice on Friday announced a full review of State Department security in Iraq.

They precede a meeting between al-Maliki and President Bush next week on the sidelines of the annual U.N. General Assembly.

THE WEEK IN IRAQ

Prisoner release demanded

President Jalal Talabani asked for the release of an Iranian official detained Thursday by U.S. forces in suspicion of smuggling weapons in the Kurdish city of Sulaimaniyah.



TURKEY — U.S. forces in Iraq said security contractors opened fire in a predominantly Sunni area of Baghdad, killing at least eight civilians.

Mon. — The Iraqi government said it was ordering Blackwater security to leave the country.

Tue. — Four U.S. soldiers were killed north of Baghdad.

Wed. — The prime minister deplored Blackwater's version of the shooting that killed 11 people.

Thur. — The U.S. second-in-command in Iraq said violence was down in Baghdad, but too many civilians were dying.

Fri. — Two aides of a top Shiite cleric were killed in the separate cities of Basra and Dhiwaniyah.

Sat. — The U.S. killed 7 insurgents and captured 12 in Musayyib.

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taken out a personal loan for \$1,000. His twice-monthly payments on the loan were supposed to be automatically deducted from his checking account. When there was a problem with the automatic payments in June, NFCU froze his account without notifying Pryor, he said.

"I never checked (my account status) and never used my card. I worked here and had money on hand," Pryor said. "I had cash all the time and never needed to check my account, never needed to do anything with it ... (When they froze the account), I wasn't contacted. No e-mail, no phone call, nothing," he said, adding that the bank had all his contact information.

A representative from NFCU declined to comment, citing customer

privacy policies. As soon as he found out about the problem, Pryor said he returned everything he acquired with the bad checks. He tried to reactivate his account immediately, assuring businesses he'd return to buy back the merchandise. But when he called the bank, the official in charge of his account was on vacation, he said. It took nearly a month to get things sorted out. By that time, the businesses had either resold the merchandise Pryor wanted or refused to do business with him.

Pryor thought the mess was over until a story about the bounced checks appeared in the *Times-News* last Wednesday. He understands how bad the story looks. It's only lived here since May. He tried to buy tens of thousands of dollars of merchandise with bad

out-of-state checks in a short period of time. Businesses originally had a hard time contacting him. But, he points out, he gave everything back, cooperated with police and business owners, and never tried to run.

"I'm not going anywhere. I've got nothing to hide," he said. Pryor said he's especially angry at the suggestion he lied about serving in the military.

"You can look up any record, any given day, any time," he said. "I served." Although Pryor is staying in town, he recognizes that, at least for a while, he's going to have problems doing business in the area.

"It's a major problem because a lot more businesses are less likely to do business with me, even if I bring a freaking cashier's check from Jesus himself," Pryor said.

Thinking twice about out-of-state checks

By Melissa Davis
Times-News correspondent

The law seems straightforward. Writing bad checks is punishable with up to three years in prison and \$50,000 in fines. But if the check is from out of state, the police won't prosecute it.

Jamey Willis learned that lesson the hard way. In July, Willis, manager of Arlon Cycle 'N Sticks in Twin Falls, accepted two bad checks totaling \$23,000. The checks were from the Navy Federal Credit Union, which has no branches in Idaho.

"We take a lot of checks here, we deal with a lot of farm accounts," Willis said. "Most of the time, a guy can shake your hand and it's a good deal."

Willis called police when the customer, Patrick Pryor, returned to the store to fix a scratch on one of his motorcycles. When police arrived, however, they couldn't arrest Pryor because he used an out-of-state check for the transaction, Willis got his merchandise back and said he won't make the same mistake again.

saying all out-of-state checks have to be cashier's checks from now on. Still, he's frustrated at the police's inability to do anything.

"To me that's theft, and I don't know why he hasn't been arrested," he said.

The reason they can't arrest him, said Detective Sgt. Dave Heidemann, is money.

"For us to make a case, I have to prove that the passer of the check has knowledge of the condition of the account," Heidemann said.

To do that, the bank must provide documents showing who closed the account, when and why they closed it, and how the account holder was notified that the account had insufficient funds. The information is subpoenaed, analyzed, and used to show probable cause.

For the preliminary hearing, the prosecutor issues a subpoena commanding a bank official to appear in court and provide evidence that the account holder passed bad checks knowing the status of the account.

lates in Idaho, Heidemann said, it's too expensive to fly someone to Twin Falls to testify. As a result, the police don't accept reports on bad out-of-state checks. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Leeb said that although there is no rule from his office that police can't accept complaints on out-of-state checks, he agrees that the high cost and difficulty of issuing a subpoena outside of Idaho make it hard for his office to prosecute the charges.

Beverly Bryant of the Better Business Bureau recommends that businesses examine all their options before taking checks for transactions.

Bryant points to debit and credit cards as more secure forms of payment. With the cards, the funds can be verified immediately.

If businesses do choose to take checks, Bryant said, make sure to copy the customer's identification information, such as the driver's license number, and think twice about accepting checks from outside Idaho.

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Delaware State students point to tension among rival groups before shooting wounded two

By Randall Chase
Associated Press writer

DOVER, Del. — Tension between rival groups of friends from New Jersey and Washington, D.C., preceded the late-night shooting at Delaware State University that wounded two people, students said Saturday.

While investigators worked to find the shooter who opened fire early Friday as several students left a campus dining hall, a classmate recalled how the violence had escalated from altercations during the week.

"They've been getting into it, New Jersey people and D.C. people," said James Dillion, 23, of Cleveland.

"Thursday night, they saw each other again and got into it," he said. "Everybody's still astonished about what happened."

The shootings, reported to police at 12:54 a.m. Friday, occurred after a group of students left the Village Cafe dining hall and ran into another group as they walked across campus. Nathaniel Pugh, 17, was in stable condition Saturday with an ankle wound, while Shawn Middleton, also 17, was shot in the abdomen and remained in serious condition, university officials said.

Police questioned and released two students described as persons of interest. Police have not labeled either person a suspect, and no arrests have been made.

"They did provide information to us that is very useful," campus police chief James Overton said. "It has led us to more witnesses that we are seeking now, and one other person of interest who we hope will be able to shed light on this situation."

Investigators have not recovered a weapon or any shell casings, suggesting the gunman may have used a revolver. Witnesses reported hearing four to six gunshots.

Overton said police believe the gunman is a male Delaware State student who is no longer on campus. But he said police have not identified a suspect, and refused to clarify the apparent contradiction.

Overton said the investigation has not led police to believe there was any "turf battle."

University president Allen Sessoms said the campus would return to normal business on Sunday, and classes would resume Monday. "We're moving ahead," he said.

Campus meetings were planned in response to the shooting, Sessoms said.

"Clearly, we're doing some things well, but we need to do other things better," he said.

Ali Muhammad, 18, a freshman from Washington, D.C., said that since the school year started he has heard of at least three fights involving cliques from New Jersey and the District of Columbia.

Earlier in the week, Muhammad said, a student from New Jersey cut the lip of a student from Washington with a key. "They said it was over a card game," he said.

He lives in the same dorm as Pugh, but said he did not know him well. "I know he didn't have anything involved in the incident ... that led up to the shooting," Muhammad said.

The Student Government Association posted a notice saying it plans a town hall meeting to discuss the shooting and ways to stop the violence.

"There are no gangs here on this campus," student government president Nikki Chapple said. "There are students coming from different backgrounds. That doesn't make them gang-related."


Muhammad suggested that the violence may continue.

"I think there's going to be

something else that takes place," he said. "When someone gets shot, there's always somebody that wants some revenge."

"Everybody's still astonished about what happened."

— James Dillion, 23, a DSU student



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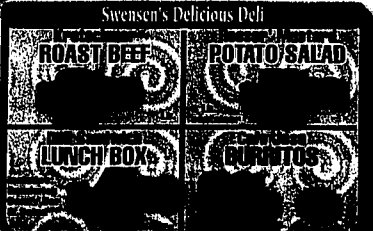
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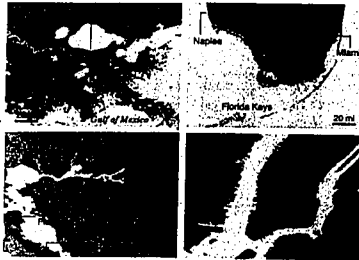
Rising seas projected to swamp America's coastlines

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press writer

Sea level rise could reshape the nation

Global warming — through a combination of melting glaciers, disappearing ice sheets and warmer waters expanding — is expected to cause oceans to rise by one meter, or about 39 inches.

Area affected by a 1-meter sea rise



SOURCE: University of Arizona

President Bush. Experts say that protecting America's coastlines would run well into the billions and not all spots could be saved. And it's not just a rising ocean that is the problem. With it comes an even greater danger of storm surges from hurricanes, winter storms and regular coastal storms. Buesch said. Sea level rise means higher and more frequent flooding from these extreme events, he said.

All told, one meter of sea level rise in just the lower 48 states would put about 25,000 square miles under water, according to Jonathan Overpeck, director of the Institute for the Study of Planet Earth at the University of Arizona. That's an area the size of West Virginia.

The amount of lost land is even greater when Hawaii and Alaska are included, Overpeck said.

The Environmental Protection Agency's calculation projects a land loss of about 22,000 square miles. The EPA, which studied only the Eastern and Gulf coasts, found that Louisiana, Florida, North Carolina, Texas and South Carolina would lose the most land. But even inland areas like Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia also have slivers of at-risk land, according to the EPA.

This past summer's flooding of subways in New York could become far more regular, even an everyday occurrence, with the projected sea rise, other scientists said. And New Orleans' Katrina experience and the daily loss of Louisiana wetlands — which serve as a barrier that weakens hurricanes — are previews of what's to come there. Florida faces a serious public health risk from rising salt water tainting drinking water wells, said Joel Schrag, the EPA's director of global change research. And the farm-rich San Joaquin Delta in California faces serious salt water flooding problems, other experts said.

"Sea level rise is going to have more general impact to the population and the infrastructure than almost anything else that I can think of," said S. Jeffress Williams, a U.S. Geological Survey coastal geologist in Woods Hole, Mass.

Ultimately, rising seas will likely swamp the first American settlement in Jamestown, Va., as well as the Florida launch pad that sent the first American into orbit, many climate scientists are predicting.

In about a century, some of the places that make America what it is may be slowly erased. Global warming — through a combination of melting glaciers, disappearing ice sheets and warmer waters expanding — is expected to cause oceans to rise by one meter, or about 39 inches. It will happen regardless of any future actions to curb greenhouse gases, several leading climate scientists say. And it will reshape the nation.

Rising waters will lap at the foundations of old money Wall Street and the new money towers of Silicon Valley. They will swamp the locations of big city airports and major interstate highways.

Storm surges worsened by sea level rise will flood the waterfront getaways of rich politicians — the Bushes' Kennebunkport and John Edwards' place on the Outer Banks. And gone will be many of the beaches in Texas and Florida favored by budget-conscious students on Spring Break.

That's the troubling outlook projected by coastal maps reviewed by The Associated Press. The maps, created by scientists at the University of Arizona, are based on data from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Few of the more than two dozen climate experts interviewed disagree with the one-meter projection. Some believe it could happen in 50 years, others say 100, and still others say 150.

Sea level rise is "the thing that I'm most concerned about as a scientist," says Benjamin Santer, a climate physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California.

"We're going to get a meter and there's nothing we can do about it," said University of Victoria climatologist Andrew Weaver, a lead author of the February report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in Paris. "It's going to happen no matter what — the question is when."

Sea level rise "has consequences about where people live and what they care about," said Donald Buesch, a University of Maryland scientist who has studied the issue. "We're going to be into this big national debate about what we protect and at what cost."

This week, beginning with a meeting at the United Nations on Monday, world leaders will convene to talk about fighting global warming. At week's end, leaders will gather in Washington with



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South-central Idaho is becoming more of a destination for outdoor recreation

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

There was a time when state officials thought the only reason anyone would want to stop in south-central Idaho was to visit friends or relatives.

That's because previous reports, which were based largely on assumptions made through tourism studies on the entire state of Idaho, showed that most people visiting places like Twin Falls and Jerome were only stopping to meet with friends and family.

But state and regional officials quickly changed their opinions about south-central Idaho when the executive director of Southern Idaho Tourism received the most comprehensive study about tourism in the Magic Valley area.

"This was the first time that detailed research has been done specifically for our market because in the past we have relied on basic surveys that have just drawn conclusions on our market," said Debbie Danc, executive director of Southern Idaho Tourism. "What we found is that there is a big difference between the two because the research actually shows that (south-central Idaho) has become a destination for tourism."

The study surveyed 300 people who had requested information

about south-central Idaho in May, which is a period when many people begin planning for summer vacations and travel.

Some of the things that the study indicated were:

Of the people who visited south-central Idaho, 94 percent participated in outdoor recreation activities.

About 40 percent of the people who visited south-central Idaho stayed in the area for up to six days.

The majority of visitors to the Magic Valley area were above the age of 40 — most were residents of Idaho.

The results of the study will help Southern Idaho Tourism and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce utilize about \$200,000 in grant money that it receives annually to market the region as a tourist destination.

However, some visitors to the Magic Valley say the area hasn't been effective in marketing itself to the thousands of people who travel on Interstate 84 each month.

Lyle and Meredith Reed, a retired couple from Fort Collins, Colo., said they were surprised at what they saw when they stumbled upon Twin Falls.

"I think we are like a lot of people passing through this area who just stop because we need gas,"

said Lyle Reed. "I don't want to sound mean, but when you drive on (the interstate) all you see are dairy farms, industrial buildings and junk laying around. It's a shame because once we got off (the interstate) we saw this beautiful bridge and a really nice looking town."

Officials did not have specific numbers on the revenue that local businesses generate through tourism, but they estimated that it would equal about a quarter of all local revenue.

Shawn Barigar, president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, said the study indicates a substantial opportunity for businesses that might have been overlooked in the past.

"I think there certainly is an opportunity for businesses with the capacity to serve those markets to benefit from this information," he said. "This is information that we haven't had in the past, so I'm sure that there is plenty of opportunity that can be found in it."

The survey also indicated that about 50 percent of respondents either used or would use the Internet and Web sites operated by local businesses and agencies to plan their stay in south-central Idaho.

Reed said he would return to south-central Idaho for a vacation because he considers it a hidden place with a lot to offer.

"I don't have a lot of time to look up (on the Internet) every town I'm going to pass through," Reed said.

"Maybe the younger people can do that, but what I'm looking out for is a place that I can see for myself is a good place to spend my time and money."

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Quick facts about Magic Valley tourism

Why most people visit south-central Idaho:

- The relaxed atmosphere and "easy going pace of Idaho."
 - Wide open spaces and lack of crowds.
- The high cost of fuel is encouraging short trips for people in Idaho — as well as longer stays.
- Outdoor activities are the biggest attraction.

Source: Marketing Research and Analysis: Tourism in South Central Idaho



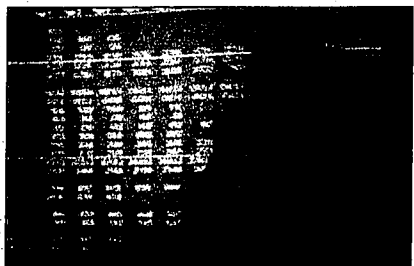
A master's degree for cowboys prepares them for a complex business

By Lynn Bransky
Associated Press writer

KINGSVILLE, Texas — Once upon a time, in the Wild West, all it took to raise cattle was land, grass and cowboys who knew how to rope the critters. Now, it may take an MBA.

Texas A&M-Kingsville's Institute for Ranch Management is offering what university officials call the first ever masters degree program for ranchers — sort of a Harvard Business School for cowboys. In addition to graduate-level business courses, students are schooled in rangeland specialties, including animal nutrition and wildlife management.

During a Friday noon session over brown bag lunches, a laptop computer beams a long list of letters and numbers. It's an equation. Les Nunn tells his colleagues in cowboy hats, for getting the most beef out of your pastures' grass, Nunn's Power Point presentation, "Searching for the Economic



Sean Kelly, a student at King Ranch Institute of Ranch Management, gives a presentation at Texas A&M Kingsville in Kingsville, Texas. University officials tout the institute as the world's first master's degree program in ranch management, the equivalent of a Harvard Business School for those who would take a "systems" approach to the Wild West.

Optimum Stocking Ratio," follows another student's profit loss analysis of a government incentive pro-

gram for land conservation and another's stab at formulas for sharing land between hunting lessees

and livestock. It's an exclusive club, coming with the promise of a job after graduation. The first graduating class has two students: the current class has four, with seven students enrolled in the program this year. Twenty students applied for a slot.

The program signals a new era for the occupation. In the past, those aspiring to careers in ranch management might have pursued degrees in animal science or agriculture and rounded out their resumes with on the job training. Today's ranchers also need business and wildlife management skills.

"You can't just be an animal nutritionist and horse person and manage a ranch any more," said Barry Dunn, PhD, a former South Dakota rancher who heads the program. "The market for most of ranching's history has been a commodities market," he said. "But now the markets are moving into specialized (fields) — whether it's hunting or specialized beef production, like

Nolan Ryan beef. All of that just adds more and more sophistication."

The King Ranch, which endowed the institute and allows students to do fieldwork on its grounds, epitomizes the kind of modern ranch the school wants its students to be able to manage.

At 825,000 acres, it is the largest ranch in the United States, so vast it appears as a dark spot from outer space, so unspoiled it has more species of birds than the Florida Everglades. It includes a small school district for its employees' children. It originated several cattle strains and is considered the birthplace of American ranching.

But these days, cattle raising is only a small part of the ranch's operations, which include oil and gas leases, ecotourism, hunting tours, a publishing company and a retail arm. The ranch also farms cotton and citrus. Its corporate headquarters are in Houston, 200 miles away.

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GM, UAW resume talks, said to be close to health care agreement

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Negotiators for General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers returned to the bargaining table Saturday after progress was made a day earlier on transferring retiree health care costs from the company to the union, two people briefed on the talks said.

GM, which has \$51 billion in unfunded retiree health care costs on its books and 540,000 UAW retirees and spouses, badly wants to pay the union to fund a trust and take on much of the expense. The UAW is seeking guarantees of new vehicles to be built in U.S. plants in exchange.

Negotiators have not settled on a final number for how much GM would put into the trust, but both people briefed on the talks said they are close, with requests for anonymity because the talks are private.

Bargaining now is focused on other economic issues that hinge on the trust including pensions, wages, profit sharing and who manufactures company parts, said one of the people.

Despite optimism, a deal is believed to be at least a few days away, the person said.

GM sees the trust, called a Voluntary Employees

Beneficiary Association or VEBA, as the least painful way to cut into what the U.S. auto companies say is about a \$25-per-hour labor cost gap between them and their Japanese competitors.

The talks, which have extended more than a week beyond the original deadline, resumed Saturday morning, GM spokesman Tom Wickham said. They were expected to continue all weekend. Wickham would not comment on developments, and messages were left for UAW spokesman Roger Kurson.

UAW President Ron Gettelfinger told members Friday he was trying to speed up negotiations with General Motors and wanted to reach a contract agreement with GM by Sept. 23.

"We are continuing to make progress; however, we are pushing to accelerate the negotiating pace at all levels," he said in a message to UAW members. "It is our desire to reach an agreement without a strike, and we have demonstrated this by staying at the bargaining table up to this point."

Gettelfinger added that the effort to speed the talks doesn't mean any of the union's options are off the table, including the option to strike, according to a message, which was posted Friday evening on a union Web site in Oklahoma.

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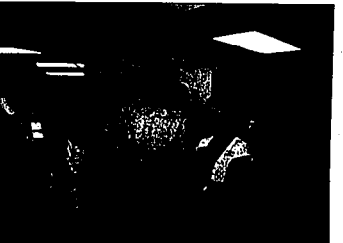
STRICKER RANCH



A ribbon cutting held recently with Stricker Ranch was assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors.

The Friends of Stricker, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the historical Rock Creek Station & Stricker Home Site through awareness, education, fundraising, and memberships. The Friends of Stricker, Inc. works in partnership with the Idaho State Historical Society. The site was donated to the state of Idaho in 1985 by the Stricker heirs. The Stricker Store was the first trading post in the Magic Valley built in 1865 by James Gascon and John Conder. Herman Stricker purchased the store in 1876. People interested in local history and preservation are welcome to become members of the Friends of Stricker, Inc. For more information please write Friends of Stricker, Inc., P.O. Box 2218, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or call president, Curtis Johnson at 736-1882.

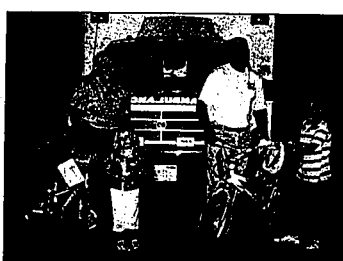
CARE CENTER CELEBRATION



A 20-year celebration was the reason they cut the red ribbon at the Twin Falls Care Center 674 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors assisted with the ribbon cutting. The Twin Falls Care Center has had its doors open in the Magic Valley and has provided its professional services to the residents for 20 years and are chamber members. They provide short-term and long-term rehabilitation programs. For more information, call 734-4264. Pictured from left, Kelly Spiers, administrator; Melodie Jensen, registered nurse, director of nursing.

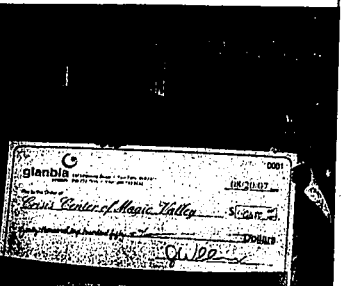
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BIKE GIVEAWAY



Maldoka Memorial Hospital annually gives away two bicycles to children at the Maldoka County Fair. Each child was given a raffle ticket free of charge when they attended the rodeo with an adult on Friday during the fair. The two winners of the bicycles this year were Breanna Reed and Ty Winnill. Presenting the bikes are Maldoka Memorial ambulance employees Shirley Hubbard and Kraig Franks.

CRISIS CENTER DONATION



The Crisis Center of Magic Valley received \$40,650 from the 2007 Glanbia Charity Challenge golf tournament that was held on Aug. 20. These funds will be used to repair the Crisis Center's Shelter facility and also for general operation which includes individual counseling, legal advocacy, transportation and childcare. For 25 years, the Crisis Center of Magic Valley has been providing services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Magic Valley. Services include a 24-hour crisis line, shelter facility, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy, transportation and childcare. For more information, call 733-0100. Pictured from left, Jeff Williams, president of Glanbia Foods and Deborah Gahardt, executive director of the Crisis Center of Magic Valley.

Chrysler recalls nearly 300,000 SUVs over braking problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chrysler LLC said Friday it would recall nearly 300,000 sport utility vehicles to address potential braking problems while driving uphill.

The recall involves more than 156,000 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Commander SUVs from the 2006-2007 model years, more than 90,000 2007 Jeep Wrangler SUVs and nearly 50,000 2007 Dodge Nitro SUVs.

Chrysler spokesman Max Gates said the automaker had received about 20 complaints of vehicles experiencing a delay in braking when drivers tried to come to a stop after coasting uphill. To fix the problem, the computer connected to the antilock brake system will be reprogrammed.

There has been one crash tied to the issue and no injuries reported, Gates said. Owners will be notified by mail beginning later this month.

In a separate action, Chrysler said it was recalling 72,333 Dodge Avenger sedans and Chrysler Sebring convertibles from the 2008 model year to address problems with the front door latches and locks.

Gates said the company discovered problems with opening the vehicle doors through its internal monitoring program. No accidents or injuries have been reported and owners are expected to be notified of the recall next month.

For more information, owners can contact Chrysler at (800) 853-1403.

Shift in Congress favors labor, UPS over FedEx

By Del Quentin Wilber and Jeffrey H. Blinbaum
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Frederick W. Smith, the founder of FedEx, and Rep. James L. Oberstar, D-Minn., chairman of the House Transportation Committee, have not been getting along. A couple of months ago, Oberstar arrived 50 minutes late for a meeting with Smith and then gave Smith just 10 minutes to make his case on pending legislation. After his spiel, Smith said, Oberstar ended the meeting abruptly by saying, "I know all of that, and it doesn't make any difference."

"I was shocked I got treated that way," Smith said. "It was the rudest I've been treated in Congress."

Oberstar said he had been tough but polite and had to cut the meeting short because he had to cast a vote, then he added, "I guess he's not up to people talking back to him or standing up to him."

The disagreement was more than a clash of personalities. It was also a byproduct of the changed partisan makeup of Congress.

FedEx has long been at odds with organized labor, a close ally of Congress' Democratic majority. For

years, Democrats such as Oberstar and unions had been angling for legislation to end the way for more unionized workers at FedEx.

They finally succeeded in late June when Oberstar's committee approved an amendment that would make it easier for the Teamsters to organize FedEx drivers, a change that the Teamsters had long sought. The amendment is now part of a bill to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, which is expected come to a vote in the House this month.

The amendment reflects how, at the balance on Capitol Hill tips toward labor, it's specifically tipping toward United Parcel Services. FedEx's larger and more-unionized rival in the package delivery business. "It levels the playing field from our perspective," said Malcolm Berkley, a UPS spokesman.

Both companies are major players in national politics, spending large sums on lobbying and, through their political action committees, on campaign contributions. Among corporations, UPS and FedEx were No. 1 and No. 3, respectively, in PAC giving in the 2006 election cycle.

Ring, ring: Numbers on Do Not Call list expiring soon

By Jennifer C. Kerr
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The cherished dinner hour void of telemarketers could vanish this year for millions of people when phone numbers begin dropping off the national Do Not Call list.

The Federal Trade Commission, which oversees the list, says there is a simple fix. But some lawmakers think it is a hassle to expect people to re-register their phone numbers every five years.

Numbers placed on the registry, begun in June 2003, are valid for five years. For the millions of people who signed onto the list in its early days, that numbers will automatically drop off beginning next June if they do not enroll again.

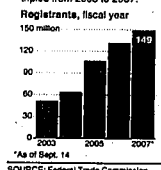
"It is incredibly quick and easy to do," Lydia Parnes, director of the FTC's bureau of consumer protection, said in an interview with The Associated Press this week. "It was so easy for people to sign up in the first instance. It will be just as easy for them to re-up."

But Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Pa., says people should not be forced to re-register to keep telemarketers at bay. Doyle introduced legislation this week, with bipartisan support, to make registrations permanent.

"When someone takes the

Unwanted calls

The number of Americans registered on the National Do Not Call registry has nearly tripled from 2003 to 2007.



NOTE: You can register your home and cell phone numbers and fax numbers at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 1-888-382-1222.

time and effort to say 'I don't want these kinds of calls coming into my house,' they shouldn't have to keep a calendar to find out when they have to re-up to keep this nuisance from happening," Doyle said in an interview.

The FTC built the five-year expiration date into the program to account for changes, such as people who move and switch their phone number.

"Just like a regular person who needs to clean out their address book every so often, the commission felt that was something that was important to do with the registry," explained Parnes.

Doyle, however, points out that the list is purged each month of numbers that have been disconnected and res-

work shops focused on wealth accumulation, retirement income and tax estate planning that will not be out lived." Bulher is a wealth and retirement adviser who founded the Insurance business in 1971 with his former Jay O. Bulher who founded the agency in 1965.

CAREER MOVES

Twoynce O. Bulher of Bulher Agency recently returned from attending the Midland National Life Symposium in Sioux Falls, S.D., that was

offered to the top 200 advisors throughout the United States from the more than 10,000 licensed sales professionals. Educational sessions and

work shops focused on wealth accumulation, retirement income and tax estate planning that will not be out lived." Bulher is a wealth and

retirement adviser who founded the Insurance business in 1971 with his former Jay O. Bulher who founded the agency in 1965.

Companies face fines of up to \$11,000 for each violation. Organizations engaged in charitable, political or survey work are exempt. Companies that have an established business relationship with a customer also may call for up to 10 months after the last purchase, payment or delivery.

In the first week of the program, people signed up 18 million numbers. The registry now has more than 149 million phone numbers.

"I think it's fantastic," said Bonnie Darling of Arlington, Va. Darling placed her name on the list this year after being flooded with calls from roofing companies, chimney sweeps and construction businesses. She has not heard from those companies in months.

Darling is not worried about the five-year expiration. She said she expects it to be just as easy to register as it was a couple months ago.

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Black and white fades to gray in hometown of Jena Six

By Todd Levan
Associated Press writer

JENA, La. — It's got all the elements of a Delta blues ballad: From the days of Jim Crow, hangman's nooses dangling from a shade tree; a mysterious fire in the night; swift deliberations by a condemning, all-white jury.

And drawn by this story, which evokes the worst of a nightmare past, they came by the thousands this past week to Jena, La. — to demand justice, to show strength, to beat back the forces of racism as did their parents and grandparents.

But there are many in Jena who say the tale of the "Jena Six" — the black teenagers who were charged with attempted murder and conspiracy for attacking a white classmate at Jena High School last December — is not as simple as all that.

Black and white, they say that in its repeated retelling — enhanced by omissions and alterations of fact — the story has taken on a life of its own. It has transformed a school-yard stomping into an international cause celebre, and those accused of participating in it into what one major Southern daily came to describe as "latter-day Scottsboro Boys."

And they say that while their town's race relations are not unblemished, this is not the cauldron of bigotry that has been depicted.

To Ben Reid, 61, who set down roots in Jena in 1957 and lived here throughout the civil rights era, "this whole thing ain't no down-right, racial affair."

Reid, who is black, presently serves on the LaSalle Parish council. He reads the papers. He hears the talk outside of church on Sundays about how the Jena Six business is dividing his hometown down racial lines.

"You have good people here and bad people here, on both sides. This thing has been blown out of proportion. What we ought to do is sit down and talk this thing out, 'cause once all is said and done and you media folks leave, we're the ones who're going to have to live here."

Clearly, something bad occurred in Jena, population 2,971, an old sawmill town in LaSalle Parish that, once upon a time, was Ku Klux Klan country. And, as most white and black residents readily agree, there is no good reason for embracing what unfolded here.

But what happened, exactly?

The story goes that a year ago, a black student asked at an assembly if he could sit in the shade of a live oak, which, the story goes, was labeled "the white tree" because only white students hung out there. The next day, three nooses dangled from the oak — code for "KKK" — the handwork of three white students, who were suspended for just three days.

Much of that is disputed. What happened next is not: Two months later, an arsonist torched a wing of Jena High School. (The case remains

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— Ben Reid, 61, a Jena resident since 1957

unsolved.) Two fights between blacks and whites roiled the town that weekend, culminating in a school-yard brawl on Dec. 4 that led the district attorney to charge the Jena Six with attempted murder. The lethal weapon he cited to justify the charge: the boys' sneakers.

In July, the first to be tried, Mychal Bell, was convicted after two hours of deliberations by an all-white jury on reduced charges of aggravated battery and conspiracy to commit it.

It was widely reported that Bell, now 17, was an honor student with no prior criminal record. Although he had a high grade-point average, he was, in fact, on probation for at least two counts of battery and a count of criminal damage to property.

There is, however, a more nuanced rendition of events — one that can be found in court testimony, in interviews with teachers, officials and students at Jena High, and in public statements from a U.S. attorney who reviewed the case for possible federal intervention.

Consider:

• The so-called "white tree" at Jena High, often reported to be the domain of only white students, was nothing of the sort, according to teachers and school administrators: students of all races, they say, congregated under it at one time or another.

• Two nooses — not three — were found dangling from the tree. Beyond being offensive to blacks, the nooses were cut down because black and white students "were playing with them, pulling on them, jump-swinging from them and putting their heads through them," according to a black teacher who witnessed the scene.

• There was no connection between the September noose incident and December attack, according to Donald Washington, an attorney for the U.S. Justice Department in western Louisiana, who investigated claims that these events

might be race-related hate crimes.

• The three youths accused of hanging the nooses were not suspended for just three days — they were isolated at an alternative school for about a month, and then given an in-school suspension for two weeks.

• The six-member jury that convicted Bell was, indeed, all white. However, only one in 10 people in LaSalle Parish is African American, and though black residents were selected randomly by computer and summoned for jury selection, none showed up.

About 225 miles and a world apart from racially

mixed New Orleans, Jena (pronounced JEE-nuh) is a throwback.

Here, one refers to elders as "Sir," and "Ma'am." Children still pull catfish from creeks; couples court at Jena Giants football games; families rope goats and calves at weekend rodeos.

In a place where per capita income is \$13,761, there aren't any swank, French restaurants, but rather, fami-

ly eateries such as the Burger Barn, Ginny's and Maw & Paw's. On summer afternoons, sweet tea and lemonade on a neighbor's front porch are obligatory.

"If I could take you back to 60 years ago, and then fast forward to today, you'd have to say we've come a long way," says Billy Wayne Fowler, a white school-board member who is one of the

few leaders with the school administration or local law enforcement who still talks to reporters.

Most townsfolk, he says, interpreted the events of last year pretty much the same way — that a small minority of troublemakers, both black and white, got out of hand, and that the responses from authorities weren't always on the mark.

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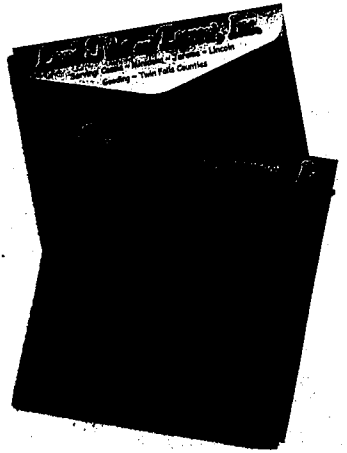


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U.S. collecting personal data on travelers

Privacy advocates decry program's expansion

By Ellen Nakashima
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is collecting electronic records on the travel habits of millions of Americans who fly, drive or take cruises abroad, retaining data on the persons with whom they travel or plan to stay, the personal items they carry during their journeys, and even the books that travelers have carried, according to documents obtained by a group of civil liberties advocates and statements by government officials.

The personal travel records are meant to be stored for as long as 15 years, as part of the Department of Homeland Security's effort to assess the security threat posed by all travelers entering the country. Officials say the records, which are analyzed by the department's Automated Targeting System, help border officials distinguish potential terrorists from innocent people entering the country.

But new details about the information being retained suggest that the government is monitoring the personal habits of travelers more closely than it has previously acknowledged. The details were learned when a group of activists requested copies of official records on their own travel. Those records included a description of a book on marijuana that one of them carried and small flashlights bearing the symbol of a marijuana leaf.

The Automated Targeting System has been used to screen passengers since the

mid-1990s, but the collection of data for it has been greatly expanded and automated since 2002, according to former DHS officials. Civil liberties advocates have alleged that the type of information preserved by the department raises alarms about the government's ability to intrude into the lives of ordinary people. The millions of travelers whose records are kept by the government are generally unaware of what their records say, and the government has not created an effective mechanism for reviewing the data and correcting errors, activists said.

"The activists alleged that the data collection effort, as carried out now, violates the Privacy Act, which bars the gathering of data related to Americans' exercise of their First Amendment rights, such as their choice of reading material or persons with whom to associate. They also expressed concern that such personal data could one day be used to impede their right to travel."

"The federal government is trying to build a surveillance society," said John Gilmore, a civil liberties activist in San Francisco whose records were requested by the Identity Project, an ad-hoc group of privacy advocates in California and Alaska. The government, he said, "may be doing it with the best or worst of intentions. ... But the job of building a surveillance database and populating it with information about us is happening largely without our awareness and without our consent."

Gilmore's file, which is provided to The Washington Post, included a note from a Customs and Border Patrol officer that he carried the marijuana-related book "Drugs and Your Rights."

His first reaction was I kind of

"The federal government is trying to build a surveillance society."

— John Gilmore, a civil liberties activist

expected it," Gilmore said. "My second reaction was, that's illegal."

DHS officials said this week that the government is not interested in passengers' reading habits, that the program is transparent, and that it affords redress for travelers who are inappropriately stymied. "I flatly reject the premise that the department is interested in what travelers are reading," DHS spokesman Russ Knochke said. "We are completely uninterested in the latest Tom Clancy novel

that the traveler may be reading." But, Knochke said, "if there is some indication based upon the behavior or an item in the traveler's possession that leads the inspection officer to conclude there could be a possible violation of the law, it is the front-line officer's duty to further scrutinize the traveler." Once that happens, Knochke said, "it is an encouragement for the officer to document interactions with a traveler that merited additional scrutiny."

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Bush, Democrats clash over funding health insurance for children; bill faces veto threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush again called Democrats "irresponsible" on Saturday for pushing an expansion he opposes to a children's health insurance program.

"Democrats in Congress have decided to pass a bill they know will be vetoed," Bush said of the measure that draws significant bipartisan support, repeating in his weekly radio address an accusation he made last week. "Members of Congress are risking health coverage for poor children purely to make a political point."

In the Democrats' response, also broadcast Saturday, Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell turned the tables on the president, saying that if Bush doesn't sign the bill, 15 states will have no funding left for the program by the end of the month.

At issue is the Children's Health Insurance Program, a state-federal program that subsidizes health coverage for low-income people, mostly children. In families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to afford private coverage, it expires Sept. 30.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers announced a proposal Friday that would add \$35 billion over five years to the program, adding 4 million people to the 6.6 million already participating. It would be financed by raising the federal cigarette tax by 61 cents to \$1 per pack.

The idea is overwhelmingly supported by Congress' majority Democrats, who scheduled it for a vote Tuesday in the House. It has substantial Republican support as well.

But Bush has promised a veto, saying the measure is too costly, unacceptably raises taxes, extends government-covered insurance to children in families who can afford private coverage, and smacks of a move toward completely federalized health care. He has asked Congress to pass a simple extension of the current program while the debate continues, saying it's

children who will suffer if they do not.

"Our goal should be to move children who have no health insurance to private coverage — not to move children who already have private health insurance to government coverage," Bush said.

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EDITORIAL

What should Otter look for in Craig's replacement?

Sen. Larry Craig waffled again last week about his previous announcement that he would resign by the end of September. That's holding up Gov. Butch Otter's announcement of his replacement.

But even diehard Craig supporters know that the senator must go soon. Here are some of the qualities we'd like to see in his successor.

• Transparency. After electing Craig to Congress eight times, Idahoans are wary of politicians who profess one set of values and act to the contrary.

The next senator needs unassailable character, but he or she must have a perceived willingness to lay all the cards on the table.

Only two major Idaho elected officials, Otter and Rep. Mike Simpson, have that type of personality: Self-effacing and candid, they're able to absorb criticism without taking it personally.

In short, we need a politician who doesn't act like one.

Former Gov. Cecil Andrus excelled at this. He said what he thought and did what he promised to do.

Former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne didn't. He never kept a perceived slight and kept his counsel even in the presence of his party's leaders in the Legislature.

At this point in Idaho history, the personality of our next senator matters as much as his or her qualifications.

• Political courage: In his third Senate term, Craig cashed in much of his political capital to promote immigration reform while most of his constituents opposed it. His replacement needs to exhibit the same fortitude — and, we hope, on immigration reform.

Idaho has one-fourth too few agriculture laborers — that amounts to a crisis in the state's fields, orchards, nurseries and exciting facilities. So Craig and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., took the farmworker provisions out of last summer's failed immigration bill and tried to get Congress to pass it independently. It's called the Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits and Security Act — or AgJobs.

AgJobs would legalize 1.5 million illegal immigrants who have a history of farm work. It would grant special visas to undocumented workers who've been employed in agriculture for the past several years and who continue to do so for three or more years. In time, the immigrants could convert their special visas to permanent U.S. legal residency and, eventually, citizenship.

By July, Craig and Feinstein had signed up 28 co-sponsors, meaning only 21 more votes were needed.

But Craig will soon be gone, and Feinstein — a liberal — has no clout whatever in the Senate GOP caucus. She needs a new co-sponsor who can talk to Republicans.

Why not the new junior senator from Idaho? • Bipartisanship. Senate Republicans need another conservative ideologue like a fish needs a bicycle.

Theirs in the minority — effectively cut out of major decisions — and their numbers are likely to dwindle after the 2008 elections because of the unpopularity of the war in Iraq. Idaho has a senator who can work with Democrats on Capitol Hill, and soon.

• A subservient ego. Harry Truman said it best: "It is amazing what you can accomplish when you do not care who gets the credit." With Craig gone, Idaho won't be dealing from a position of strength in the Senate. We require a legislative technician and tactician, not a senator fond of the spotlight.

• A good listener. Otter and Simpson are in their element with this skill, even if they don't take whatever advice is being offered. The governor must send a kindred spirit to Capitol Hill. Idaho's next senator will have a lot to learn, and quickly.

• A quick study. Craig honed looking after Idaho's interests to a fine art, which required immersing himself in the minutiae of nuclear physics and the arcane codicils of land management policy. Simply put, he did his homework and he rarely left himself in a position to be surprised politically.

The senator is bright, but he accomplished most of what he got done for Idaho through hard work. His successor will need an accelerated course.

• Idaho values. Historically, the state's most successful politicians have spoken language of Idahoans. Harvard-elected senators Frank Church and Mike Crapo have been entirely comfortable talking about Meals on Wheels at senior citizens centers, Phil Batt drove tractors at campaign stops, and during the 1990 gubernatorial campaign, Andrus climbed a 30-foot-tall ladder at a Twin Falls construction site to shake hands with two workers.

Idahoans are self-reliant, unassuming lot, more concerned with fairness than process. We need a senator we can look in the eye.

Our view: Sen. Larry Craig accomplished a lot for Idaho, but his successor should have a different personality. What do you think? We welcome your comments from our readers on this and other issues.

Gen. Petraeus reports on Britney

Thank you, Dear Records, MTV, your Channel and members of Congress for the opportunity to present my assessment of Britney Spears' career. Which, according to nearly every objective metric, is going completely, totally awesome.

Sure, progress made over the past few months has been uneven — the number of Star magazine "hot normal" incidents is still disturbingly high — but we are blitting most of our major benchmarks. To wit, not only single discs, but even our top chart, public approval of Ms. Spears, is up roughly 1 trillion percent over this time last year, though to properly explain the methodology would require one of those newly laser-printer things Al Gore uses, so you'll just have to trust me.

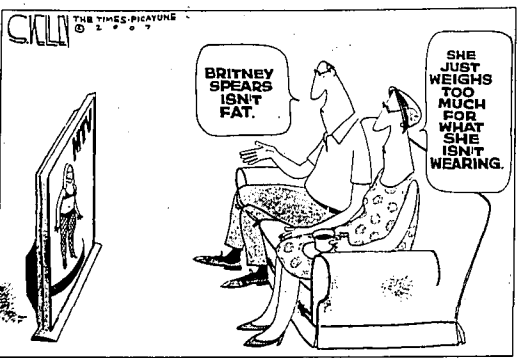
The recent performance at the MTV Video Music Awards vastly exceeded initial projections of awesome-ness. Not only did the few dancing moves she executed get her heart rate up to 145 — prime fat-burning range — but Ms. Spears did not fall or cry. Though the time lapse between recorded music and lip sync was off by an average of 2.5 seconds, this was a vast improvement over the House of Blues tour, where the average was actually forever, because she didn't know the words to her new song. Though she still hasn't memorized the lyrics — "gimme, gimme, gimme, gimme" — she now mouths other words in its place, some of which clearly do not involve giving her things.

Tabloid magazine covers are down 22 percent in six of the past eight weeks, the

lowest level since the New Year's Eve party collapse. Thanks largely to our Brangelina rumors propaganda. Other successes include disruption of sextape distribution, containment of make-out sessions with female friends to avoid the-neck contact, and the quick resolution of the incident in which Ms. Spears attacked a photographer's SUV with an umbrella, thanks to our well-executed giant fan maneuver creating a "Mary Poppins effect" that the mainstream media has been under-covered. To put this all in perspective, if Ms. Spears were a movie, and that movie was "The Bourne Ultimatum," then Ms. Spears would have grossed \$210 million.

Improvement of Ms. Spears' parenting skills has been substantial, as evidenced by 100 percent of her children remaining alive. Neither has been dangled over a railing or placed near a crocodile. One already has been weaned off soda and his new eating solid candy bars. Secondhand smoke is 88 percent tar-reduced, exactly on target.

We have launched a series of offensive operations many involving Paris Hilton, aimed at neutralizing senior-level sources, including



JOEL STEIN

Stavros Niarchos, Travis Barker, Brandon Davis, Wilmer Valderrama, Zsa Zsa Gabor's husband, three backup dancers and, in a particularly dangerous maneuver in Las Vegas in which Ms. Spears sustained limited tongue damage, a naked Italian man who turned out to be an ice sculptor.

In describing the recommendations I have made, I should note again that I believe Ms. Spears' problems will require a long-term effort, like 40 to 45 years. I suggest we continue doing the same exact thing we have been doing thus far: skinny outfits, gyrations, mindless techno music with lyrics imploring extreme horniness. By the time Ms. Spears is 65 or 70, this strategy should work perfectly.

The important thing to remember is that to secure our national interests, we need Britney Spears. If al-Qaida knew it had the power to destroy our former teen pop stars, it would feel empowered to mess with Zac Efron's Facebook profile or expose the real identity of Hannah Montana.

Democracy depends on our resolve.

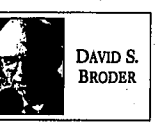
Joel Stein is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

One of the few Republicans with a compass

In the years since I first met him in 1974, I have learned that it's wise to take Newt Gingrich seriously. He has many character flaws, and his language is often exaggerated and imprudent. But if there is any politician of the current generation who has earned the label "visionary," it is probably the Georgia Republican and former speaker of the House.

For that reason alone, it is regrettable that Gingrich has virtually decided to pass on the 2008 presidential race. He told me and other reporters last week, "The odds are very high that I won't run." He probably would not be the winner, but his presence in the field would raise the bar for everyone else, improve the content of the debates and change the dynamic of the race.

The simple fact that he is prepared to say plainly that, if they have a prayer of electing George Bush's successor, Republicans must offer "a clean break" from Bush's policies sets Gingrich apart. To one in the Republican field except the semi-occasional Ron Paul has taken that position — and the debate has been weaker because of that silence.



DAVID S. BRODER

Gingrich shies away from running for good reason. His personal history and the scars he bears from leading the 1994 revolution that brought Republicans to power in Congress for a dozen years would make it hard for him to mobilize the money and support needed in an already crowded field.

Moreover, he is right in saying that when "10 guys are lined up like penguins," for TV debates in which answers must be compressed to 90-second sound bites, the "big ideas" he wants to promote would likely be lost.

So he is opting for American Solutions for Winning the Future, a policy and advocacy group equipped for the Internet age that will launch at the end of this month from the west front of the Capitol, where Gingrich staged his "Contract With America" signing at the start of the 1994 campaign.

This new effort, which is nominally nonpartisan, aims at developing fresh solutions to the public policy problems that challenge the nation, from health care to immigration to inner-city education.

Gingrich is brimming with ideas on all these subjects, but is realistic enough to suggest that it may take five years for public opinion — and other politicians — to be prepared to embrace some of them.

That five-year estimate is significant. It would run to the end of the next presidential term. Gingrich has a low opinion of the integrity and independence shown so far by the GOP field, and he predicts that the battle for the nomination will be a long one. Even the Feb. 5 massing of primaries in big states is unlikely to produce a clear winner, he says, and the result may be "chaos" or a brokered nominating convention.

By contrast, he says, Hillary Rodham Clinton faces few obstacles in winning the Democratic nomination. And he leaves reporters with the feeling that he thinks that a Hillary Clinton presidency would provide fertile ground, just as Bill Clinton's did, for a Republican revival.

If big ideas and big ambitions can bring Republicans back to life, Gingrich is ready to supply them. And I have learned not to underestimate him.

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The rise of the alpha geezer

When Larry Craig was accused of playing footsie in a men's room, the ensuing political footwar tended to overshadow the interesting fact that the senator is 62. That's not ancient, to be sure. But I've always thought that cruising the stalls of an airport loo was appropriate behavior only for a much younger man.

Were I to interview Craig, I would ask: Whatever happened to slowing down, sagging into a favorite chair every night and reading Popular Mechanics? Or wandworking in the basement? Patrolling the lawn for crab grass? Daydreaming about cutting the kids out of the will? And the rest of the traditional, older-spy program generally known as "putting around"?

All that is gone, apparently. There are no old people anymore. The word "senior" is in disfavor, the folks at AARP often use the term "grown-up" to refer to our most retired citizens. (And it's not the American Association of Retired Persons anymore, either. The group decided that because most of its members weren't retired, it should be just AARP standing for nothing at all.)

This sociological revolution has given rise to a new American leon: the frisky geezer. The frisky geezer is someone who never got the memo to stick to golf from here on out. Americans today live not only longer, but with more fire in the belly. Disability rates for people over 65 go down by more than 2 percent a year, according to a long-term national survey published in 2006. The culture of being older has fundamentally changed, says Robert Butler, president of the International Longevity Center-USA and a professor of geriatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. "The atmosphere has become more robust in favor of older people remaining part of the human race," says Butler, who is 80 and works 60 hours a week. "They're no longer expected to go to the rocking chair and give up."

I'd nominate Rupert Murdoch as this summer's frisky geezer extraordinaire. He's 76, his media empire bestrides multiple continents, he can phone in headlines to a New York tabloid or greenlight a movie

JOEL ACHENBACH

deal at 20th Century Fox — but it's not enough. No, he must own the Wall Street Journal.

Even Murdoch is a pup compared with legendary Sumner Redstone, a media tycoon who, at 84, has a feisty feud going with his daughter over control of his companies.

Much of the revolution takes place out of sight. Recently we all read the front-page story about older people craving sex like bunnies. According to the University of Chicago study, 53 percent of Americans ages 65 to 74 remain sexually active, along with 26 percent between the ages of 75 and 85, despite the fact that 100 percent of their kids and grandkids would rather not picture it. Now we understand that special twinkle in Grandpa's eye when he tells Grandma, "I'll show you an Early Bird Special you'll never forget."

The friskiness of the elderly has a trickle-down effect. Senior citizens are the only grown-ups left. Almost everyone ages 40 to 55 is in a state of arrested adolescence (is there a CEO or presidential candidate in America who isn't in a garage band?). To judge from stories in major news magazines, all

stated he could not check out books on my card. I then asked if I could drive to their parking lot and then call them and let them know I was there and they could bring the book to me. She said that maybe they could do it once until I could come up with something else. She said I should write a letter stating who could pick up books for me while using my card.

I finally just gave up. **JUDY MCFARLAND**
Twin Falls

dealt with the rise of the alpha geezer.

Were I to interview Craig, I would ask: Whatever happened to slowing down, sagging into a favorite chair every night and reading Popular Mechanics?



25-year-olds today live with their parents.

But the old lions are still prowling. Who has the biggest audience (22 million listeners) of any radio personality a day? Paul Harvey, now in his 90th year on the planet.

My off-the-cuff list skews male. That might be a generational thing, an echo of the days of rigid patriarchies and the feminine mystique. Perhaps women, after a certain age, are less inclined to make spectacles of themselves. But it's all fluid. The next president could be a woman, inciting an outbreak of frisky geezerettes.

Joel Achenbach is a staff writer with the Washington Post.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Artist gets a free ride with mural at airport

It appears to me that Gary Stone hasn't changed a bit in the past 30 years! What news!

Can the city into allowing him to start a major ongoing art project and business at the airport that will reap him thousands of dollars in return, then not pay one red cent to the city for the use of the facilities where the "business" is being transacted. Then when the project starts to wind down, can the city into giving taxpayer money to jump-start the business and for supplies to do it with. All of this still without being required to pay for space and the right to operate a business at the airport.

Other businesses pay for the right to be there, but not Mr. Stone. If earning \$100,000 from an ongoing art project in 12 years plus all of the publicity that it derives is not a business, I don't know what it is! Even though Lyle Signs probably makes many times that amount from its signs at the airport, it pays a portion of its revenue to the city for being allowed to do so. Signs are its business and art is

Gary Stone's business, it makes no difference.

Does the city provide the "supplies" for Lyle Signs to change and/or add signs to its displays? I really doubt it! Could it be that because the city manager and maybe others in control have gotten their names and/or caricatures included on the mural that they are willing to let this happen? What about other talented and deserving artists in the Magic Valley? Shouldn't they be afforded the same type "exclusive and free" opportunities to further their careers?

TOM GRIGGS
Twin Falls

Broom is as good as a bee to flowering tomato plant

The lady from Bliss who wrote in about the tomatoes this spring was right on.

Mine weren't setting on, so I followed her advice and got my biggest broom and whipped them good. I have huge tomatoes in abundance. Who needs bees if you have a broom? So, people, whoop them 'natters.

IRENE KING
Buhl

Too many hurdles for the disabled at public library

I have to agree that the Twin Falls library is lacking in helping the disabled patron.

I am an oxygen because of shortness of breath, and although I have had a library card for years and some of the girls know me, I have had problems getting books that I have on hold.

I called them and said my son would be in to pick up a book for me, and the lady

QUOTES IN THE NEWS

"The world is inherently good... Columbine should not be a word associated with something bad, with what happened. It should be associated with hope."

— Patrick Ireland at the dedication of an expansive hillside memorial to the Columbine High School massacre victims. Ireland was wounded in the 1999 attack.

"Well, here I am."
— 81-year-old Cuban President Fidel Castro responding to rumors of his death during an hour-long interview aired on Cuban television.

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Political Christian right returns to grass roots level

By Eric Coraki
Associated Press writer

"Even if these local groups merely exist for one election cycle and go out of existence, they can still have a real impact turning people out to vote."

— Mark Rozell, a professor of public policy at George Mason University

close to social issues that please religious conservatives. Many in the movement wrote off the national Christian Coalition as just another mainstream GOP group vying for power after it got involved in foreign policy and tax cuts, he said.

vote," Rozell said. Beyond gay marriage, abortion remains the cornerstone issue for conservative Christians, the one that got evangelicals involved in contemporary politics in the first place, said Land, of Southern Baptist Convention. The GOP needs to take that into account when picking its presidential hopeful, he warned.

BRANDON, Fla. — Headed into the 2008 election season, Christian conservatives are weary. Their movement has lost iconic leaders and the Republican presidential field is uninspiring. But they may have found hope in a trailer on the campus of Bell Shoads Baptist Church.

There, in Annex Room No. 3, Ruth Klingman nods as a leader in Florida's pro-family movement describes how gay marriage would open the door to other "aberrant forms of marriage." He holds up a printout of "polygamy pot lucks" as evidence.

Yes, Klingman says afterward, she will do her part to pass a constitutional amendment cementing marriage as a union between one man and one woman in this presidential swing state.

The first Family Impact Summit had minted a new activist — tangible results from three days of talks and workshops meant to replenish the roots of the Christian right.

"I just feel the opposition is growing so strong, I need to grow stronger," said Klingman, 34, who drove two hours from the one-stoplight town of Hawthorne to join activists in this Tampa suburb.

Organized by a scarcely known Tampa-area Christian group and ending Saturday, the summit sounded a back-to-basics theme that evangelicals called to be active citizens to combat threats from the left; that the work must involve not just national advocacy groups but local people and pastors; and the fight requires patience and persistence.

That last sentiment is a reminder of the challenges facing the Christian right. Activists lost key allies in Congress when the Democrats retook Congress in 2006, movement pioneers Jerry Falwell and D. James Kennedy died this year, and there's angst over the current crop of GOP presidential candidates.

Even this weekend's summit had its disappointments. Organizers had hoped up to 350 people would attend, laying the groundwork for a new Florida activist network. But only 104, nearly all from Florida, had registered by Friday. A workshop on the basics of grass roots activism drew a handful of people — and one was a spy, an activist for Americans United for Separation of Church and State researching the opposition.

"There will be peaks and valleys, but I don't know if people understand the depth and breadth of our movement," said Gary Cass, former executive director at Kennedy's Center for Reclaiming America for Christ, which closed after the South Florida preacher fell ill.

"While we lament the loss of our leaders, their ideas that have been sewn into the larger church culture are just now starting to germinate and take root."

In a sign of just how much Christian activists want new blood, the summit drew some of the movement's heavyweights, including former GOP presidential candidate Gary Bauer, Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission and Taron Perkins of the Family Research Council.

However, the organizing group was a Tampa-area shoestring operation: the Community Issues Council, previously known for fighting a local bikini bar. The group's sole full-time employee is former state Christian Coalition operative Terry Kemple.

Such national-local partnerships are the way to go right now, Kemple said: "It means more troops on the ground and more feet on the streets."

"The old saying is all politics is local. It gets people involved."

The power of state-level organization was seen in 2004, when 11 states passed amendments prohibiting gay marriage and were credited

with driving up GOP turnout. The next marriage battleground is likely here in Florida. In the workshop that won Klingman over, John Stemberger of the Florida

Family Policy Council described the particulars: volunteers have collected 597,702 verified signatures toward the 611,009 needed to get an anti-gay marriage

amendment on the fall 2008 ballot. Mark Rozell, a professor of public policy at George Mason University, said state and local groups tend to stick

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No such thing as the last picture show

My wife and I went to the movies last weekend and saw the new western, "3:10 to Yuma."

Except that it's *not* new. The original film was made 50 years ago, with Glenn Ford playing the bad-guy part now embraced by Russell Crowe and Van Heflin as the hard-scrabble hero currently personified by Christian Bale. Ford grew up in Southern California and Heflin was from Oklahoma, so their characters were pretty credible. But Crowe is Australian and Bale is from Wales. Somehow, it just didn't seem like *Arizona* anymore.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Hollywood has done 127 remakes in the past five years, according to Wikipedia. Only five — "The Bourne Identity" (\$214 million), "Chicago" (\$307 million), "War of the Worlds" (\$591 million), "King Kong" (\$547 million) and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (\$472 million) — were big box-office hits.

During the same period, Tinseltown has turned out remakes of "Rollerball," "Willard" (it's a movie about rats), "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," "The Stepford Wives," "Revenge of the Nerds," "The Godfather," "The Poseidon Adventure" and "Night of the Living Dead." — In 3D, no less. None of which, I strongly feel, have improved America's cinematic quality.

But the real trouble with remakes is that you *always* know what's going to happen, even in a well-disguised film like "Four Brothers." In the story of four kids raised on the wrong side of Detroit who come back to town to avenge their foster mother's murder.

Director John Singleton would just as soon not dignify recognition that it's pretty much a copy of the 1965 John Wayne western, "The Sons of Katie Elder." Mark Wahlberg plays The Duke's role; Tyrese Gibson channels Dean Cain.

"Ocean's Eleven," which came out in 2001, is nearly a shot-by-shot remake of the 1960 Frank Sinatra movie, except that George Clooney, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt and company only knock over three Las Vegas gambling-hall heists that Sinatra, Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and friends commit in one night.

Some films have been remade so many times — there are 10 movie versions of Louisa May Alcott's novel "Little Women" and eight of George Bernard Shaw's play "Brewster's Millions" — that you actually catch yourself correcting dialogue. When my cousin Kim was about 7, I went to visit my aunt and uncle. Kim and I were sitting in their living room one Sunday night, watching a BBC version of "Little Women" on "Masterpiece Theater."

The story is set in Pennsylvania during the Civil War, and the British actors were struggling a bit with their Yankee accents. Whenever they spoke to Marmee, a character in the story, it sounded like "Mawmy."

That wasn't a big deal because Marmee actually is the mother of the little women. But at one point there's a tender scene between Marmee and the girls' father, Robert.

"Oh, Marmee, my Marmee," her husband sighs. Kim was indignant. "She's not your Mommy!"

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FROM RANCH TO ARENA



Spectators watch from the sidelines during the cutting-horse show Saturday afternoon at Elquist Arena in Twin Falls.



A cowboy guides his horse as he herds a cow Saturday afternoon at the Grass Root Cutters horse show at Elquist Arena in Twin Falls.

Cutting-horse group grows at a gallop

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

In 2002, a group of 30 cutting-horse riders met at the Manhattan Café in Shoshone and started what they thought would be a simple club dedicated to cutting competitions — in which horses and their riders have to single out cows from a herd and keep them out for a certain amount of time.

Today, the Grass Root Cutters have about 150 members and hold regular competitions — six shows alone this year, according to the group's Web site. And the most recent show, Saturday at the Elquist Arena south of Twin Falls, drew about 270 entries, a far cry from just a few years ago.

The club's growth has been sudden and swift, and left some members stunned but grateful.

"We never dreamed it would get this big," said Kay Bengochea of Eden, a past president of the group. "But it did, and Saturday's show — a small one, by comparison, as other shows last as long as three days — was slated to end at 9 a.m., to fit everyone in. Each contestant's run lasts two-and-a-half minutes. Riders can use the reins to single a cow out,

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but after that can only guide the horse with their legs as they try to keep the cow out of the herd," Bengochea said — the competition is a test of skill for the horses as well.

"You absolutely have to trust that horse," she said. Members include everyone from novices to professionals, and the club charges a \$40 fee for membership. The money goes to everything from prizes for the year's point winners to a year-old scholarship fund for the younger members, which after this year will be doled out from a portion of \$5,600 the club has saved.

Riders come from as far as Nevada or Utah to compete, Bengochea said, and younger riders may be part of the cause for the club's growth. "It really is a grass roots where people can come to start," she said. "And when they start, they often

stay. Danielle Schubert, 17, of Jerome, won the non-pro category with her horse Montana Somebody — scoring a 74 and the applause of the crowd. Schubert said she used to live in Gooding and participated in high-school rodeo there. She joined Grass Root Cutters last year and got hooked.

"Just the atmosphere," she said of what drew her to the club. "There's a lot of fun people." Shae Prescott, 18, of Twin Falls, was drawn to the club through her father's work as a horse trainer, and her own love for horses. She started riding and cutting at age 7, she said, and won a state title twice. Saturday morning, she waited for her turn in the arena with 14-year-old Cody Rowe of Kimberly, who started riding at age 9 and helps out with her dad's horses.

Both teens credited the club's relaxed atmosphere — quite different from bigger shows, Prescott said. "There's not as much pressure here as the big-time shows," she said.

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Learning to deal with the mass media

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

For nearly a month, the office of Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, perhaps not surprisingly, has been flooded with phone calls and questions about who will replace U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, who is expected to resign at the end of the month.

Otter has remained pretty tight-lipped, making few comments and just issuing a few press releases. His spokesman has had to answer many of the questions.

Government notebook

"We've been deluged with calls daily about folks who are on the list," said spokesman Jon Hanlan. "Frankly, we want to deal first with you guys, local folks. But everybody from the Larry King Show to the Owyhee Avalanche has been asking 'what's new today?' We're putting out what we know as soon as possible."

The relationship between press

and elected officials has long been the subject of debate. Government often makes an effort to work with the press, whether through spokesmen, press releases, or news conferences. In many ways, both their goals ultimately add up to making sure that taxpayers are informed.

Last week, the Idaho Association of Counties tried to relay similar ideas to its constituency of more than 400 elected officials in Moscow at an annual conference.

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Bikers to hold fundraiser for Special Olympic athletes today

By John E. Smyza Times-News correspondent

FILER — Don't let their bikes, helmets or leather jackets fool you. Members of the Idaho Motorcycle Club were born to be charitable.

For the second straight year, up to 50 cyclists from the group's Magic Valley chapter will be hitting the road today in support of area Special Olympic athletes.

"Special Olympics touches a lot of different people and we try to help them out when we can," club president Red Barber said.

Activities will open with a 10 a.m. registration at Adventure Motor Sports, 2469 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Participants are asked to pay a \$10 entrance fee for club members or \$12 for non-members. All funds raised will go to help Magic Valley Special Olympic athletes pay for uni-

forms or for travel to regional games. "Their club contacted us with an offer of help and we jumped on the wagon," said Carmen Sabatka, Special Olympics bowling coach. "We raised about \$500 last year." At around 11 a.m., riders will begin traveling between five communities to compete in darts, golf, fishing and an event called "riding the Plank." "Balancing your bike on a two-by-

Community Action marks 40th anniversary with picnic

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

Ken Robinette has quite a few friends — at least 65 of them.

And all of them showed up Saturday to help Robinette celebrate the 40 years South Central Community Action Partnership has served the eight counties in south-central Idaho. At least 2,500 people browsed 65 vendor stalls — ranging from Interfaith Caregivers to Mad Mothers Against Meth — and dined on free hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream at a community picnic put on by the agency in Twin Falls City Park.

Robinette, who had been expecting about 500 people and about half the vendors, said he was very pleased by the turnout and by how much members of the public seemed to get out of the event. The picnic carried a theme of "preparedness" and all vendors were organizations that provide services to the public.

"A lot of people are saying, 'Please, do this again next year,'" Robinette said.

People stopped at displays for groups such as First Federal Savings Bank, which offered advice to borrowers, homeowners, and Safe Harbor Inc., a group that provides free lunches for a homeless and is trying to open a shelter in Twin Falls. The homeless group, ironically homeless itself, is searching for grants to acquire a building somewhere in town.

"We're trying to make sure people know about us," said Joseph Neilson, one of several people manning the Safe Harbor booth. Emergency coordinators from Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding county, along with firefighters, were on hand to pass out Homeland Security emergency-preparedness brochures and talk to the public about what to do during emergencies, ranging from fires to terrorist events.

"I think people are being more and more aware of how important it is ... to be prepared," said Jackie Frey, Twin Falls County disaster services coordinator. These wandering the park seemed in high spirits despite momentary drizzles of rain that threatened to be more.

John Barber said he heard about the picnic on local TV news. "My son begged me to get out of the house," he said. "It's cool."

Those who attended the agency's \$100-per-plate dinner Saturday night didn't get to hear from either U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, or Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter — Simpson was called back to Washington, D.C., Robinette said, and Otter was off hosting a fundraiser of his own, another \$100 barbecue for the Children's Home Society of Idaho.

Community Action did sell many tickets to the evening dinner as organizers hoped — as of midday Saturday, only 93 of an expected 180 had been purchased. But Robinette defended the decision. "I think it was intended to help pay for the free lunch event and to make the evening dinner feel fancy."

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six-piece of board may not seem like much, but it's actually harder than you think," Barber said. The day will wind down about 2 p.m. at the Cedar Draw rest area on U.S. Highway 30 with a chill dog lunch prepared by the valley's Special Olympic athletes. "It doesn't matter if you ride a crotch rocket or a Honda, everyone's equal and we're all like family," Barber said.

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Rickey Lee Sanchez

HEYBURN — Rickey Lee Sanchez, 51, of Heyburn, passed away Monday, Sept. 17, 2007.



Rick was born April 26, 1956, in Fullerton, Calif., to Lee and Lois Anderson Sanchez.

Rick is survived by his partner, Lee and Anna Sanchez of Heyburn; his wife, Alice Sanchez of Heyburn; daughter, Erica (James) Parks of Rupert; grandchildren, Weston Wright, Dustin, Xerica and Allaina Park; sisters, Orelia (Kevin) Lewis of Rupert, Idaho, Lori Ann (Dore) Masters of Kuna, Idaho, Robin Stark, and April Stark of Brookings, Ore.

He would want all of his brothers and sisters-in-law included in his real brothers and sisters, Kevin Lewis, Joe Masters, Marla (Rob) Garrett of Burley, Idaho, and Helen Copley of Nampa, Idaho. Steven (Denise) Morrison of Heyburn, Herman (Tammy) Morrison of Kansas City, Kan., Lavantha (Festus) White, Visalia, Calif., John (Dora) Misalone of Burley and Monica (Kell) Dickson of Boise, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lois Sanchez; a son, Lemar; all of his grandparents; and many beloved uncles and cousins.

A private family gathering for friends and family will be held later in the fall. Rick's favorite time of year.

hobbies mentioned how he loved the stuff but wasn't able to go pick anymore. From that day on when Rick picked asparagus, he picked for the neighbors. With gusto, he gathered wild barrows full of it and delivered it to whom ever he thought would enjoy this simple pleasure. Every action in his life was made because of how it would benefit the people he loved.

His passion and strange connection to animals was phenomenal and unbelievable to people. He could pet the meanest dogs and tame the wildest of creatures.

He loved music and played the guitar, trumpet and harmonica. He could read music because of formal training he received, but was gifted with playing by ear.

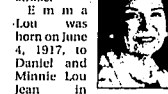
His favorite pastime besides fishing and animals was making people laugh and smile, and doing magic tricks, telling jokes and playing practical jokes on all his children, his sister's children, grandchildren, wife, and friends, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and even people he didn't even know, just to make them laugh out loud and smile.

Although his great love was laughter, cars, and music; his greatest love was his family and friends. We love him and already miss him badly.

Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Centerville Cemetery in Centerville, Utah.

Emma Lou Andrews

HAZELTON — Emma Lou Andrews, former Hazelton resident, passed away in Boise on Sept. 21, 2007, as a result of complications from a stroke.



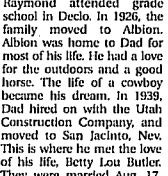
Emma Lou was born on June 4, 1917, in Hazelton, British Columbia, Canada. Her parents were Daniel and Minnie Lou Jean in Greenwood, Idaho.

She was a member of the Hazelton Presbyterian Church, where she served as church school teacher and Women's Circle leader. She was a member of the Jerome Country Club and Women's Club champion for several years.

After retiring to Mesa, Ariz., in 1975, she and Don enjoyed golfing, entertaining friends and traveling extensively in Europe and in the United States.

Raymond M. Wickel

ALBION — Raymond Miller Wickel, 92-year-old Albion resident, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at Highland Estates in Burley.



Dad was born Sept. 25, 1914, in Elba, Idaho, the son of Chas and Lillian Dell Miller Wickel.

He was the youngest of three siblings. The family moved to Declo in 1920. Raymond attended grade school in Declo. In 1926, the family moved to Albion.

Actress and singer Alice Gostley, 81, dies

LOS ANGELES — Alice Gostley, the Tony Award-winning comedic actress and singer, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007.

Gostley died at her home in the Studio City neighborhood of Los Angeles after a long battle with colon cancer and a series of strokes, said Jim Pinkston, a longtime friend.

bered for her creative and artistic talents, but also her expertise in bridge. She loved sports from playing on her high school basketball team to bowling, golf and tennis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Mildred Barlow; and husband, Don in 1997.

Survivors include a brother, Andrew Jean of Melba, Idaho; her daughter, Dana Andrews Cunningham (Gary) of Denton, Texas; and son, Thomas Don Andrews (Mary Gal) of Santa Fe, N.M., as well as five grandchildren, Jon Andrews and Amy Andrews (Nate) Griffin, Case (Krisanne) Cunningham, Cord (Cara) Cunningham and Cara Cunningham (Chip) Kugler; and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at Twin Falls Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Turf Club. All of Emma Lou's friends are invited.

Memorials may be made to Camp Sawtooth, in care of Living Waters Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 218, Wendell, 83355.

Star in 2004. Ranching became a way of life in the Albion Valley. Raymond partnered with Buckles Ranches for 40 years. His Betty Lou passed away May 3, 2003.

Survivors include his daughter, Karen Marie (Gene) Borz of Declo; his son, Tony R. Wickel of Albion; five grandchildren, Holly (Mike) Terpiira of Ripon, Calif., granddaughter Janine Reynolds (deceased), Rieanne (Sam) Condit of Albion, Saucy (Brook) Holtman of Malta and Dennis R. (Sara) Borz of Twin Falls; and 13 great-grandchildren also survive him.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Albion Ward Chapel, with Bishop Kay Powell and Pastor Dennis Stoneman officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Monday at the church.

A special thank you to the Highland Estates staff, Dr. Michael Klett and the Hospice staff. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to a favorite charity.

Alice Louise Rogers

GOODING — Alice Louise Rogers, 77, of Gooding, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at her residence.

She was born Feb. 10, 1930, in Gooding, Idaho, to Ira and Mabel McKay Eubanks. She attended Gooding schools and graduated from Gooding High School in 1948.

Arlene L. Benoit

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Arlene was born in Gooding, Idaho, on July 16, 1922, to Herbert A. and Louise S. (Sturmlinger) Smith. She grew up in Twin Falls. She was a member of the Twin Falls High School class of 1940 and went on to attend Idaho State University. Arlene led a very full life and passed away on Aug. 13, 2007, in a hospital in Olney, Md.

Arlene was a very loving and compassionate person. She served as president of the AD for Retarded in Stamford, Conn., for many years in

addition to holding countless other volunteer positions. Arlene raised and was a devoted mother to three daughters, Susan, Nancy and Kathleen. Arlene was predeceased by her daughter, Nancy Benoit, and sister, Dorothy Benson.

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DEATH NOTICES

Irene E. Zemke ARCO — Irene E. Zemke, 80, of Arco, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at the Lost Rivers Hospital in Arco. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at

Hawker Lost River Funeral Home in Arco. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until time of the service Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

SERVICES

Claudia Kirkland Mickelsen of Twin Falls and formerly of Pocatello, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at Highland LDS Stake Center, 2140 Satterfield Drive in Pocatello; farm will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Manning-Wheatley Funeral Chapel, 510 N. 12th Ave. in Pocatello, and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Centerville Cemetery in Centerville, Utah. Lyons H. "Pete" Woody of Hagerman, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding; visitation for family and friends from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the chapel.

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Tracy Wilson

EPHRAATA, Wash. — Tracy Wilson, 90, of Ephrata, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at the Veterans Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

He was born on Feb. 22, 1917, in Laramie, Kan., second son to Fred and Jenny Wilson.

The Wilsons moved to Twin Falls early in 1918, where Tracy lived and attended school until his 10th year. Tracy had to drop out of school and work to support him. Tracy learned the trade of "plumber" from his father and uncles. In 1941, Tracy went into the U.S. Army Air Corps.

In 1942, he helped establish the Ephrata Airbase. During this year, Tracy met the "love of his life," Pearl Moore. They were married Sept. 23, 1942. The very next day Tracy had to leave and serve in the European Theater for the next two and half years.

In 1963, Wilson Plumbing was established in Moses Lake which he and Pearl ran until Tracy's retirement in 1983.

Tracy was a lifelong member of the Plumber's Union No. 598, a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, El Kalf Shriners, North Central Prospectors

Club and Square Dance Club. He was on the board of directors of the Ephrata Senior Center, where he enjoyed golf, playing cards, and telling his stories and jokes.

His greatest enjoyment was his love of nature which included camping, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, metal detecting, painting for gold and just being with family or friends in the great outdoors.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 65 years, Pearl; daughters, Carol (Troy) Neff of Soap Lake, Wash., and Trudy (Mike) Kellams of Ephrata, Wash.; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild on the way; Sister Rose Marie McCoy of Twin Falls; numerous nieces and nephews; and his much loved dog, Ryan. Tracy was preceded in death by two brothers, Buck and Fred Jr. (Slim), and one sister, Alice Anderson.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at NewLife Christian School in Ephrata. If desired, memorials may be made to the Veterans' Medical Center, 4815 N. Assembly St. Spokane, WA 99205 or Shriners Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472.

IN THE SERVICE

Rasmussen completes Air Force basic training

Airman Tristan Rasmussen graduated from the United States Air Force basic training in San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 3.

Rasmussen is now in Tech School at Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. She is training in vehicle operations.



Rasmussen

Rasmussen is a 2007 graduate of Minero High School. She is the daughter of Dennis and Sherry Rasmussen of Rupert. Her grandparents are Bobbie Larsen of Burley; the late Robert S. Larsen, Charlene Kay of Declo, Ray Vern and Romae Rasmussen of Sublett. Her brother Jeremy Rasmussen lives in Boise and she has numerous aunts and uncles.

Toothman finishes basic combat training

Army National Guard Pfc. Jeremy T. Toothman has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, he studied the Army

missile history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Toothman is the son of Richard Toothman of Filer and is a 2007 graduate of Filer High School.

Nay finishes basic training at Lackland

Air Force Airman Austin M. Nay has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Nay

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field

training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Marion and David Nay of Twin Falls and is a 2007 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Tarter graduates from Operation Warrior Forge

Nathan L. Tarter graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

The 33 days of training provide the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military

training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader by exercising the cadet's intelligence, common sense, integrity and physical stamina. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while attending the course.

Cadets in their junior and senior year of college must complete the leadership development course. Upon successful completion of the course, the ROTC program, and graduation from college, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, National Guard, or Reserve.

The cadet is a student at Texas A&M University, College Station. He is the son of James G. Tarter and Victoria D. Laurius, both of Twin Falls and a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

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HEROME — Dorothy Louise Barnhardt Roske, 78, of Jerome, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Dorothy was born Oct. 7, 1928, in Colorado Springs, Colo., to Helen Lindstrom and Harry Barnhardt. She married Marlan O. Roske in 1945. They were married for 43 years.



She is survived by her

Dorothy Louise Barnhardt Roske

daughters, Mickey (Jim) Gordon of Jerome, Julie (Jim D.) Pappas of Pocatello and Brenda (David) Short of Moab; Utah; son, Mark Roske of Sacramento, Calif.; and a brother, Ron (Wanda) Barnhart of Yuma, Ariz. She had eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, M.O. Roske; her brother, Ted Barnhardt; and a grandson, Mike Gordon.

Dorothy grew up and went to school in Monument, Colo. She moved several times after her parents divorced.

She helped raise her two brothers and kept house for her father.

She married Marlan O. Roske in 1945 and lived in Prairie City, Ore., until 1962 when they moved with their four children to Twin Falls, Idaho. In 1992, Dorothy moved to Jerome to live on the Jerome Country Club golf course.

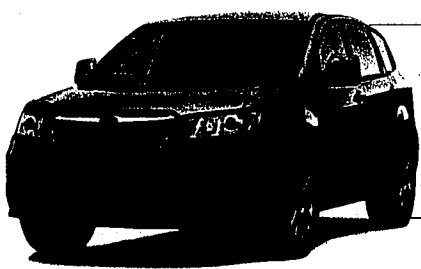
In October 2006, due to failing health, she moved to Alterra-Wynwood Assisted Living Center. She made several new friends and enjoyed the activities while there. Our family greatly appreciates

the loving care the staffs at Alterra and the Twin Falls Care Center gave to our mother and grandmother these past months.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, Idaho. A reception in Dorothy's honor will follow from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Jerome Country Club on Golf Course Road in Jerome, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you remember your mothers, grandmothers or that special someone with a lovely bouquet in Dorothy's honor.

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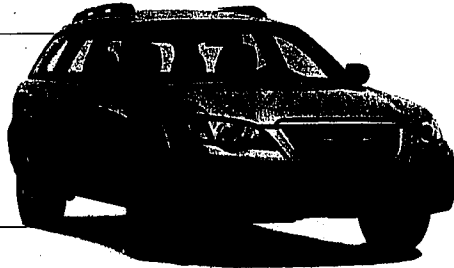
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Three vehicles involved in collision on Highway 93

Times-News

A collision involving two Nevada residents Friday evening sent one driver to the hospital and another to the Twin Falls County Jail, Idaho State Police reported Saturday.

A 2005 Chevy Malibu was heading south on U.S. Highway 93 when it was hit by a 1991 Mitsubishi Eclipse that crossed the median around milepost 10, Trooper Mike Wendler said.

The collision, which happened around 8:40 p.m., sent one life flying at a 1995 Ford F250 pulling a 27-foot travel trailer, and two tires on the trailer were flattened.

Both drivers involved in the collision had only minor injuries, Wendler said. The driver of the Malibu, who is from Jackpot, was transported to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and released.

Witnesses said the driver of the Eclipse, a resident of Las Vegas, had been swerving on the road for some time. He was taken into custody and transported to the Twin Falls Jail. The driver of the pickup truck pulled safely to the side and was able to fix his trailer and continue on his way.

Alcohol is believed to have been a factor, Wendler said, adding that the accident is still under investigation.

Notebook

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A 90-minute "Media Training" session was held Tuesday. The workshop, which featured a county public information officer, a newspaper publisher and a television reporter, is held every few years since counties have such high turnover, said IAC Executive Director Dan Chadwick.

"We were telling them to answer the questions, be honest — don't lie — and make sure they tell their story," he said. "Some of it's pretty new for folks, and some of it's pretty routine and mundane for others."

Among the tips rarely say "no comment" and, if necessary, give an off-the-record explanation why; confront reporters when information is unclear or inaccurate; and ask reporters what their story is about.

Some of that I don't ask you, so I'll remember that from now on," Jerome County Commissioner Charlie Howell chuckled as he spoke to the Times-News.

In the past year, Jerome County commissioners have been thrust into the public spotlight as they debate the dairy industry — or simply argue among themselves. The three commissioners often tell reporters of their inexperience with media.

reference so far. "It was very good. I've never been in the public this much — never in my life before."

Twin Falls County Commission Chairman Tom Mikessel, a former city councilman, said he thinks the press is important, and he's fairly accustomed to interacting with them.

But he understands the misunderstanding many new commissioners can feel. "Unless you're around the press or been in that position, it's difficult the very first time a reporter comes up with a notebook in his hand and you think, 'What do I say so I don't look stupid,'" said Mikessel.

"The media's tough. You hear horror stories." One of the guests was the spokesman for Ada County, County government having a public information officer might sound strange to some — state lawmakers don't — but the county has more than 350,000 people.

But don't expect a spokesman for Twin Falls County whose population is just over 70,000.

"I don't know if it's a population thing or a level of comfortability with the press," said Mikessel. "If I don't have the answer, I'll do the research to answer it. An information officer would be nice but I don't think we need it yet."

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Snake River Artisans name Gooding County Fair winners

Times-News

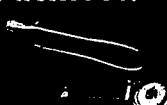
GOODING — Snake River Artisans have released the Gooding County Fair 2007 art department winners. Fair theme winner, LaBriell Frankhouser of Fairfield; Best of Fair winner, Lynn Larson of Gooding; first runner up, Barbara Onelda of Jerome; second runner up, Doria Baldry of Wendell; Best of Division winners, Youth, Justine Koyle of Gooding; Amateur, Barbara Sampuaehi of Gooding; Popular Vote by the public winners, first place, Barbara Onelda; second place, Doria Baldry; third place, Marilyn LaCroix. Rallied painting (print) by last

years Best of Fair winner, Alice Taylor, was won by Barbara Stratton of Gooding. Detail listing of ribbons handed out by the Art Department at the Gooding County Fair include Lorna Bard-1st, two 3rds, honorable mention; Lynn Larson-two 1sts, five 2nds, 3rd; Judy Richardson-2nd, 3rd; Doria Baldry-2nd, two honorable mentions; Edna Gill-two 3rds, honorable mention; Mike Lemmons-1st, 3rd; LaBriell Frankhouser-1st, 2nd; Bonnie McLaugh-two 2nds, three honorable mentions; D. Amoro-three 1sts, three 2nds, three honorable mentions; Lonnie Scruggs-3rd; Marilyn LaCroix-two 1sts;

Latene Meyer-six 1sts, two 2nds, two honorable mentions; Donna Carpenter-honorable mention; Edith Pentland-3rd; Emily Bussumsen-honorable mention; Kyle Bussumsen-honorable mention; Janna Koyle-1st, honorable mention; Tracie Anderson-1st, honorable mention; Torie Anderson-1st; Logan Anderson-honorable mention; Justine Koyle-2nd, two 3rds; Barbara Onelda-two 1sts, 3rd; Nevada Onalundro-1st, 2nd, 3rd, two honorable mentions; Lisa McFain-3rd; Cami

McLain-2nd; Bryan Edwards-two honorable mentions; Joe Chapman-2nd; Briana Evans-2nd, honorable mention; Verla Flores-3rd, honorable mention; Lorin Stewart-honorable mention; Cassie Williams-honorable mention; Jessica Paul-3rd; Mandy Paul-2nd, honorable mention; Jenny Fraser-two 1sts, honorable mention; Barbara Sampuaehi-three 1sts, 2nd, two honorable mentions; Rosa Walgumot-1st, 2nd, 3rd, two honorable mentions; Adam Walgumot-two honorable mentions.

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ISU working on realistic artificial hands for veterans

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho State University has received an \$842,000 grant from the Department of Defense to develop a prosthetic hand that, rather than simply being attached, will be implanted and provide a sense of touch and temperature sensation by converting impulses sent to and from the brain.

"The existing commercial technology for arm and hand amputees hasn't changed significantly in the past six decades," said D. Subbaram Naidu, an engineering professor at the school who is leading the project. "The Department of Defense is embarking on a research program to fund prosthetic research to revolutionize upper-body prosthetics and to develop artificial arms that will feel, look and perform like a real human arm guided by the central nervous system."

"We'll use this study as a potential springboard to other possible research in tissue engineering and the creation of artificial organs."

— James Lai, associate director of ISU's Biomedical Research Institute

The "Smart Prosthetic Hand Technology" program has three phases. The grant received in July by the school covers the first 18-month, theoretical phase.

Other ISU professors also are working on the project. Marco Schoen will measure signals from the brain that control muscles, and Naidu will convert those to signals to control the prosthetic hand. A prototype will be built by Alba Perez.

There are significant challenges to the project, said James Lai, associate director of ISU's Biomedical Research

Institute. He and Solomon Leung, an engineering professor, are examining biological effects of implanting the prosthetic hands.

"We will examine how to bypass the tissue rejection problem that has occurred when trying to attach a prosthetic device," Lai told the Idaho State Journal. "We'll use this study as a potential springboard to other possible research in tissue engineering and the creation of artificial organs."

Lai said a prototype hand could be ready for human testing in five years.

Retiring forester says off-roading era coming to end on public lands

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The retiring chief of the U.S. Forest Service's Intermountain Region says the days of unrestricted cross-country travel on public lands are quickly coming to an end.

Jack Troyer will empty his desk Oct. 3 in Ogden, where he took charge of 32 million acres of national forests and grasslands in Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Colorado and Arizona.

His replacement, Harry Forsgren, now regional forester for the Southwestern Region in New Mexico, will take over in December.

Troyer, 60, is retiring as the

Forest Service deals with growing conflicts on forest land and a buildup of forest debris blamed for causing more catastrophic wildfires.

"One of my greatest hopes is: We've got billions of tons of fuels out there, and we are an energy issue," said Troyer, who believes the forest debris could be turned into ethanol for transportation fuel.

Troyer grew up on a western Colorado peach farm and went to work for the Forest Service in 1960 as a hydrologist. He was district ranger in San Juan and

White River national forests for nine years, worked on an interagency team in the Greater Yellowstone Area, and served terms as forest supervisor of the Chequamegon and Nicolet national forests in Wisconsin.

In 1997, he moved to Ogden as deputy regional forester for the Intermountain Region, taking over as chief in 2002.

Troyer said 50 percent of his budget is being consumed by controlling wildfires, up from 13 percent in 1991. That has left less money for other programs, he said.

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Salt Lake attorney can question Terry Nichols on video

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Utah attorney investigating the death of his younger brother at a federal penitentiary in Oklahoma City can conduct a videotaped interview of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Dale A. Kimball ruled Thursday that Jesse Trentadue can question and videotape convicted killer David Paul Hammer, who was on death row with bomber Timothy McVeigh.

Trentadue is working a theory that Kenneth Trentadue was killed at the Oklahoma City Federal Transfer Center in 1995 during an interrogation gone awry. He contends authorities mistook his brother for McVeigh's "John Doe 2" who he believes was bank robber Richard Guthrie.

Kenneth Trentadue was a convicted bank robber picked up on a parole violation when, two days later, he was found hanging in his cell from a bedsheet. His death was officially ruled a suicide, but his body also bore 41 ugly wounds and bruises, and his brother believes he died from a beating.

Jesse Trentadue's search for a full explanation has led him to open a new line of inquiry into the Oklahoma City bombing. He believes that authorities were tipped to McVeigh's plans, but failed to stop the bombing and let others walk from prosecution.

The family of **Edward D. "Rocket" Coats**

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PERU

Former leader Fujimori returns to face trial

LIMA — Former President Alberto Fujimori was extradited Saturday from Chile to face charges of corruption and sanctioning death-squad killings, a grim homecoming for the strongman who fled Peru seven years ago as his government collapsed in scandal.

Peruvians, many elated but others indignant, anxiously awaited the return of one of Latin America's most controversial leaders.

Fujimori maintains a strong following — a recent poll showed that 23 percent of Peruvians want to see him back in politics — and some worry his return could provoke turmoil in a country emerging from decades of political and economic chaos. "There will be a sector of the country that will identify with him, and he will play a destabilizing opposition role," said Javier Valle Blesura, a congressman and leader of President Alan Garcia's Aprista party.

MYANMAR

Witnesses: 10,000 hold protest march

YANGON — Myanmar police allowed a group of more than 500 Buddhist monks to march Saturday past the house where opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi is detained, witnesses said, on a day that saw some of the largest protests since 1988.

A monk said in a speech later to anti-government protesters that Suu Kyi came to her gate to greet them. His account could not immediately be confirmed. Suu Kyi has been under detention continuously since May 2003 at her Yangon home, and for 11 of the past 18 years.

The monks stopped briefly in front of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Suu Kyi's house in Yangon and said prayers

before leaving, said a resident, who asked that to be named for fear of being harassed by authorities.

In the central city of Mandalay, a crowd of 10,000 people, including some 4,000 Buddhist monks, marched in one of the largest demonstrations against the country's military regime since a democratic uprising in 1988.

COSTA RICA

Memo heats up trade agreement debate

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — With just two weeks to go

before Costa Ricans head to the polls to vote on a free-trade agreement with the United States and six other countries, Alfredo Volio should be a happy man.

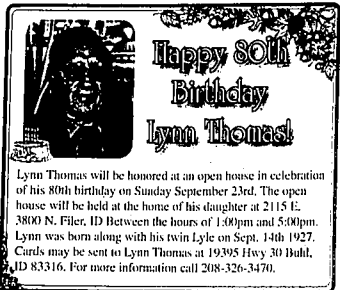
As head of the "yes" campaign championing the pact, known as CAFTA, he has watched public support climb in recent months. The latest opinion polls showed Costa Ricans leaning toward backing the Central American Free Trade Agreement, which would dismantle most trade barriers between the United States and half a dozen Latin countries.

But that was before a memo written by CAFTA advocates was leaked to the

public this month, fueling outrage here. The document, dated July 29 and written by two high-level government officials with close ties to Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, outlined a campaign of dirty tricks intended to sway voters.

The authors proposed smearing CAFTA opponents by linking them to leftist firebrands such as Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Cuban President Fidel Castro. They called for a public relations campaign to "stimulate fear" among citizens about the alleged dangers of snubbing the deal.


— wire services



Happy 80th Birthday Lynn Thomas

Lynn Thomas will be honored at an open house in celebration of his 80th birthday on Sunday September 23rd. The open house will be held at the home of his daughter at 2115 E. 3800 N. Filer, ID Between the hours of 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Lynn was born along with his twin Lyle on Sept. 14th 1927. Cards may be sent to Lynn Thomas at 19395 Hwy 30 Buhl, ID 83316. For more information call 208-326-3470.

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Learn how to become a 'Love and Logic' parent

Classes every Tuesday,
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By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

You have a child. You joyfully take it home from the hospital, unwrap it carefully and look at it. You turn it over. You hold it up to the light. You search through the wrapping, the various accessories and on the floor around you. No matter how much you search, there just doesn't seem to be an owner's manual. What do you do now?

Being a parent is one of the most challenging jobs a person can have, yet most parents don't have training. A free series of classes, "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 25 through Nov. 6 at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley. The program is paid for by a grant from Safe and Drug Free Schools. An optional workbook is available for \$10.

The program was developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, Ph.D., and Dr. Foster Cline of the Love and Logic Institute Inc. in Golden, Colo. Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children that allows adults to be happier, empowered and more skilled in interactions with children. Love and Logic is a way of working with children that puts parents and teachers back in control, teaches children to be responsible and prepares young people to live in the real world.

The classes are informal and provide a stress-free environment for participants to learn and share their own experiences. Videos are shown each week and handouts are given with information on that week's topic. This session will be presented by facilitators Julie Greenman and Katie McCombs. Greenman has taken the class three times in addition to instructing the class previously.

"We know from experience that the more one repeats this class, the higher the success rate and the better one feels about themselves," says Greenman.

Amy Despain has attended the classes and swears by the program. "It made such a difference when I took the class," Despain says. "It's not always easy, but its sound advice and the techniques it teaches really work when you use them."

Despain says she hopes to have her husband take it with her during this session. "If both parents are on the same page it makes all the difference."

There is no need for registration and it is not mandatory to attend all of the classes.

in the session.

"The great thing about these classes is that they're not just for young families," McCombs says. "The things you learn work with older children and teens as well."

One of the key concepts of the program is empathy. Trina Winn and her husband Brent took the classes several years ago, and applying empathy was one of the things from the class they found to really work with their children.

"How you respond to your child, whether in sadness or anger, makes such a huge difference," Winn says. "Telling them you're sad for them, rather than angry at them helps the child to be responsible for his own actions."

Another Love and Logic concept the Winn says is the idea of giving their children

choices in place of orders. Giving a child the choice between two acceptable options make the child feel empowered and important, while still keeping the parents in control.

"I love the Love and Logic process," Winn says. "I think my family has really benefited from it."

Want to participate?

What: 'Becoming a Love and Logic Parent' classes.
When: Tuesdays, Sept. 25 through Nov. 6.

What time: 7 p.m.
Where: White Pine Intermediate School, 1500 Highland Ave. in Burley.

How much: Classes are free, optional workbook is \$10.
For more information, call Katie McCombs 436-5827 or Julie Greenman 678-4704.



The Mountain View Elementary School has implemented several new programs to help its students excel outside as well as inside the classroom. Parents are invited to walk with their children during their daily walks for the Pacers Club, a fitness activity to help children stay physically fit.

PIONEER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AND "A DAY FOR KIDS"

Wish to thank the following contributors of time and fun for a successful event.

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The city of Rupert's burn period starting Saturday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Nov. 4. Persons wishing to burn may do so but must adhere to the following:

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- Persons wishing to burn must have a garden hose with water handy at all times.
- Must have a shovel at all times.
- Cannot burn on days with smoky, heavy cloud cover or high humidity.
- Must adhere to all city fire codes.
- Make sure that leaves and grass, etc., are thoroughly dry to prevent excessive smoke.
- There is no burning after dark.

French illegal immigrant crackdown takes a toll

By Elaine Canley
Associated Press writer

PARIS — A Russian boy suffers head injuries after falling from a window while trying to elude police. A North African man slips from a window ledge and fractures his leg while fleeing officers. A Chinese woman lies in a coma after plunging from a window during a police check.

As France races to deport 25,000 illegal immigrants by the end of the year — a quota set by President Nicolas Sarkozy — tensions are mounting and the crackdown is taking a toll.

Critics say the hunt threatens values in a nation that prides itself on being a cradle of human rights and a land of asylum. Protesters have gathered by the dozens in Paris to protect illegal aliens as police move in.

But with three months left in the year, police have caught at least 11,800 immigrants, less than half the target, so Sarkozy has ordered officials to pick up the pace.

"I want numbers," Sarkozy reportedly told Brice Hortefeux, head of the Ministry of Immigration, Integration, National Identity and Co-Development, which Sarkozy set up after taking office in May.

There are no solid estimates of the number of illegal aliens in France. The Immigration Ministry puts it at 200,000 to 400,000, many from former colonies in Africa. France has a population of some 63 million.

The president, who cultivated a tough-on-crime image while serving as Interior Minister, says France needs a new kind of immigrant — one who is "selected, not endured."

His government is fast-tracking tighter immigration legislation. Parliament's lower house on Thursday approved a bill that would allow consular officers to request DNA samples from immigrants trying to join relatives in France. Even some Cabinet ministers dislike the measure, which critics say betrays France's humanitarian values.

The DNA tests would be voluntary and proponents say such testing, which would get a trial run until 2010, would speed visa processing and give immigrants a way to bolster their applications.

Immigration legislation under consideration also aims to ensure that immigrants joining family members here speak French and grasp French values — to be proven with tests.

In a nationally televised interview Thursday, Sarkozy went further, saying he wants France to adopt immigration quotas by regions of the world and by occupation.

"I want us to be able to establish each year, after a debate in parliament, a quota with a ceiling for the number of foreigners we accept on our territory," he said.

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CSI volleyball crushes CEU with offensive show

Golden Eagles pass well in sweep

Times-News
Finally, the relief and excitement on College of Southern Idaho head coach Hettl Cartisser's voice spoke volumes of her Golden Eagles Saturday play at the College of

Eastern Utah in Price, Utah. It wasn't only the 30-21, 30-18, 30-18 final-score statement CSI made against CEU that raked Cartisser's spirits. It was the way the Golden Eagles broke through their season-long passing woes to get the win that was much more exciting to the

program's second-year head coach. "Passing was phenomenal," Cartisser said. "We finally just put it all together."
The end result of solid passing was a blowout win completed with startling quickness and efficiency. The match started at 3 p.m. By 4:30, the Golden Eagles were on the road back home, owners of a 28-7 record and 2-0 scenic

West Athletic Conference mark. The Golden Eagles also gain an increased level of comfort in their passing abilities heading into Thursday's 7 p.m. home opener against the nation's No. 2 team, Salt Lake Community College. Solid passing will be a requisite for CSI to beat a Bruins team that has already topped the Golden Eagles on their home floor this sea-

son. After Saturday, that passing is less of a question mark in the Golden Eagles' minds. "Oh, I can't even tell you," Cartisser said. "It's relaxed everybody. We finally have a core group that's passing really well."
CSI will also play in Twin Falls at 3 p.m., Saturday against Snow College of Ephraim, Utah. CEU officials did not provide CSI with official match stats on Saturday.

Nightmare Big Sky opener for Bengals

ISU crushed by Eastern Washington

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — It wasn't supposed to be like this. For Idaho State it was inconceivable that the opening game of Big Sky Conference play would turn out like it did. But because it did, questions now abound heading into next week's game at Montana State.



Idaho State coach John Zamberlin looks towards the bench as time runs down in the fourth quarter against Eastern Washington in Pocatello Saturday.

Eastern Washington sliced, diced and mutilated the Bengals 34-7 at Holt Arena Saturday. The Eagles (3-0, 1-0 Big Sky) took advantage of three early interceptions and put up 24 points in the second quarter, basically ending the contest before halftime. Idaho State's (1-2, 0-1) freshman quarterback Russel Hill tossed all three picks and was removed from the game shortly before halftime. He never returned.

It was the 11th time in the last 12 seasons that ISU dropped the conference opener. Afterwards head coach John Zamberlin looked like a guy with a lot on his mind. "I didn't expect this," he said. "We can't wait until half-time to start performing offensively. Those turnovers put our defense in a difficult situation."

For this day the Bengals turned it over five times, four on interceptions. Eastern Washington sophomore quarterback Matt Nichols took advantage of the gifts going 17-for-30 for 285 yards and six scores. Three other Eagle touchdowns came on runs by Alexis Alexander.

Hill had an awful afternoon, going 7-for-15 for just 92 yards. His replacement, redshirt sophomore Luke Butler, had impressive numbers at 22-for-41 for 264

yards, but ISU spent most of the second half lining up in three-receiver sets and throwing the football. The running game was all but abandoned.

So who will be under center next Saturday in Bozeman? "I don't know," said Zamberlin. "We'll look at the films and evaluate what happened."

The Eagles came in ranked No. 25 in the Football Championship Series (formerly, Division 1-AA) poll. Next week's opponent Montana State was No. 18 and figures to move up after beating Weber State on the road Saturday.

An 0-2 conference start would probably end any ideas of Idaho State shocking the Big Sky. It may also spell doom to the goal of having a winning season after last year's 2-9 performance. But for now, no one is panicking. Yet.

"Everybody's pretty upset right now," said linebacker Ryan Phillips. "But it's a long season, we'll be fine."

CLOSE, BUT NOT QUITE



Idaho defenders Josh Shaw (98) and Taylor Rust (57) take down Northern Illinois tailback Justin Anderson Saturday in Moscow.

Idaho rally falls just short against Huskies

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Costly mistakes by the Idaho Vandals helped the visiting Northern Illinois Huskies earn a 42-35 nonconference victory on Saturday.

Justin Anderson led NIU (1-3) with 167 yards on 35 carries and a touchdown. Huskies quarterback Dan Nicholson went 10-for-17 and a pair of touchdown passes. Idaho (1-3) was led by Deonte Jackson, who rushed for 111 yards and scored two touchdowns.

The Vandals jumped ahead 7-0 on an 8-yard Jackson touchdown, but the Huskies (1-3) answered quickly when Nicholson found Matt Simon 59 yards

down field to tie the score. Simon led the Huskies with 115 receiving yards.

The Vandals advanced to the Huskies 8 on the following drive, but NIU's Chase Carter intercepted a Nathan Enderle pass and took it the other way for a 95-yard score.

After another NIU touchdown that put the Huskies up 21-7, Jeff Fontana blocked and recovered an Idaho punt in the end zone for a 28-7 lead.

The NIU's Larry English sacked Enderle with four minutes left in the first half, knocking the ball into the end zone. English fell on it for a 35-7 lead.

Idaho's Shloh Keo gave the Vandals some hope when he returned a punt

100 yards with 34 seconds left in the half to make the score 35-14.

Jackson's second score of the day, an 8-yard run with 9:57 left in the third, made it 35-21. The Huskies got the points back on an eight-play, 93-yard drive capped by an 11-yard Anderson TD run.

Idaho made it 42-21 on a 10-yard pass from Enderle to freshman receiver Maurice Shaw. The Vandals took one last shot at the Huskies when Enderle found tight end Eddie Williams for a 15-yard touchdown with 1:01 left to play.

Idaho's Eric Greenwood recovered the ensuing on-side kick at NIU's 47 with 59 seconds left. The Vandals reached the NIU 17, but English sacked Enderle to end the game.

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BYU bounces back Cougars shred Air Force 31-6 in Mountain West Conference opener



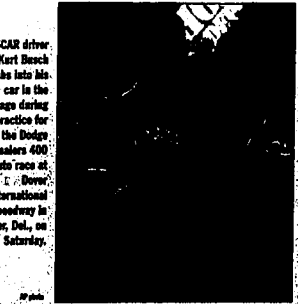
Michigan backup on track Woverines take down No. 10 Penn State in Big 10 opener



Muck of the Irish A loss to Michigan State leaves Notre Dame 0-4 for the first time ever



Upset specialist upset Appalachian State shocked by Wofford in 42-31 loss



NASCAR driver: Kurt Busch climbs into his car in the garage during practice for the Dodge Dealers 400 and race on Sept. 23. (Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del., on Saturday.)

Kurt Busch has catching up to do in Chase

By Dan Ozolin
Associated Press writer

DOVER, Del. — Kurt Busch was penalized and demoralized the last time he left Dover. His tantrum in the pits cost him 100 points and a coveted spot in the top 12 of the Chase standings. Thanks to a late surge over the final two months, the temperamental Busch recovered and qualified for NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship. Now the former Nextel Cup champ is back at the Monster Mile, mired in a similar points

hole, with even less time to recover. He's 102 points behind with nine races left. Another faulty pit or a wreck could cost Busch and the No. 2 Dodge a chance to finish near the front of the field and all but end his shot at a second Cup championship. For a driver, once known for his hot temper, Busch instead is keeping his cool. "To have a small setback in the beginning still gives you nine races to go to make up

that small deficit," said Busch, the 2004 champ. "No panic mode. We just hope this weekend at the Monster Mile is better for us."
Dodge Dealers 400 11:30 a.m., ABC
Busch plummeted from fifth to 12th in the Chase standings after last week's 25th-place finish at New Hampshire, putting him a mere more than 100 points behind leaders Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon. His Dodge lost a cylinder and struggled with carburetor problems. As a result, he suffered the worst finish of all the

Chase drivers. "We got bent by a \$5 part," Busch said. "We don't ever usually have those types of failures. It usually doesn't happen in the garage area."
He was running up front for the early part of the race and one of the few drivers to hang with winner Clint Bowyer. But his car slowed on the 122nd lap with his parts falling and he couldn't recover. "It could have been worse. It could have been worse," he said. "To finish 25th with

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Strong second half carries U.S. women into World Cup semis

TIANJIN, China — The United States reached the semifinals of the Women's World Cup on Saturday behind second-half goals by Abby Wambach, Shannon Box and Kristine Lilly. Three goals in 12 minutes broke open a tight game and extended the top-ranked Americans' unbeaten streak to 51 games in almost three years. The outcome left England winless against the U.S. in 19 years as the Americans seek their third World Cup title. The U.S. will face the winner of Sunday's quarterfinal between heavily favored Brazil and Australia. The semifinal will be Thursday in Hangzhou with the final Sept. 30 in Shanghai. In Saturday's other semifinal in Wuhang, Germany defeated North Korea 3-0 and will play Norway or China in the semifinals. The U.S. won World Cup titles in 1991 and '99 and has never failed to reach the semifinals. Four years ago, the Americans lost to eventual champion Germany 3-0 in Beijing. The United States' first appearance in the World Cup quarterfinals and was more lightly regarded than at least two of the U.S. opponents in group play — North Korea and Sweden.

Sports Shorts

men's dunk contest, routines by the dance floor cheer squads, along with free popcorn and Coke. CSI holds booster luncheon. TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's cheer clubs will hold the first of two booster luncheons at noon Monday in Room 276 of the Taylor Building. CSI coaches will be on hand to talk about their programs. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and bring lunch from the CSI cafeteria. Canyon-Muni Best-ball news. TWIN FALLS — The Canyon-Muni Best-ball will be held Sept. 29-30 at the Canyon Springs Golf Course and Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. Entry fee is \$120. There will be division for men, women and couples. The minimum handicap is 27 for men and 35 for women with a maximum spread of six for men and 10 for women. There is no maximum spread for couples. Entry deadline is noon on Thursday. Gooding hosts spaghetti dinner. GOODING — The Gooding High School cross-country program will host a spaghetti dinner at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the school's multi-use room. The cost is \$5 per person, \$20 per family of five. Tickets can be purchased from Senators cross-country team.

TENNIS

Bryan brothers net U.S. slender lead over Sweden in Davis Cup semifinal. GOTEBOURG, Sweden — The United States

BASEBALL

Obsecities fly at Thomas trial. NEW YORK — Twenty-three floors above Manhattan, inside the Daniel Patrick

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CSI hosts 'Meet the Players Night'. TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams will host their annual free Meet the Players Night at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1. The event will include player introductions, scrimmages, a 3-point shooting contest between squads, a

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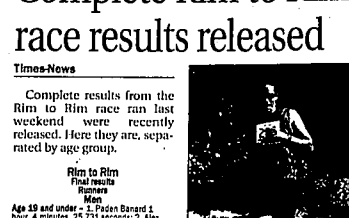
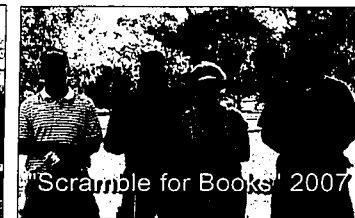
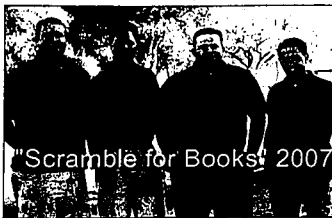
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GOLF

Complete Rim to Rim race results released



Scramble for Books 2007

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Times-News

Complete results from the Rim to Rim race last weekend were recently released. Here they are, separated by age group.

Rim to Rim Runners

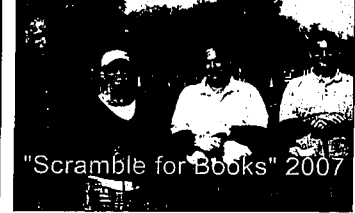
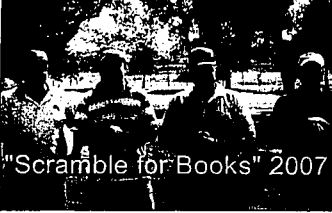
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Overall winner John Ruppelt.

The Agri-Service No. 2 team won first place in the A.M. men's division of the Scramble for Books golf tournament on Sept. 15 with a score of 48.6.

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The Falls Brand/Independent Meats team took first place in the P.M. men's division of the Scramble for Books golf tournament on Sept. 15 with a score of 48.3.

The Ag-Industrial Equipment team took first place in the Ladies/mixed division of the Scramble for Books golf tournament on Sept. 15 with a score of 48.

- Scramble for Books golf tournament winners A.M. results Mens First place: Agri-Service No. 2... Ladies/Mixed First place: AmeriPride Linen and Apparel.

- Vining Men's longest drive: Mark Peterson... Ladies/Mixed First place: Ag-Industrial Equipment... Ladies/Mixed Second place: Latham Motors.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A cool start to fall with widespread, heavy rain showers. Highs, 50s.
Tonight: Showers end around, but the will be lighter and then clear out late. Lows, 30s.
Tomorrow: Sunny skies return, but it will still be cool. Highs, 60s.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Showers continuing, some will be heavy at times. Highs, upper 50s.
Tonight: Cool with lingering showers, but they will be lighter. Lows, 30s.
Tomorrow: The sun returns. Highs, mid 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for various locations like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 7 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phase, and Pollen Count. Includes current and forecast data.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with regional forecasts for Sun Valley, Boise, and Northern Utah. Includes text about weather conditions and snow.

Regional Forecast

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists forecasts for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

Moonsrise and Moonsset

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists moon phase and timing.

U. V. INDEX

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists UV index levels.

Regional Forecast

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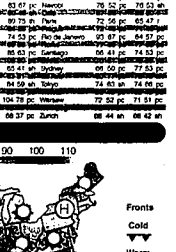
National Forecast

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists forecasts for various US cities.

World Forecast

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists forecasts for various international cities.

Today's National Map



GREGG HIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

There are no heroic connotations to the word 'burning' when it comes to the quality of man...

GOLF

Flesch fires 66, leads by four shots

VERONA, N.Y. — Steve Flesch shot a 6-under 66 on a Saturday to take a four-shot lead over Carl Petersson and Charles Warren after three rounds at the inaugural Burning Stone Resort Championship.



Advertisement for Alltel Wireless. Features a large 'Join my circle' graphic, a photo of a golfer, and details about a family plan for \$49.99 and a camera phone for \$29.99.

Advertisement for SAS Championship. Includes text about Mike Webe's record and a list of Alltel Retail Stores across Idaho.



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MAGIC VALLEY TRAVELING

Places to go, things to see in Nampa

County: Canyon
Founded: 1886

Trivia: It is not known for certain where the name "Nampa" came from, but as the Oregon Short Line was built through Idaho, unusual names were given to some of the stations. Many of these unusual names were believed to be of Indian origin. It is believed that it came from the Indian word for mecessain, namb.

Snake River Birds of Prey River Trip

South of Boise, the Snake River has cut a canyon where eagles, hawks and falcons nest each spring

In greater concentrations than at any other place in North America, you can see the birds of prey in their natural river canyon habitat on a scenic float trip. Birdwatching and sightseeing trips are offered on motorized pontoon boats each spring into the summer. These are scenic trips only. There are no rapids on this stretch.

Warhawk Air Museum

Located at the Nampa Municipal Airport, this is an educational museum dedicated to the preservation of American World War II aviation history. Rare and unusual World War II aviation artifacts are

on display in the 20,000 square foot facility. Featured are ration books, "V Mail", Mothers Flags, "Victory Puzzles" and numerous other items that represent the homefront during World War II. There are two of only a few remaining Curtiss P-40 World War II fighter airplanes left in the world and a very rare World War II P-51C razorback Mustang fighter. The two P-40s, on display at the museum, were used in the film "Pearl Harbor."

Hispanic Cultural Center

This regional attraction includes a museum, gift shop, Spanish classes, PBS Family Workshops and vari-

ous programs and cultural events and activities including an Internet café for those needing to "touch base" while away from home. For more information, call 932-0823.

Celebration Park

This park was established as Idaho's only archaeological park in 1989. It is located on the Snake River at the western boundary of the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. This area was a wintering ground for Palute Indians along the Snake River. Travelers worldwide have come to enjoy the high desert flora, scenic land features, and unique Indian art dating

to 12,000 years ago. Take a self-guided tour or stop in at the visitor center. Guided tours are available by reservation. Campsites are also available.

Nampa Recreation Center

Open to all ages, this year round 140,000 square foot facility houses one of the largest indoor rock climbing walls in Idaho, three college size basketball courts, an indoor running track, three dance studios, large gymnastics floor, five swimming pools, spa, sauna and steam room. Day and annual passes are available. For more information call 468-5777.

HAVING A SAND BLAST

Oregon's coast is an unlikely paradise for sand-sport enthusiasts

By Hugo Martin
Los Angeles Times

FLORENCE, Ore. — The polished board strapped to my feet feels fast and light. I shift my weight forward and launch myself down a 50-foot sand dune, through a wide curvy path bordered by spiky European beach grass.

Bend your knees. I was told. Point your lead arm in the direction you want to go. Can't be that easy?

It's a cloudy but warm summer afternoon along the central Oregon coast, and this is my third attempt at sandboarding. To the south, the nation's largest expanse of coastal dunes stretches to a horizon of honey-colored mounds, sprinkled with bunches of gold and green beach grass. To the west, white-crested waves lap on the beach. To the east, the Siuslaw River cradles the town of Florence, home of the nation's first sandboarding park.

Surfing down the dune, I'm gaining speed and cringing at a nice clip, the wind blowing back my hair. I'm probably traveling less than 20 mph, but it's an adrenaline jolt nonetheless. As I

reach the bottom of the hill a few seconds later, I shift my weight to my heels and, for the first time that day, come to a graceful stop.

A geological phenomenon made Oregon's central coast a paradise for sand-sport enthusiasts, and that's the reason an estimated 2 million people each year lug sandboards and transport ATVs, motorcycles, quads and dune buggies to these parts.

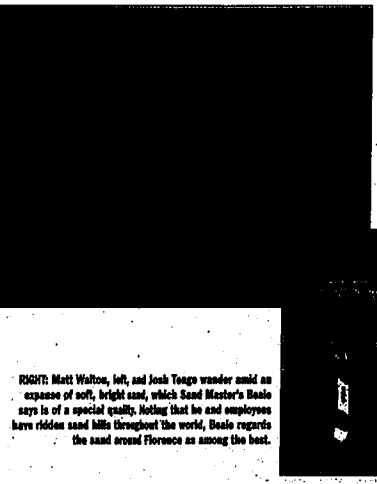
The hub of this sand playground is Florence, once rated the nation's top retirement town. Now the streets rumble with trucks, RVs and trailers loaded with knobby-tired motorcycles, ATVs and dune buggies, nearly all plastered with a bumper sticker that reads: "Got Sand?" Whether it's on fat tires or waxed boards, sand is the attraction. And there's tons of it here.

Three rivers — the Coos, the Umpqua and the Siuslaw — dump stream sediment into the ocean off a gently sloping sandstone terrace, stretching about 40 miles, from Coos Bay to the iconic Heceta Head Lighthouse. Ocean currents and offshore winds toss the grains back onto



Photo by SPENCER WHELAN/Los Angeles Times
Marisa Beale, 9, navigates a gentle grade. Home to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, the state's central coast is a paradise for sand sports, with an estimated 2 million people each year legging sandboards and transporting ATVs, motorcycles, quads and dune buggies to the region.

LEFT: Sandboarder Matt Walton, 19, kicks up sand and catches air. How did all that sand form in this area of Oregon? Three rivers dump stream sediment into the ocean off a gently sloping sandstone terrace, stretching about 40 miles, from Coos Bay to Heceta Head Lighthouse. Ocean currents and offshore winds toss the grains back onto the long, flat shelf, where it piles up in waves, bays and flat plains.



RIGHT: Matt Walton, left, and Josh Young wander amid an expanse of soft, bright sand, which Sand Master's Beale says is of a special quality. Noting that he and employees have ridden sand hills throughout the world, Beale regards the sand around Florence as among the best.

If you go ...

Where to stay

- Holiday Inn Express, 2475 Highway 101, Florence; (541) 997-7797, www.hiexpress.com. Doubles from \$109.
- Best Western Pier Point Inn, 85625 Highway 101, Florence; (541) 997-7191, www.bestwestern.com. Doubles from \$174.
- Old Town Inn, 170 Highway 101, Florence; (800) 570-8738, www.oldtowninn.com. Doubles from \$64.

Where to eat

- Beachcomber Pub & Grill, 1355 Bay St., Florence; (541) 997-6357. Entrees from \$7.
- Bridgewater Restaurant & Lounge, 1297 Bay St., Florence; (541) 997-9405. Entrees from \$12.
- Bills' Hot Rod Grill, 1179 Highway 101, Florence; (541) 997-6769. Entrees from \$6.

Activities

- Sand Master Park, 87542 Highway 101, Florence; (541) 997-6006, www.sandmasterpark.com. Sandboard rentals from \$18 for 24 hours.
- Sand Dunes Frontier, 83960 Highway 101, Florence; (541) 997-3544, www.sanddunesfrontier.com. Tours from \$12 for 30 minutes.
- Sea Lion Caves, world's largest sea lion caves, 11 miles north of Florence, along Highway 101; (541) 547-3111, www.sealioncaves.com. Admission: \$9 for adults.

To learn more

- Travel Oregon, 670 Hawthorne Ave. S.E., Suite 240, Salem OR 97301; (800) 847-7842 or (503) 978-8850, www.traveloregon.com.
- On TravelJattimes.com: See a video that captures the thrills and spills of sandboarding and check out more photos at latimes.com/sandboarding.

A man in black bash

Mississippi town holds festival, and maybe a pardon, for the late Johnny Cash

By Kathy Hanrahan
Associated Press writer



Musician Johnny Cash in 1977.

JACKSON, Miss. — More than 40 years after the late singer Johnny Cash was arrested in Starkville, residents of the east Mississippi town plan a festival in his honor that will include a ceremonial pardoning for the "Man in Black."

The Johnny Cash Flower Pickin' Festival is scheduled for Nov. 2-4 with some events on the campus of Mississippi State University, said Robbie Ward, executive director of the festival.

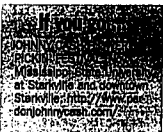
Ward, a research writer at MSU, started talking to residents two years ago about a festival — and a pardon for Cash. He gathered 500 signatures on a petition and headed up a committee of 25 residents, including a local pastor, alderman and a bar owner.

"A lot of people would laugh at me and act like I was kind of crazy," Ward said.

But on Aug. 7 the Starkville Board of Aldermen approved the closing of downtown city streets for pedestrian traffic during the festival. The board also agreed to serve as an in-kind sponsor of the festival, meaning the city will donate fire, police, electric and sanitation services for the festival, Ward said.

In an Aug. 21 meeting the Board of Aldermen authorized Starkville Municipal Court Judge William Estee to review the symbolic, posthumous pardon of Cash. Estee promised a fair and impartial review of the pardon, Ward said.

"I think it would be fun to have John honored even though it started out as kind of a negative reason," said Lou Robin, Cash's manager for 31 years, now handles



Johnny Cash in 1957, while in Starkville City Jail.

business affairs for the Johnny Cash Estate. Cash died in 2003.

There are different versions of what happened the night of May 11, 1965, in Starkville.

One told by Cash himself in his autobiography is that he was arrested by police while walking from his motel to a grocery store after attending a party at a fraternity house on the Mississippi State campus.

Another version is that Cash was arrested while picking flowers in someone's yard.

Cash admitted in his book, "I was screaming, cussing and kicking at the cell door all night long until I finally broke my big toe. At 8 a.m.

the next morning they let me out when they knew I was sober."

Cash wrote a song about the ordeal calling it, "Starkville City Jail," and later performed it for the inmates at San Quentin Prison.

"Starkville is now known by fans by virtue of the song," said Bill Miller, founder of the Web site <http://www.JohnnyCash.com>.

Ward said the message of the Starkville festival will focus on redemption, something he feels Cash exemplified. "We believe the pardon is not about his arrest in Starkville, it's recognizing that when people make mistakes what matters is what they learn from those mistakes," Ward said.

Admission to the event will be free, with a suggested donation of \$10 to benefit a local Boys and Girls Club and the Oktibbeha County Heritage Museum.

To finance the event, the committee is selling T-shirts (black, of course), bearing the words "Pardon Me, I'm Pickin' Flowers."

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9:35 am — Matt & Andy Towser — Musical performance

10:00 am — Diane Davis presents Jerome History

10:30 am — Ribbons & Bows Square Dances

11:00 am — Artist Gary Stone & Author Beverly Stone presents Oregon Trail

12:00 pm — The Few & the Faithful with Singer TJ Clew singing Country, Blue Grass, and Country Gospel

1:30 pm — Kim Rock Yalbers Band

2:00 pm — HS Band Centennial performance

Event Activities:

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GENERAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office is
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eligible roster for the position of
Deputy Sheriff in the areas of Patrol
and Detention. Applications are also
being accepted for a Narcotics
Investigator (which requires a minimum
of 3 years law enforcement experience).
Applications must be received by
October 5th, and testing will take place on
October 16th. Starting wage is \$16.30
per hour, will full benefit package. Must
be 21 years of age. Applicants must
pass the TFCSO hiring process, which
will include but is not limited to, a physical
agility & fitness test, written test, verbal
interview, polygraph, psychological
tests, drug screen. There will be a \$15
(cash only) to cover the cost of the
written testing.
Applications are available at the
Twin Falls County Human Resources,
4th Floor Courthouse, 425 Shoshone
St N or TFCSO website at
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Female and minority applicants
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LAW ENFORCEMENT
POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN:
The City of Jerome is seeking a Captain
who is responsible for commanding one
of the two major divisions within the
police department. General duties include
management of police operations,
problem solving, performance
management, interpretation of
department policies, and enforcing
department standards. This is an exempt
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Chief. The starting salary range for the
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Interested candidates should submit a
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The full job description is at the
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The closing date is
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• Lead and support the development of accurate
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• Understand and coordinate maintenance and reporting
• Develop cost-accounting estimates

Experience required:
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• 3+ years of CMIS/ERP
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• 5+ years of manufacturing company experience;
customer products or food experience a definite plus
• Understanding of cost management and accounting
• Strong technical, analytical and systems skills (Excel, Access, Powerlink)
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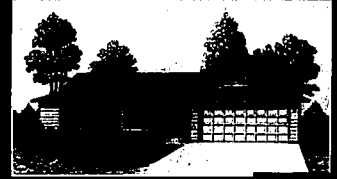
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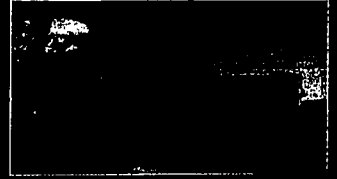
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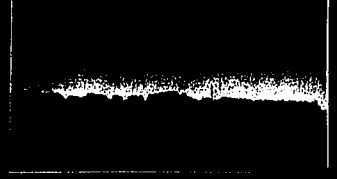
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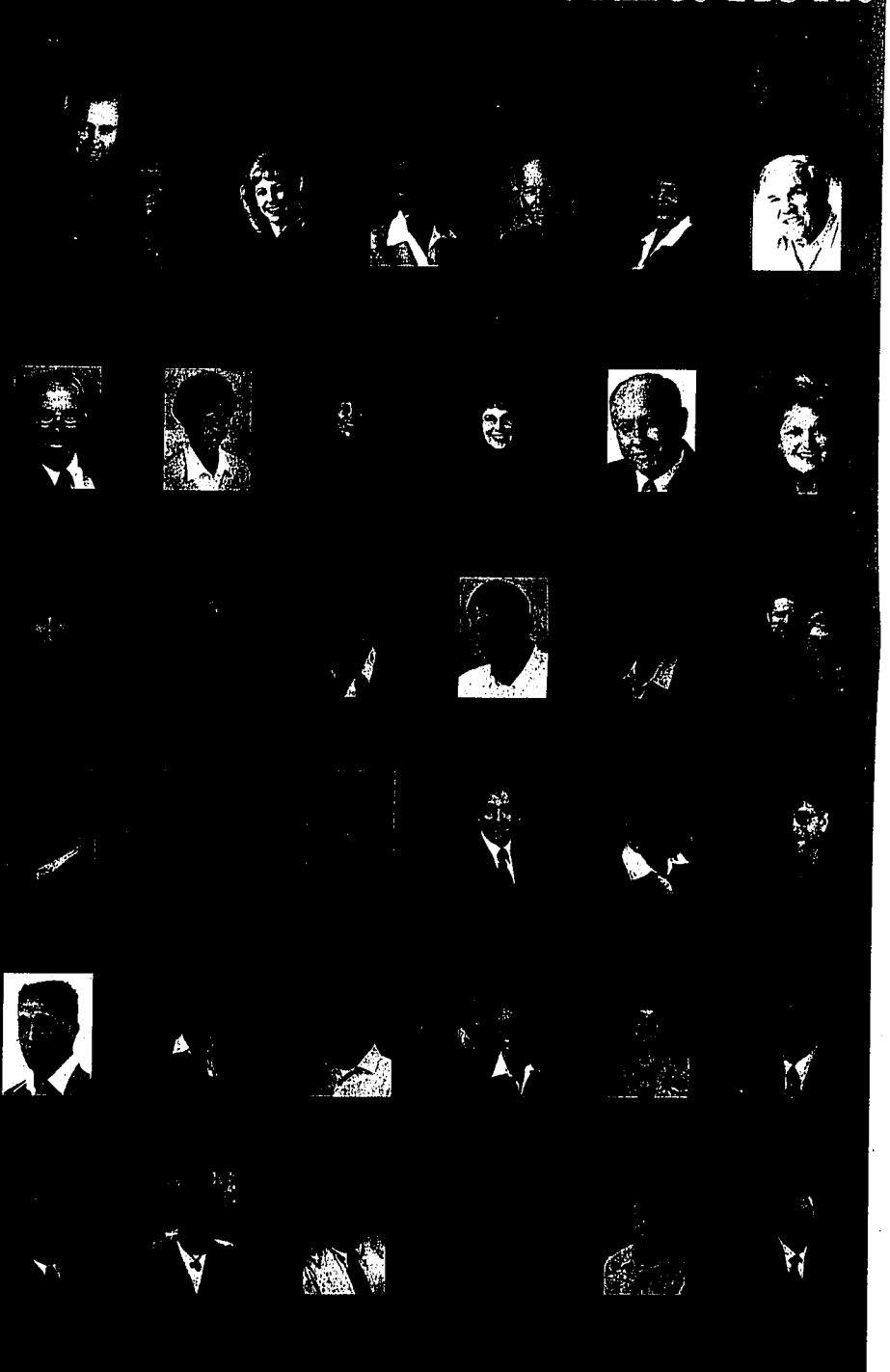
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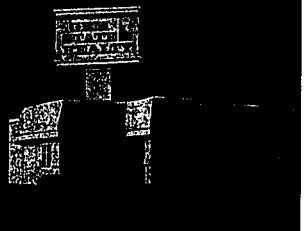
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page D-16.

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FOUND (2) Shih Tzu brown & white. On E 16th St. Bufile on 9/17 679-4550 or 678-1183
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LOST cat, black with white neck, and white under chin and neck. Lost around Hwy 30 near Valley CO-OP in Buhl. Answers to Millions. Rowland! Call 543-4817 or 316-3888
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Sisters in a Strange land

Story and photos by

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Everyone sings along with guitarist Inna Robbins as a group of Russian immigrant wives ends its summer picnic in Twin Falls' Centennial Park in late August. The women try to gather monthly — and on Russian holidays — to talk about their homeland's politics, movies and current events.

Russian wives' club gives women community in a foreign place

A male voice singing Russian pop music bounces off the Snake River Canyon walls as it blares from a small tape player. The player rests between food, drinks and elaborately painted bowls on a picnic table covered with bright tapestry. Russian immigrants Marina Wells, Svetlana Schuckert and Elena Butler circle the table laying out kvass, a sweet carbonated drink with an earthy aftertaste; okroshka, a cold vegetable soup; and sweet crepes — some with meat and others with cream cheese and raisin fillings. The spread is a feast suited for any traditional table during summer in Russia.

But this is Twin Falls. As other women make their way across the lawn at Centennial Park, cheerful greetings ring out — but not in English.

On this late-summer afternoon the women come together, some with children in tow, to eat Russian food,

speak their native language and sing Russian folk songs.

To outsiders the gatherings could be called a club: the women meet monthly for Russian holidays, to watch Russian movies, and to celebrate milestones for Russian wives — everyone at this meeting married an American. But to these women, who moved around the globe and away from family, friends, food and their familiar tongue, this gathering is more like a family affair.

Between bites of fluffy crepes and cool soup, the women talk about housing prices in Russia, music and the small details of their days.

Olga Allen, 43, leans over and apologizes for not speaking in English.

"We're not trying to ignore you," she says of the simultaneous conversations around the picnic table. "We just miss speaking in Russian so much," she explains as several women work to clean up the main course and others lay out ice cream.



Svetlana Schuckert, center, of Twin Falls joins in a gypsy song as Katrina Sergeeva, 21, right and Marina Wells, 35, lose track of the words.

Olga Allen, 43, kisses 1-year-old Monique.

The only grandchild of her husband, Paul. For two people that are so far apart — from two different countries — we just have so much in common," says Paul, right, on an outing to Magic Valley Mall.



Olga and her daughter, Katrina Sergeeva, 21, are regulars at the gatherings.

Olga came from a port town on Russia's eastern edge. She likens it to the Oregon coast and remembers snow so deep that she could jump into it from a second story of her childhood home. She recalls pleasant summers and days spent swimming in the warm ocean.

After graduating from college, she worked as a nurse in Russia's public health system, but by the '90s the government began holding back wages, sometimes for up to six

months. By that time she was divorced from her first husband, and the economy was in such a bad state that she started to look for other options.

"The people got poorer and poorer," she said. "It's like you have a good life and one day it all changed."

Olga and Katrina came to the U.S. eight years ago on a guest visa, and Olga began taking classes at the College of Southern Idaho. On her daily bicycle commute seven years ago she met Paul, a farmer from Filer and a divorced father of five, and fell in love.

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Sisters in a strange land

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Paul, now 50, helped her with her English essays, but he insists it was Olga's own ambition that made her a radiologist for St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"If you are a strong person, it's really easy in America," she said.

Olga said some people here still give her a hard time about her accent. She cried about it at first but now accepts the accent as a part of herself.

Still, speaking freely is important to Olga. With the group of Russian wives, she can.



Olga Allen helps a radiology patient at the downtown clinic of St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on Aug. 12 in Twin Falls. Her ease with computers has skyrocketed since her arrival in the U.S. After just one year of English courses, Olga started writing essays in English with her American husband's help. She remembers a night when the couple spent hours working on an essay and "I deleted it because I didn't know. I was learning all of the buttons."



Russian food and colorful Russian dishes fill a picnic table at Centennial Park as Marina Wells, left, serves up okroshka, a cold Russian soup traditionally eaten in summer.

As she serves the others at the August picnic, Svetlana, 53, dances around the table to the Russian pop music. She says little, offering small interjections and laughter to some of the conversations during the meal.

She has been in the U.S. since 1996, and on this night — when the group is not in full force because of vacations or other summer engagements — she takes on the role of hostess.

Svetlana concerns herself with the flow of the picnic: "Do you have enough honey?" she offers with the crepes, then she dishes extra fruit salad here or ice cream there.

She came to Twin Falls after three years of correspondence with her husband, Mark.

"He wrote me 90 letters, and I had to show them to the consulate when I came into the United States," she said. Despite that measure to ensure a legitimate marriage, Svetlana was not aware of her husband's conviction as a sex offender — a part of his life she says he has worked to change and rehabilitate.

"It happened before I came," Svetlana said. She talked with him and his friends and family about it and was told it happened decades ago. To the couple, the conviction is no longer an issue.

"It's very difficult to find people who don't have some problems in the past," Svetlana said. "When he met me it was years after the situation and he completely changed. People should have a chance for rehabilitation, and I think he made it."

The couple shares time — from daily walks, to trips to California and even to Svetlana's Ukrainian home near the Black Sea.

To Svetlana, the Twin Falls group of Russian women is like a second family away from her own.

"Meeting together, we have a chance to put ourselves in the Russian world," she said. "We don't feel that we're so far from our native land."

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Marina Wells poses with her husband, David, at their home in Twin Falls. David is an anesthesiologist at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, and Marina attends the College of Southern Idaho. They live with their five dogs in the home that David has owned since the '60s.

From behind the bowl of okroshka, Marina lists off the fresh ingredients of the vegetable-based soup. After the soup is served and eaten she hands out tiny, ornately decorated bowls filled with vanilla ice cream.

Marina came to the U.S. just two years ago, in November 2005. She met David, 51, an anesthesiologist at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional, through an internet dating agency.

David said that after years of dating in Twin Falls and a divorce, he couldn't find a compatible, educated woman in this area. So he looked across the ocean. After meeting with several Russian and Ukrainian women, he found Marina.

"She just grabbed me," he said of his first impression.

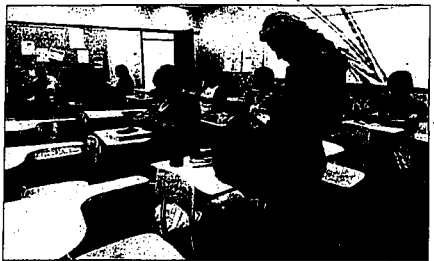
"You are a bad man," she said, following the chiding with a laugh. "You only married me because I am strong enough, educated enough and pretty enough."

David smiled, shrugging his shoulders.

After one week of dating he proposed marriage and used a fiancée visa to bring her to the U.S.

Born in the Ukraine to parents who immigrated to Russia, Marina identifies herself principally as Russian, from a place of woods and lakes where people are concentrated in city apartment buildings and keep small homes in the country to grow vegetables.

She described "a beautiful childhood" when train rides to her grandparents' home in Ukraine or summer



Marina Wells gets situated in her Tuesday-morning math class at the College of Southern Idaho on Aug. 11. Marina says it has been difficult to adjust to the individualism of American schools. In Russia, she says, the school system keeps college classes together for eight hours a day, nine months of the year for four years, giving it a strong community base.

trips to dachas — the summer homes. The garden food was canned for winter use.

When she wanted to marry, she turned to an internet dating agency.

"After so many years of war and oppression, the men in the country are dead," she said, citing war and hard times that lead some to suicide, among other ends.

When Marina came to Twin Falls, David tried to help her plant a garden.

But Marina couldn't see the point here, where grocery stores provide produce without the work.

"I don't need too much (food). He doesn't eat it," she said. "In Russia if I have plums on the trees I need to use it. I can't just leave it on the trees."

Marina said the gatherings of Russian wives are a happy reprieve from life in a new, foreign culture. "Sometimes I just want to talk to Russians," she said, adding that she has an incredible husband who is trying to learn the language.

Still, there's comfort in similar cultural roots.

"My husband brought me to Svetlana," she said.



Svetlana Schackert walks home from her job at the College of Southern Idaho on Sept. 18 in Twin Falls. She says in Russia she walked to and from work to clear her mind. "I always walked in Russia, and I had two sets of shoes (with me) — the dress shoes and the walking shoes."



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Sisters in a strange land

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During the picnic meal, each woman's dish gets compliments.

Elena, 42, sits at the end of the table and confesses that she doesn't cook Russian food much. "In my family I have two stepchildren and they don't eat Russian food. So I don't cook too much because I don't want to eat it by myself," she says. She saves her recipes for her trips to Sacramento, Calif., where her oldest daughter lives.

Sacramento was the first place Elena lived when she came to the U.S. In 1995 as a religious refugee with her husband and two children.

She described her hometown as heavily industrial, along Ukraine's Dnepr River. She worked as a teacher for the children of factory workers. After the Soviet Union collapsed, she said, everything went down including the factory that owned the school. Elena could have stayed with relatives, who would have supported her, but she wanted a job and liked to

work. So she followed her husband to the U.S. After three years, her marriage ended in divorce. In 2003 she joined a Christian Internet dating site; on the last day of her subscription she met Mark Butler, 46, a father of two from Twin Falls.

After 500 hours of communication via Internet, Mark said, he brought Elena to Twin Falls and proposed immediately, over cheesecake at a local restaurant.

"There has to be a photo somewhere of my jaw dropping," Elena said. Several months later they were married. "Everything just seemed to fall into place when I moved to Twin Falls."

She was immediately offered a job at CSI where she met Svetlana and, eventually, the other women in the Russian wives' group. Once again, she gets to hear and speak her native language.

"I'm not really wild about music or movies or politics, but it's nice to be around it," she said.



A religious refugee: Elena Butler makes a phone call to her husband during a Thursday-night band practice at the First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls. Elena says that if one chose a religious life in Russia he was subject to scorn in the community. 'It didn't matter what religion you were because in communism there is only atheism.'

After the food is put away, the women gather around the picnic table. Guitar in hand, Irene Robbins, 38, takes her seat and faces the setting sun. "This is a gypsy song," she says in English and begins lightly strumming.

Some of the women giggle before dramatically singing along. It's obvious that the song is a duet because the women alternate between a baritone voice and a squeaky, feminine one.

At times the words are forgotten by many in the group and only one or two women continue singing.

Born into a family of artists, Irene was the daughter of a jazz musician and the granddaughter of an actor. She studied music, frequented theaters and learned to play guitar while hiking with other youth in the woods. They brought music along to find refuge in songs.

"When communism came it basically destroyed the soul of Russia," Irene said. "We needed something to be free, and music is a way to express."

Irene was raised in what she calls "the vibe of the big city" in Moscow.

She obtained a master's degree in Russia and



Irene Robbins, second from left, sits with her mother and other parents as her son, Rusik, 7, runs with other children during his taekwon do class in Twin Falls. Growing up in Russia, Irene had a lot of exposure to culture and arts. "That's exactly what I tried to do with my son," she says of his involvement in sports, music and art. 'I'm trying to carry on the tradition.'

worked as a translator before coming to the U.S. in 1999 as a mail-order bride.

"I wanted a better life," Irene said. "I wanted to give birth to children in a culture that has more promises."

But life didn't turn out like she envisioned. In the past year she separated from her husband and is in the process of divorcing. She expressed anger over the

practice of mail-order brides because, she said, there's too much deception. Through this system, she said, it is impossible to know who someone really is.

Irene continues to work for a better life — taking online classes to obtain a master's degree in human resource management and trying to instill her Russian

roots in her 7-year-old son, Rusik.

Particularly for Irene, gathering with the other Russian women is a source of support.

The evening weaves and the sun nears the Snake River Canyon rim, bringing the picnic nearer its end. Olga aids her voice to Irene's song, putting her arm around Svetlana.



Irene Robbins, 38, poses with her guitar at a local coffee shop. 'I think we all are exceptional because we decided to take on this new life,' she says of the Russian women she meets with regularly.

The subtext behind getting no text in return

By Delten L. Brown
The Washington Post

The silence is threatening. The silence between the e-mail sent and ...
No response. The text message unacknowledged. Screen blank, waiting, left dangling into an abyss of ticks. EVE, ARE YOU THERE?
It's been two seconds. The mind flips. Throat swells. Ice

ball grows in belly.
Two minutes. Thoughts we've chaos. WHY DIDN'T HE TEXT ME BACK?
Two hours of checking e-mail and still no response. DID SHE GET THE E-MAIL? DID HE OPEN IT? DID HE CHOOSE NOT TO WRITE BACK? DOES HE NOT LIKE ME? WHAT?
In an era of instant call and response, what does it mean when the response doesn't come instantly? Something

splits inside within those seconds, and the forces within creep out whispering negation to you, a pilot generation that needs instant gratification. Silence mocks. No response and you sink. Those voice of childhood come back, reminding you of the time you sent a note across the room, "I like you, do you like me? Yes? No? No?" No response.
You sent the message, now what comes? Doubt, self-pity,

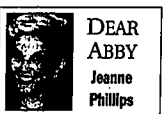
declusion, indignation, indolence, fragility, detachment, denial, dependency, cynicism, curses, curiosity, confusion?
What do you say to yourself in that silence? Vulnerabilities exposures like in those Cingular Wireless commercials, popular because you can see yourself on either end.
"It would seem we would question the phone line, or something technological,"

says Kipling Williams, a psychology professor at Purdue University and author of the book "Obstruance: The Power of Silence." But Williams has researched behavior around text messaging and found that if people who are expecting a text message don't receive it immediately, they begin questioning themselves. Their self-esteem drops. They don't feel in control of their environment. "They don't worry about the

network that has gone down. They worry about their standing with their friends. The thing they worry about is the most threatening option" — isolation.
Time has been stretched by instant messaging, wrapping us so tightly in its instantaneous grip, seconds become chasms of doubt. A minute, eternity, withholding blessed assurance. The blank screen taunts, blinking: It's true. Nobody likes you.

Grandpa's abusive names for child open old wounds for mom

DEAR ABBY: I am the single mother of a wonderful 13-year-old son. His father and I were divorced when he was 1. Aside from some help and love from my parents when he was young, I have raised my son practically by myself. Nana and Dad looked after "Todd" while I was at work, which allowed them a lot of time together when he was young.
I have taught Todd to be honest and thoughtful, to have empathy, to care about others and respect their feelings. I tell him to think before he speaks so he won't hurt or offend other people. I ask him most of all to respect himself, to set goals and try his best at whatever he does. Friends and neighbors say I'm raising a terrific young man.
The problem is my dad.



When my siblings and I were young, Dad was verbally abusive. When he greets Todd he says, "Hey, you little jerk," or "Hey, you link." I have asked Dad several times not call Todd such names, to the point of tears. It reminds me of being called "good-for-nothing," "worthless," etc., when I was a kid.
Dad is 72 and not in the greatest health, and I don't want to distance my son from him. The love between them is enormous. But each time Dad calls Todd one of those names, it opens the wounds

of my childhood and reminds me of how little I thought of myself when I was his age.
How can I keep Dad from calling my sons these names? — GOT NO RESPECT IN DEFIANCE, OHIO
DEAR GOT NO RESPECT: May I be frank? The chances of you persuading your father to change at his age are virtually nil. Because your son was raised by a loving and emotionally nurturing mother, his sense of self-esteem is far stronger than yours was at his age. He knows he is not a "little jerk" or a "link." He regards those names as terms of endearment, which is probably how your father means for them to be taken. I don't know how your father was raised, but I'll bet the father that the environment was such that he never learned how to properly

express his emotions.
Some sessions with a licensed psychotherapist could help you to put your childhood into perspective. Obviously, you're still hurting from the treatment you received as a child. This would be the logical way to work it through so you can finally put it behind you.
DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful woman for almost two years. I'll call her "Wanda." It's a long-distance relationship, so it is built on trust. Wanda lives two hours away and works seven days a week. I work six days a week, so that really isn't a problem. We have plans to build a house on my property, get married, have kids, etc.
When Wanda and I met, she told me she had been

engaged but had broken it off. The problem is, I just found out that she is married, which has honestly shattered my sense of security.
Wanda now says she is in the middle of getting a divorce and just "finalizing some differences."
My question is, even though she came clean about all her past lies, is she still trustworthy? I need an opinion.

from outside.
— DEVASTATED IN
DEAR DEVASTATED: Wanda did not lie about "one little thing." Your relationship with her is based on a pattern of lies. To marry someone with such a lack of character would be to invite disaster (for you, not her). If you marry Wanda, you need your head examined.

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IF SEPT. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The next 12 months can turn into a fruitful time if you are industrious and focus on achieving success. Your gentle character could be tested during the next six weeks. That is a poor time to make key decisions that could affect your future or to take on extra financial debt or added responsibilities. Fame is fleeting, so take advantage of your time in the spotlight and bask in the approval of others during January and March. Those who do best manage to make a successful change of career or enter into a committed romantic relationship.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your week ahead should contain plenty of smooth sailing and serenity. Accept sincere apologies from others or peace-making efforts with your spouse. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't spin your wheels. You may think that someone, or something, is worthy of your attentions but you could be entranced by a mere mirage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be able to put Humpty Dumpty back together again. A delicate intrapersonal situation can be repaired this week. Be up front and truthful and you may be surprised by positive results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reach outside your comfort zone. You may prefer to eat bonbons and watch the couch, but it could be time to flex some unused muscles. Don't shrink from trying something new this week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Exert the necessary effort to settle a feud this week. Purchase lovely things that demonstrate your good taste. Your kindness and compassion may bring you a few extra brownie points.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Charity begins at home. Spend your pennies on things that add to your prestige or on items that make family members feel cherished. One of your financial wishes may come true this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone else might rock the boat, but you have your hand on the rudder. Your ability to negotiate a thorny situation can turn you to a hero. You could be applauded for your efforts this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can't rest on laurels that you haven't earned. Don't delude yourself or forget to face the facts. You will find that if you ask the right questions, you will receive honest answers this week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pour oil on troubled waters. A potentially offended party might be impressed by your finesse as this week unfolds. Don't be bashful about asking for favors or special treatment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make wise financial choices. Find those quarters in the bank account instead of in the slot machine. You will find people are anxious to cooperate with you as this week unfolds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pretense doesn't become you. If you have been neglecting your own needs, you are in no position to help others or play the generous benefactor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be a wise shopper. Under the peaceful stars of the week to come, you need sacrifice your quantity. Be at peace with your possessions and take pride in owning the very best.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center
530 Shoshone St. W.

Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$4.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5.50 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menu:
Monday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, vegetables, fruit salad, bread, dessert.
Tuesday: Hot dogs and sauerkraut, red potatoes, fruit salad, dessert.
Wednesday: Birthday dinner, roast beef, potatoes and gravy, bread, vegetables, salad, ice cream, cake.
Thursday: Corn beef with cabbage, corn bread, carrots, raisin salad.
Friday: Taco salad, vegetables, Waldorf salad, cheesecake

Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Monday bridge.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday.
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Birthday dinner Music by Hank Foot clinic.
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m. Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl

Lunch served at noon Monday through Thursday; suggested donation is \$4 for seniors, \$5 for under 60. Sunday buffet at 1 p.m.: \$4.50 for seniors, \$5.50 for under 60; \$3.50 for 12 and under.

Menu:
Monday: Chicken noodle soup, luncheon meat sandwich
Tuesday: Baked fish, meat loaf, Idaho baked spud salad, fruit, corn, bread, dessert.
Wednesday: Taco salad, chips, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Korean barbecue, rice, stir-fry, vegetables, egg roll, baked pineapple rings, fortune cookie

Activities:
Today: Baked chicken dinner, 1 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m. Cards and dominoes, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Farmers' market and spinouts, 4:30 p.m. through September
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m. Foot clinic
Friday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal-time.

Menu:
Tuesday: Ham and bean soup, corn bread, tossed salad, cherry pie
Wednesday: Hamburgers, tater tots, peas and carrots, fruit, salad, butterscotch pudding
Thursday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, cake and ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles,

1:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
Full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; take-out available; suggested donation is \$4 for seniors 60 and above, \$5 for people under 60, \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menu:
Monday: Grilled tuna sandwiches, spud buds, oriental vegetables, dessert
Tuesday: Meatloaf and potato casserole, green beans, dessert
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, Harvard beets, apple dessert

Activities:
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. All-aton meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.: everyone over 16 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 1:30 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center
308 Senior Ave., Gooding

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menu:
Monday: Taco bar, fruit cocktail, custard
Tuesday: Crab salad, deviled eggs, cucumber salad, appliance bars, garlic bread
Wednesday: Chicken fettuccini alfredo, noodles, broccoli, Jell-O, pudding bread
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, carrot-raisin salad, Texas sheet cake, rolls

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Will one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Birthday party Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. Bowling, 1:30 p.m. Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center
140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon.
Suggested donation is \$4 for seniors; \$5 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12. Thrift shop open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free high-speed Internet available on public computers during center hours.

Menu:
Monday: Pork ribs, sauerkraut, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salads, fruit, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Tamales pie, vegetables, salads, fruit, bread, dessert
Friday: Potato bar, chilli beans, salad, bread, dessert

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.
Menu:
Monday: Ham and beans,

corn bread, fruit, pickled beef, cookies
Tuesday: Sloppy Joes or barbecue meat on a bun, steak fries, vegetables, fruit medley, carrot cake
Wednesday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts, Jell-O, fruit cocktail, cake
Thursday: Chicken breast, baked potatoes, beets, pasta salad, fruit salad, pudding
Friday: Lasagna, green beans, apple salad, fruit, garlic bread, cake and ice cream

Activities:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m. John and Dick entertaining Pinochle, 7 p.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m. Birthday dinner Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Elden

Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors and \$5 for non-seniors. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menu:
Tuesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, fruit, cake, ice cream
Thursday: Beef and noodles, vegetables, beet borscht, fruit, raisin bars

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake day
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Rall St. W. Shoshone

Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menu:
Tuesday: Chicken a la king, peas and carrots, salad, biscuits, brownies
Wednesday: Hot dogs, potato soup, banana cream pie
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, cake, ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 Willow Ave. W. Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Suggested donation for the meal is \$4 for ages 10-59; \$3 for 60 and above and \$2

for children under 10.
Menu:
Tuesday: Sloppy Joes, fries, vegetables, fruit, ice cream, cookie
Wednesday: Cheesy potato casserole, baked beans, kale slaw, fruit, roll, apple crisp
Friday: Ham, potatoes au gratin, salad, fruit, roll, angel food cake

Activities:
Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos and visiting available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday: Birthday party following lunch

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley

Menu:
Tuesday: Cheeseburger meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, biscuits, or salad bar, pea and ham soup, ice cream sundae
Wednesday: French dip, potato panini, colelaw, fried apples, oatmeal cookies
Thursday: (Carey) roast pork, potatoes and gravy, rolls, peas, colelaw with apples, peach pie
Friday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, rolls, peas, colelaw with apples, peach pie

Activities:
Monday: Shopping trip to Jerome, 8:30 a.m. Massage therapy, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday: Table tennis, 8:30 a.m. Kneadery lunch, Carey, 10:30
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Thursday: Table tennis, 8:30 a.m. Bingo, 5 p.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menu:
Monday: Lasagna, garlic toast, vegetables, salad, cheesy turnover
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, fries, vegetables, roll, Jell-O
Wednesday: Pork chops, potato casseroles, vegetables, roll, sherbet
Thursday: Tacos, rice and beans, salad, crispitos
Friday: Chicken, fish, pork chops, lasagna, salad bar, ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SHBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwideman at

436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 878-0727 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Dinnerfest, 6 p.m., fundraiser for city pool

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2121 Overland Ave., Burley

Menu:
Monday: Meatballs, cheddar pasta, corn roll, strawberry-rhubarb crisp
Tuesday: Bacon, egg and cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, colelaw, desserts
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, roll, squash, fruit cup, apple-sauce cake

Thursday: Stir-fry, rice, carrots, apple-cabbage salad, roll, rainbow cake
Friday: Meatloaf, baked potatoes, garden produce, Jell-O cheesecake
Friday: Date night menu: cordon bleu, baked potatoes, vegetables, roll, strawberry whip Jell-O, chocolate parfait

Activities:
Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Tuesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Radio show, 8:30 a.m. Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Thursday: Pool Exercise Board meeting, 1 p.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Date night, 7 p.m., \$10

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glens Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Files are available by phoning the center at 356-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menu:
Monday: Lasagna, vegetables, hot apples, salad, garlic toast
Tuesday: Fish fillet, cheesy potatoes, tomatoes
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, fruit, wheat roll

Activities:
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m. Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m. Cards, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Monday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas, salad, Jell-O
Thursday: BLT, carrot sticks, potato soup, chocolate pie

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BOJORQUEZ-HUNSAKER

MURTAUGH — Michelle O'Neil of Creswell, Ore., announces the engagement of her daughter, Angel Marie Bojorquez, to Taylor Dee Hunsaker, son of Dee and Layne Hunsaker of Murtaugh. Bojorquez is a graduate of Victor High School in Victor, Mont., and attended University of Montana and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Southern Idaho Regional Communications in Jerome. Hunsaker is a graduate of Murtaugh High School and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in



Angel Bojorquez and Taylor Hunsaker

Louisville, Ky. He is employed at SIRCOMM and the Rock Creek Fire Department. The wedding is planned for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Murtaugh LDS Church. The reception will follow from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARIES



THE DOBBES

Wesley H. and Janet Dobbs of Twin Falls will renew their vows and be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Blue Buckle Vineyard and Winery in Buhl. The family requests no gifts and casual dress.

Wes Dobbs and Janet Moore were married Sept. 27, 1957, at First Baptist Church in Twin Falls. They have resided in Twin Falls their entire married life and now spend part of the year in Arizona. He was employed by the

Twin Falls Police Department, where he became assistant chief of police, and later was professor of law enforcement at the College of Southern Idaho. She was employed at Roper's Clothing and later at First Federal Savings and Loan.

Their children are Wiley (Ann-Marie) Dobbs of Twin Falls; Greg (Leslie) Dobbs of Albuquerque, N.M.; and Brian (Kathy) Dobbs of Twin Falls. The couple has four grandchildren.

The couple will celebrate later with children and grandchildren on vacation in Maui, Hawaii.

Janet and Wesley Dobbs



THE HANKSES

BURLEY — Phillip "Phil" and Bueleh Hanks of Burley will be honored at a family gathering Sunday, Sept. 23, for their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Phil Hanks and Bueleh Silcock were married Sept. 20, 1945, at the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

They have lived in Burley in the Starb's Ferry area for 62 years.

He farmed for 70 years, and she was the Cassia County recorder for 23 years. She also weighed grain for UnionSeed

and beets for Amalgamated Sugar Co.

They have served in many positions in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Their children are the late Dennis Kay Hanks; DeEtte (George) Shaw of Marietta, Ga.; Donald Scott (Debra) Hanks of Pleasant Grove, Utah; and Dallas A. Hanks of Logan, Utah.

The couple has 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bueleh and Phil Hanks

THE MCCrackENS

Lee and Pauline McCracken of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 19.

Lee Ronald McCracken and Pauline Crane were married Sept. 19, 1957, at the Logan LDS Temple. They resided in Twin Falls, where he worked for Mountain Bell Telephone for many years until he retired.

They have been active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She has been active in several book clubs and Daughters of Utah Pioneers and served as an election judge.

They have four children, Dennis McCracken of Salt Lake City; Michael



Pauline and Lee McCracken

McCracken of Florida; Alan (Kelly) McCracken of Langley, Va.; and Jennifer Austin of Twin Falls; and five grandchildren.

The couple will celebrate the anniversary with a family trip to Hawaii.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Rhytan James Whelen, son of Amanda Fredricks and Eric James Whelen of Hailey, was born Sept. 6, 2007.

Tactum Malay Naumes, daughter of Jessie Cyr and Peter William Naumes of Hailey, was born Sept. 7, 2007.

Jerald Thomas Schenk, son of Shawn Schenk and Kirk Schenk of Shoshone, was born Sept. 7, 2007.

Tenzin Dakar Lund, daughter of Latria Lund and Tashi Nayak of Sun Valley, was born Sept. 20, 2007.

Marlee Rose McLean, daughter of Emilee McLean and Michael McLean of Bellevue, was born Sept. 11, 2007.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Libby Lorraine Torgerson, daughter of Dawn Torgerson and Jason Dean Torgerson of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 1, 2007.

Kaitlyn Rose Holland, daughter of Heather Ann McGuire and Eric David Hoffand of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 2, 2007.

Alisha Amada Rayas-Gloria, daughter of Maria Ines Trinidad Rayas-Garcia and Alejandro Rayas of Hollister, was born Sept. 10, 2007.

Matti Lynn Mikkelsen, daughter of Jennifer Leigh Brannan and Patrick James Dean Brannan of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 12, 2007.

Sawyer Layne Hancock, son of Katrina Dawn Claire Silver and Davin Roy Hancock of Hansen, was born Sept. 12, 2007.

Ylrik Mark Bastian, son of Christine Ann Bastian and Cody Mark Bastian of Hansen, was born Sept. 12, 2007.

Claitlyn Jo Campbell, daughter of Teanna Marie Campbell and David Alan Campbell of Buhl, was born Sept. 10, 2007.

Dirk Evan Richardson, son of Rebecca Richardson and Michael Robert Wilkinson of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 12, 2007.

Johnathan Donald Ward, son of Dianne Concepcion Ward of Jerome, was born Sept. 12, 2007.

Dianne Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Morgan Whitney Baker and Jimmy Wayne Baker of Jerome, was born Sept. 13, 2007.

John Michael Millerkamp, son of Susan Jo Millerkamp and William John Millerkamp of Jerome, was born Sept. 13, 2007.

Michael William Perkins, son of Lois Jean Perkins and William Leon Perkins of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 13, 2007.

Paydon Skylar Stark, son of Sarah Gabrielle Stark and Skylar Jason Stark of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 13, 2007.

Malaky Valdez, son of Virginia Marie Valdez of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 13, 2007.

Mina Chante Umbaugh, daughter of Rebecca Dawn Umbaugh and Adam Lee Umbaugh of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 13, 2007.

Aiden Christlansen, son of Rachel Lynn Christlansen and Lars Eric Christlansen of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 14, 2007.

Ashlyn Kitty Hammond, daughter of Kitty Lyn Hammond and Gregory Hammond of Hammond of Kimberly, was born Sept. 14, 2007.

Don Russell Capps, son of Sheila Luettig Capps and Robert Glendon Capps of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 15, 2007.

Ashlee Renee Shilley, daughter of Kimberly Dawn Shilley and Ryan Maxwell Shilley of Jerome, was born Sept. 15, 2007.

Kimbrill Ann-Nichole Mort, daughter of Ashli Nichole Mort and Kevin James Mort of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 17, 2007.

Terese Rose Strohschein, daughter of Katherine Jo Strohschein and Paul Eric Strohschein of Jerome, was born Sept. 17, 2007.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Job Clinon Roudy, son of Sam and Amy Roudy of Jerome, was born Sept. 1, 2007.

Hunter John Whittaker, son of George and Jodi Whittaker of Jerome, was born Sept. 4, 2007.

Jaymee Janna Yost, daughter of Kent and Jennifer Yost of Jerome, was born Sept. 11, 2007.

Liesl Erbe Kimball, daughter of DuWayne and Shirley Kimball of Buhl, was born Sept. 14, 2007.

Light and dark on the lunar surface

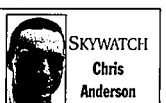
Take a look at Wednesday's full moon and you'll see the light and dark patterns that make up the "Man in the Moon," whose complexion comprises three shades of gray.

The darkest parts of the moon's surface (the lunar "seas" or maria) are made of a type of rock familiar to any southern Idahoan: volcanic basalts. They may look lighter in shade than the black lava rock you'd find in the desert, but that's just a consequence of the moon being brightly illuminated by the sun while surrounded by black space.

The maria formed in much the same way as our Idaho desert lava, oozing out of gently erupting fissures to form broad flood basalt plains, and represent some of the moon's youngest rocks.

Black a maria rock off the moon and drop it here, and it probably wouldn't get a second glance.

The brighter areas around the maria are lunar highlands or terrae, these are mountainous areas of anorthositic rocks whose only Idaho cousins occur in two small areas near the border between Shoshone and Clearwater counties. Anorthositic are ancient rocks that floated to the surface of the moon billions of years ago, when it was still molten. They're lighter than



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Planets:
• One hour before sunrise: Saturn: E, low
• Venus: E, low
• Mars: SSE; very high
• One hour after sunset: Jupiter: SW, low
• Moon: Full moon 1:45 p.m. Wednesday
• Other planets: Jovian
• Equinox 9:25 a.m. today

mouth. To understand why they're so bright, think about what happens when you bang two rocks together. The point of impact is marked by a white powder of pulverized rock.

The autumnal equinox arrived just before 4 this morning, meaning that this week's "man in the moon" will rise around the time of sunset and stay above the horizon all night throughout the week. That should give everyone a great chance to see all the moon's varying shades.

Next week: Celebrating the space age's first half-century.

Chris Anderson is production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Never say forever on your skin

A temporary tattoo lasts about two weeks, and the man with the albusprun pen tells me. He has a warm smile and no visible tattoos on his own body. "Just sprinkle it with baby powder every day," he says, "for maximum staying power."

"And for minimum?" I ask.

"It wipes right off with alcohol."

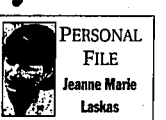
Oh, OK, what the heck. A fantasy. I'm at a county fair where lots of people have tattoos, plenty of them probably permanent. A real tattoo, never been a temptation for me. I missed that stage when you know yourself well enough to choose a symbol that you firmly believe will, yet, absolutely still be your identity when you are in the old folks' home. A little rose surrounded by scary thorns for your neck. Yes! A Celtic cross for the name of your year. And these will still be the signatures that make the entire sense of you when you are 60, 80, 92.

I missed that stage. I'm looking at the little pictures of all the symbols that could be my temporary signature. I choose a small horse head, roll up my sleeve.

"You want it brown or black?" the man asks.

"Tough," I say. "I just want it to look tough."

He makes it brown. He steps back. It looks kind of lonely there, he says. "You want to add something?"



PERSONAL FILE
Jeanne Marie Laskas

I look at the picture offerings. How about a little Southwestern feather thing — blue? He adds the feather thing, steps back. "It's a pansy tattoo," he says. "It's pretty, but it's not tough."

I look at the picture offerings and know what I have to do: a ring of fat, mean barb wire, all the way around my arm, stopping at the horse/feather design. "Do it," I say. "Do it!" As he does it, I realize in a flash what I'm going on. Holy ink spot. I'm channeling my inner Clindy.

Clindy is the only person my age I know who got a tattoo as a grown-up and for whom the tattoo counts. She is a dear friend, and she is made of steel. All she ever wanted out of life was to live among horses. She started a dog grooming business, saved a school bus, started every available dime. She bought the first acreage she could afford. She kept saving. She rescued horses headed for slaughter, put them on her pasture. She drove daily from her apartment to care for them. It took nearly 20 years, but she was right. She could be enough to build a small house. It has a front porch.

She called me that first day. "I'm sitting on my front porch looking out at my horses. I am the happiest woman alive." There are many days I think: Live with all the drive and determination Clindy. Clindy decided to get her tattoo last year. It was, unfortunately, a present from a man with whom she would eventually have bad luck. But the tattoo? She wanted a horse, a fencer, a string of vines around her arm. She said: Look this is who I am. This is who I've always been, and this is who I'll always be.

The tattoo would be her declaration. It's on her right arm.

My tattoo is, well, crooked. But it's very... Clindy! I give the man a heads up and head off into the mob. I'm a little worried about bumping into my kids' teachers, a sure mortgage lender. I don't know. But to everyone else, to all these strangers, well, I am someone new. My tattoo has made me tough. I strut. My body says: Get back. Suddenly, I wear an Elvis sneer. This is all so awesome. I order a plate of funnel cake, and when I pay, I flex the muscle under my tattoo in obvious warning: that says: Do not mess with me.

I think for the first time in my life: What if I really got a tattoo? What could my lasting symbol could I choose a symbol of who I

wanted to be, and could the symbol change me?

"Yes, I can," I call Clindy. I tell her our poodle needs a trim. I don't tell her the real reason I want her to stop over. When she arrives, I say, "I don't say anything. I just want to see if it's a fzer, right?" I say yeah, sort of. But I tell her the tattoo has changed me, it has made me think of myself differently. "I'm so much stronger!"

"Good for you," she says, unconvincedly. "I'm serious." I tell her, "I'm channeling my inner Clindy."

Clindy has been saying that power begins with the mind and the skin, that perhaps the symbol can actually create the actual. "It's a arm wrestle," she says.

"You don't want to do that," I warn her. "I'm serious." I am imagining her elbow getting ripped from its socket.

She puts her arm on the table. We go tattoo arm to tattoo arm. Horse versus horse. Vine versus barbed wire. She flattens me in well under a second. "You're really that much stronger than I am?" I ask.

"I took it easy on you," she says.

"I'm just annoyed," I say. "You have other talents," she says, adding, "Remove that ridiculous tattoo."

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Stuff kids buy

**Kidsday staff reporters
Newsday**

The Zoombox

The Zoombox (\$299, Tiger Electronics) is a fantastic item. Kids can connect any system to it, and then play the game on a 60-inch projection. The Zoombox also enables kids to watch DVDs and play slide shows from their cameras. The projection can go to 60 inches, and it can go anywhere: on the ceiling, the wall, or even the floor. The images produced by the Zoombox show up well in dark areas, not as well in lighted areas. I think the Zoombox is an amazing DVD, video game, and slide show player. I give this item a 1/2 stars (out of 5).

Valley of the Pharaohs

Valley of the Pharaohs (\$55, Front Porch Classics) is a fun and easy board game to play. The object of the game is to get the Scepter of

Amun-Ra before another player does. To get the sceptre, you need to find scrub tiles that match the key. After you get the sceptre, you have to return to Alexandria. If successful, you will win the game. In the game, there are cards that help protect you and eliminate your enemies. One of the most valuable is the Reversal of Fortune card. It can grant you another turn, clear any obstacle, be used as a resource card or get rid of the mummy curse. There are also character cards in the game that provide the player with a benefit and facts about the people and their enemies. We all agreed that everyone will enjoy playing it.

AKC toys

Have you ever played UNO, dominos or Rubik's Cube? Now these games are available by the American Kennel Club and Sobaba Toys featuring top dog breeds. By playing new versions of three classic games, we learned about dog

breeds we never knew existed. Samantha was thrilled to see that the pouched UNO version had the image of her dog's breed, a Boston terrier, on one of the cards. Using images of dogs instead of dots on dominos was a great idea, but we thought this version was better for younger kids, ages 5 to 8. Rubik's Cube is always fun and frustrating because it challenges your brain, and this version featuring dog images instead of different-colored cubes is more interesting but doesn't make it easier to play. Overall, we rate these games 3 to 4 stars (5 being the highest). They cost \$12.95 each and are available at Barnes and Noble.

Nerf Nite Jam Nerfoop

We played with the Nerf Nite Jam Nerfoop (\$24.99, Hasbro). It was fun to play with in the dark, but if it's during the day where there's light, it's not as much fun. The colors on the hoop light up red and the color on the ball is neon blue.

It's probably best in your room or playroom. The backboard lights up but you have to make sure you have batteries. It is for ages 7 and older, but we think it can be for all ages. It's available at amazon.com.

Front Porch Classics Baseball

Front Porch Classics Baseball is a great game for the baseball and toy lover. This game brings a nostalgic (a memory from the past) baseball look to a cool, new pinball game. The game is fun to play, but it may take a while to put together because it requires you to screw in parts underneath the board. The game is fun, and you can play against a friend using the authentic scorebook, which is included. It is very hard to hit a home run up the ramp because the hole for home run is small. There is a very small chance that the ball will make it through the hole, so be prepared to base your winning strategy on getting singles, doubles and triples. This game is more fun with friends.



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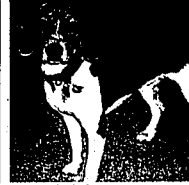
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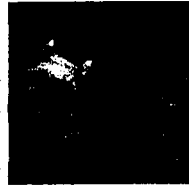
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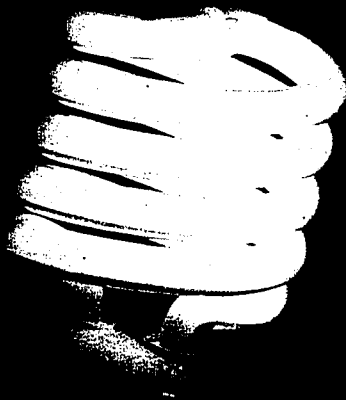
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INSIDE: Bright ideas to save energy, money and the Earth

• Learn how to develop a green lifestyle in the Magic Valley
• The joys of gardening • What about those 'green' cars?

America is changing — one lightbulb at a time

Individuals, businesses and communities more often ask themselves what they can do to preserve our environment.

They want to make smart decisions — choices that save energy and, whenever possible, a little money, too.

This guide to going green will help you — at home or work or play, and even when traveling or shopping.

Why put a light bulb on the cover of this guide? The compact fluorescent light has become a symbol of the new everyday environmentalism, and this small light bulb also symbolizes how simple steps can bring about big changes.

The incandescent bulb invented so long ago by Thomas Edison emits 95 percent heat and only 5 percent light. Compact fluorescents are more expensive, but far more efficient. They use a quarter of the energy to generate the same brightness as the incandescent bulb. And CFLs last up to 15 times as long. Because lighting accounts for a fifth of the typical household electric bill, switching to these more efficient CFLs saves energy and money.

Communities — and even whole countries — are making

How green can you go?

Read on, and then go online to magicvalley.com for interactive activities that expand on the information in this section.

these types of changes. Australia will phase out use of the incandescent bulb by 2010, and Canada will outlaw its sale by 2012. A proposal in Congress would phase out incandescents in 10 years, shaving an estimated \$18 billion a year from U.S. electric bills.

Some green ideas make more sense in certain regions or communities. And some rules and local practices vary. Does your utility, for example, let you buy "green" energy? Does your city make recycling easy? Where can you dump those hazardous cleaning fluids tucked away in your basement? Where is the closest farmers' market selling local produce?

But no matter where you live, you've got options. This guide will inspire and motivate you with useful information about the ways that everyday people can make a difference.

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Price keeps some from seeking greener homes

BY NATE POPPINO
Times-News writer

It looks good on paper — more efficient heating, backup sources from alternative energy, building materials that benefit both the environment and human health.

But "green" home construction has yet to catch on across much of south-central Idaho. That's due less to opinions and pocketbooks and more to people's attitudes, says a home-builder's say.

"Typically, around here we're not as into environmentally friendly material," said Brad

Wills of Wills Inc. in Twin Falls. "We don't have the excess income, and people aren't willing to pay more."

But the extra money for everything from vinyl siding — a friendlier than some wood planks — to radiant heat provided by tubes of hot water running under the floorboards. In fact, there are enough ways a contractor can claim he's green that the National Association of Home Builders drafted point-based standards in March to detail what the description actually means.

Describing yourself as "green" is one thing, but getting people

to pay for green houses is another, Wills said, especially in an affordable market like Twin Falls.

"It hasn't really caught on around here," Twin Falls city plans examiner Jenny Nickerson said.

In western Washington, where Nickerson previously lived, environmental design is huge. It's something she hasn't seen reflected in the Magic Valley — though some communities just a little farther north have embraced the concept.

"For our firm, this has been everything we've done and do," said Jolyn H. Sawrey, architect and partner of Living Architecture

in Ketchikan.

The architecture firm transitioned to designing "green" buildings full-time in 1990 and never looked back. The change worked — in the key, Sawrey said, is the market in the Wood River Valley. Rather than designing people's first homes, he does their second or retirement homes, and people are willing to put a few more extras into those, he said. Add in an active, health-focused populace and he can find plenty of clients.

"This is the lifestyle of live healthy, be healthy," he said. "They go hand-in-hand."

The firm relies on four key de-

sign steps, Sawrey said: natural warmth from the sun, two-inch-thick walls filled with concrete, radiant heat from tubes in the floor and healthy products for the indoors. Living Architecture homes never contain wall-to-wall carpets, he said, and instead use floors made of bamboo, cork and wood.

The end result is an energy-efficient design, and the firm is expanding the scope of its projects to include whole neighborhoods and multi-family housing. With that kind of calendar, Sawrey expects to stay busy for some time.

"It's all that we can handle," he said.

Toxic chemicals a threat outdoors as well as indoors

BY TONY DAVIS

Toxic chemicals aren't just a threat in the outdoor environment. They're creeping into American homes.

Over the past decade, a growing number of scientific studies have warned of health threats from toxins in the kitchen cupboard, laundry room, garage, bathroom and bedroom. Household cleaning products, paints and bleaches, long have been criticized for containing organic chemicals that can cause cancer. Now they are joined by natural gas stoves, home computers, carpets, wood paneling, mattresses, cosmetics, plastic car seats, air fresheners and leaky

roofs — all sources of harmful compounds.

Even the dust that collects in carpets can contain pesticides, lead, cadmium, bacteria, mold, dust mites and animal dander that have been linked to asthma, allergies, lead poisoning, birth defects, cancer and learning disabilities.

Many scientists agree that people are exposed to far more pollution inside their home — where they typically spend 65 percent to 90 percent of their time — than outdoors.

Threat potential high?

Pollutants emitted indoors are about 1,000 times more likely to be inhaled than outdoor emis-

sions. What are some of the main threats?

- **Formaldehyde** is given off by many kinds of particle board, plywood, wood cabinets and composite wood products.

- **Flame retardants**, contained in computers, television sets and carpeting. In some cases are emitted into the air naturally, and in other cases enter the environment through wear and tear.

- **Phthalates**, which make vinyl and other plastic products softer and flexible, also are found in many cosmetics.

Convenience trumps risk

The health risks of indoor air pollution are hard to pin down

because it's difficult to calculate the odds that low levels of each compound found inside the home will cause illness.

"If you've got a chemical in a jar on a shelf and the jar is closed and nothing is coming out of that jar there is no risk. If you open a jar, a chemical can get into the room," says Linda Birnbaum, the Environmental Protection Agency's director of environmental toxicology.

Another expert says she has learned to live with the uncertainty of the risks even as she has studied the products. "I use pes-

ticides, eat non-organic food and buy all the cleaning products on the cleaning products aisle," says University of Arizona professor Mary Kay O'Rourke. "I follow the directions, make sure the house is well vented. I know that non-toxic alternatives are out there, but I use whatever is most convenient for me. If I'm going to run down non-toxic alternatives, that's going to take time I don't have."

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Who wears the green collar?

So what kind of money can you make in a green-collar job? Anything from a barely living hourly wage to a six-figure salary. Some hourly positions that fit the green label include bicycle repair, recycling haulers, non-toxic housekeeping and more. With additional education or training, you might find jobs such as:

Hydrologist: \$51,080, re-

searches and plans soil and water conservation.

Environmental engineer: \$50,000, applies many basic sciences in testing air, soil and more.

Conservation biologist: \$52,480, studies animals, birds, and their habitats to protect and restore biodiversity.

Pollution control technician: \$32,000, conducts field investiga-

tions to control pollutants in air, water and soil.

Ecologist: \$69,950, investigates adaptability of different species to changing environmental conditions. Alternative energy is another burgeoning field with job growth across the board.

Salary data source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Green gardening at home

Or at CSI if you don't have the space

BY MATT CHRISTENSEN
Times-News writer

Becoming more environmentally friendly could be as easy as stepping into your backyard.

Well, almost. If you've got a home garden.

A backyard garden can be more eco-friendly than buying at the supermarket: You're not paying for gasoline required for shipping, and you can control what, if any, chemicals are applied to your fruits and veggies.

That's one reason Carl Hatfield grows just about every vegetable imaginable on his small acreage near Buhl.

"It's fresher, you can grow special varieties they don't have at the store and you can control the fertilizers," he said.

Hatfield also helps supervise the Twin Falls Farmers Market, where dozens of vendors sell locally grown fare.

But is fresher taste worth all digging, weeding and picking?

Definitely, said Jim Wilson, an agriculture professor at the College of Southern Idaho.

About five years ago, Wilson helped organize a community garden at CSI, where anyone with \$40 can rent a plot 25 feet wide by 50 feet long. It's mostly for apartment dwellers and folks without enough space at home.

By this time of year, there are always a few plots where weeds outnumber tomatoes, but for the most part, Wilson said, the gardeners take pride in their veggies and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

The community garden seems to be getting more popular. The year the program started, 24 people signed up for a plot. This year, there were 46 plots, and it's not unusual to end up on a waiting list.

What's the appeal?

"We let people do what they want to do," Wilson said.

Growers can control the chemicals used on their food. All CSI does is water the plants and remove the noxious weeds.

"Locally grown food is harvested at the time it's ripest," Wilson added. "Therefore, it's at its best quality. It just tastes better."



A tall row of corn can be seen at the College of Southern Idaho community garden Friday afternoon in Twin Falls. Photo by JEFF MOORE/Times-News



An unknown type of tomato grows in the College of Southern Idaho community garden Friday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Buildings becoming energy-efficient

More Twin Falls businesses, school going 'green'

BY JARED S. HOPKINS
Times-News writer

All across the country, greener buildings are sprouting up. Twin Falls is no different.

As the city continues to grow, new buildings are taking the initiative to be energy-efficient. Leading the charge is the construction bubble at the corner of Washington Street North and Pole Line Road that includes a new hospital, a new high school and a Wal-Mart.

When Canyon Ridge High School opens in 2009, it will boast a slew of green features, said Dale Thornberry, facilities manager for the Twin Falls School District.

The air-conditioning will be 10 percent more efficient than the city code re-

quires. Sinks will have automatic shut-offs to conserve water.

Rooms will have occupancy sensors so light bulbs, which will be environmentally-friendly are not on in empty rooms.

The district is currently reviewing the number of skylights the building will have. There are also plans for window coverings in some locations to keep direct sun off some classrooms.

"We feel that we are hopefully good stewards of energy and natural resources," Thornberry said.

The energy efficient also will mean the building will be more economical.

"If we put in energy systems it will be less costly for fuel costs," he said. "We think it's an investment up front that will pay off dividends, that will pay off during the life of the building."

The new St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will also have energy efficient things.

Because hospitals never close, they are working toward guidelines in line with health care systems.

The building will have special win-



dows that will be angled to maximize sunlight, and the building structure will be constructed to minimize wind exposure.

The mechanical systems for air-conditioning and heating will be energy efficient and there will be recycling programs for employees and visitors. Water consumption will also be observed for conservation.

"It's environmentally the right thing to do," said Jeff Hull, who is overseeing the construction project.

Wal-Mart, which will be located along Washington Street North, will be built with several energy efficient perks, said spokeswoman

Karianne Follow.

The building will have skylights; use special fluorescent light bulbs that reduce energy use by 20 percent; lower lighting use to 75 percent in the evenings; and have white roofs — as opposed to black ones — to reduce energy consumption.

"It makes sense not only to reduce our footprint on the environment, but it also makes great business sense," Follow said of being energy-efficient. The U.S. Green Building Council has certified nearly 900 buildings under its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, and another 6,500 projects await certification.

Idaho is behind the curve in energy conservation compared to other north-west states but is making strides, said Sue Suffer, a senior energy specialist at the Idaho Department of Water Resources Energy Division.

"There are things that are happening, but not as quite as proactive as some of the other states, but we're working at it," she said.

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Sitting pretty, sitting green

Environment Furniture line blends ecology, design

BY ARIEL HANSEN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some ways to help the environment are no-brainers: recycle, drive less, buy local food.

When it comes to furniture, however, it has been hard to know what is best to buy.

Reuse by going for antiques, which can be expensive, or thrift store finds, which might not fit your personal style? Buy off the showroom floor and fret about the natural resources that might have been consumed to create that comfortable couch?

Worry no more. Style and ecological awareness blend in a single line of furnishings, now available in Ketchum and Twin Falls at Tribes Interiors.

The line, called simply Environment Furniture, uses reclaimed and sustainably harvested wood to create designs that mix the rustic and modern. When Tribes owner Dyan Petterson first saw the furniture in a Los Angeles showroom, she was immediately attracted to it.

"We just scrambled to find out who it was and how to get it," she said. "It was just a look that really appealed to us."

Petterson's Ketchum clients had been asking for "green" furniture for a few years, but until coming across the Environment Furniture line she didn't find many pieces that had appealing design while addressing environmental awareness.

"That is really a strong selling factor," she said, noting that her clients are often drawn to the design first but become excited about the furniture after learning about its ecological pedigree.

Petterson said many of her clients want to buy products from companies that demonstrate environmental sensitivity, a trend she has seen strengthen in the past few years.

"The old wood has so much character, it does have a presence. It's got beautiful lines and stress cracks."

— Dyan Petterson, owner Tribes Interiors

"We really do need to pick up our awareness, any way we can," she said.

Most of the Environment Furniture pieces are made from two kinds of wood: recycled beams from abandoned buildings and derelict barns, and responsibly harvested mahogany.

The company also minimizes the impact of its production processes.

"The idea of using that recycled, mixed with the new mahogany wood; I just love that combination and that thought of recycling," said Rosi Martinez-Eckert, a Hagerman resident who has purchased pieces from the Environment Furniture line from Tribes. "If you're going to do furniture, why not do recycling?"

While recycling itself was inviting to Martinez-Eckert, she also liked knowing that the wood was connected to human history. And the wear didn't stop there. The wood of her Environment Furniture coffee table can stand a few feet propped up on it without showing scratches.

"For me, it's so durable. It's been around for hundreds of

years," she said. "It has to be tough. I feel like the design and the durability, I don't know where else you can get that."

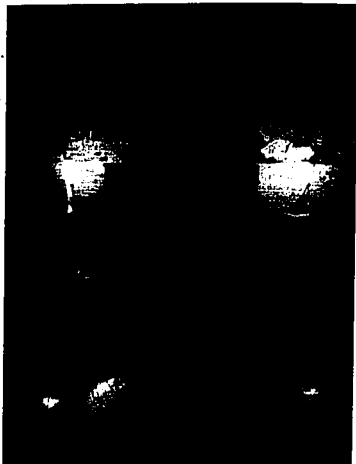
Martinez-Eckert is looking forward to showing her Environment Furniture to her son, who runs a dry cleaning business that uses ecologically sensitive methods, because he also makes furniture.

"I really wanted him to see this piece and maybe do the same thing," she said. "It's trying to do the best you can do with our planet."


Many of Tribes' customers share Martinez-Eckert's views, Petterson said they're interested in the history of the wood and in doing their part to make purchases that minimally impact the environment. And they like the design a mix of sleek polish and rustic charm.

"The old wood has so much character, it does have a presence," Petterson said. "It's got beautiful lines and stress cracks."

To promote the line at Tribes, Petterson is offering a 25 percent discount on Environment Furniture through Sept. 30.




Green furniture is finding its niche in the expanding environmental market. This "great" bed and the decorative stools at its foot are made from recycled rainforest wood. The Environment Furniture line emphasizes the natural grain and weight of the recycled wood the company uses, while incorporating sustainably harvested mahogany pieces as smoothly finished, modern design elements.




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Tribes Interiors' showrooms are at 203 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls, 736-8990; 411 East Fifth St., Ketchum, 726-5003; online at www.tribesinteriors.com. Environment Furniture is available at both Tribes Interiors locations, and online at www.environment-furniture.com.

How much? The bed shown in the photo is \$3,550, largely due to expensive chrome components, said Dyan Petterson of Tribes Interiors. Other beds run about \$1,900. The nightstands are \$850 each. These prices include a 25 percent discount Petterson is offering until the end of September.

"For what it is, it's relatively inexpensive," Petterson said, noting the quality of the pieces and their environmental and historic contexts.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Carbon offsets: Buyer beware

Q: What is carbon offsetting?

A: Carbon offsetting compensates for greenhouse gas emissions with an equivalent carbon dioxide reduction.

Anything we do that consumes energy in turn produces these emissions. Driving a vehicle or heating or cooling a home are only the most obvious examples.

Q: How do I offset?

A: First you figure out your "carbon footprint" using one of the many calculators available online. Then you can take steps to reduce your footprint or buy "carbon offset" credits from environmental projects.

Q: What are the options for credits?

A: Carbon credits try to create a market for reducing greenhouse emissions by giving a

monetary value to the cost of polluting the air.

Politicians tout carbon emissions trading schemes as the best means of tackling climate change, arguing that by

putting a price on carbon emissions

firms have a financial incentive to reduce their carbon footprint.

Many companies sell carbon credits to commercial and individual customers.

Q: How do I know credits aren't a scam?

A: Ask for evidence. Rep-

utable credit programs will have an audit trail or similar documentation that they'll share, though they sometimes charge a fee to pro-

vide it. Any credit program should be fully traceable. But results are sometimes hard to prove.

cleaner technology or change your lifestyle. The only sure way to make a difference is to reduce your CO2 emissions directly by being cleaner and greener in your own household and travel habits.

critics say cheap credits cleanse the conscience but not the environment, as it is easier to buy credits and keep polluting than to invest in

cleaner technology or change your lifestyle.

The only sure way to make a difference is to reduce your CO2 emissions directly by being cleaner and greener in your own household and travel habits.

Sources: Green Business News, Financial Times, CarbonFootprint.com.

How to calculate your carbon footprint

BY TOM BEL

Why do they call it a "carbon footprint"? After all, there is nothing wrong with carbon. It's the building block of life. But carbon dioxide—the most ubiquitous of the greenhouse gases—is given off as carbon changes form. When coal is burned to generate electricity for your home or gasoline is consumed to power your car, your "carbon footprint" expands accordingly.

The United States is a world leader in per capita emissions of these greenhouse gases. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates the average emissions for a household of two at 41,500

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Building Successful Green Homes Start with Consideration for the Environment.

Simple steps to reduce impact

BY MIKE STARK

Every day, you can take any of dozens of simple steps to reduce your impact on the environment — and such measures don't have to break the bank.

From changing lightbulbs to buying more efficient appliances, you can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions — and while you might have to spend extra money now, you often save money in the long run. Here are just a few examples of how much you might expect to spend on measures to cut the CO2 emissions associated with many everyday activities:

- **Free or almost free**
 - Compost grass clippings and other biodegradable items at home. Buying packaged compost can cost \$2 to \$5 and usually uses plastic packaging. A heap tacked away in the backyard costs nothing.
 - Keep your vehicle tires properly inflated.
 - Try lemon juice or baking soda to clean kitchen spills, dissolve

grease, and reduce stains and smells.

- **Pack school lunches in reusable containers.** The average-sized elementary school generates more than 16,000 pounds of lunch waste in a school year, says Friends of the Earth.

- **Join a group.** Cooperative efforts raise awareness, gain political clout and ultimately make a difference. Local groups engage in activities ranging from roadside cleanup, recycling, tree planting and more. Can't find one? Start one.

Less than \$100

- **Once a week, buy a bus fare to work or shopping.** The average 12-mile daily commute generates 2,750 pounds of CO2 annually, just cutting back once a week saves \$50 pounds.

- **Buy a tap-water filter that eliminates lead and other contaminants.** Then drink tap instead of bottled water to help eliminate waste associated with single-use plastic bottles, recycled 10 percent of which are re-cycled each year.

Less than \$500

- **Stop your heating bill from literally going through the roof.** Adding insulation yourself saves money in the long run. A professional job may yield even more savings, but costs more up front.

- **Check with your local utility to see if you have an option to buy renewable energy from sun, water or wind.**

More than \$500

- **Install solar panels to cut carbon emissions and overall energy bills.** As panels become less expensive, they will pay for themselves over a few years. And you may be eligible for tax credits. To check: dsirena.org.

- **Use environmentally friendly construction materials in building or remodeling a home.** Green builders are proliferating and standards and practices are available online.

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Community ideas

Individual efforts add up, but neighborhood and community projects can make an even bigger difference. Here are simple ways to involve your friends and neighbors:

- **Share the wealth:** Swap tools and do-it-yourself equipment among your neighbors. Does every house on your street need a gas lawn mower, workbench laden with power tools? Even household cleaning items such as vacuums can be shared.

- **Cut consumption:** Rather than spending money on yet another unneeded item as a birthday gift, look for ways to give the gift of time to relatives and friends. Offer to clean a basement, babysit the kids, or take on a task that someone never quite finds the time to get done.

- **Support local business-**

es: To cut transportation and packaging of many types of goods, support local shops that produce or sell local products. You'll find good values and also help the local economy grow.

- **Scale up the effort:** Organize community residents to persuade local governments, schools and other large institutions to adopt green practices that multiply by many times the efforts you make in your own home.

- **Join a group:** Cooperative efforts raise awareness, gain political clout and ultimately make a difference.

There are thousands of local groups involved in practical activities ranging from roadside cleanup, recycling, tree planting and more. Can't find one? Start one.

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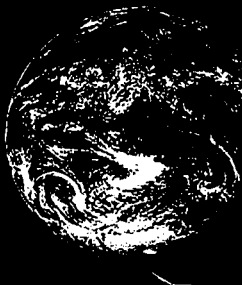
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Going green (and yellow)

Ethanol, methane production comes to Magic Valley

BY MATT CHRISTENSEN
Times-News writer

Corn in the Magic Valley has long meant two things: feed for livestock and dinner table fare. In a few months, it'll mean a third — gasoline.

Pacific Ethanol Inc., a California alternative-energy company and Renova Energy with offices in Boise, plan to open ethanol-production facilities in southern Idaho in the next several months. Ethanol, a fuel-based additive, lessens the amount of fossil fuel-based gasoline necessary to run a car.

City officials and area farmers are thrilled, and they expect a wide ripple effect. The Pacific plant will bring about 40 jobs to the county, strengthen a market for corn growers and provide a source for alternative animal feeds. The Renova plant will add about 30 jobs.

The plants will prove, project organizers say, that it's possible to make money and help the environment at the same time.

The biggest economic boost will affect the regional ag economy, especially for corn growers. Nationwide, corn prices have nearly doubled from about \$2.05 per bushel to about \$4, thanks mostly to a surging demand for corn-based ethanol.

The Pacific facility, which is planned to be built at Washington Street and 100



Courtesy photo

South, will generate about 50 million gallons of ethanol every year. The Renova plant, already under construction at the site of an old J.R. Simplot building near Burley, will make about 20 million gallons.

The plants will be the first fuel-grade ethanol facilities in Magic Valley. And they'll likely be the first among many proposed ethanol plants to open in the state, said Laura Johnson, a section manager at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture in

What is it?

Ethanol, also called grain alcohol, can be used as an environmentally friendly fuel additive. Two proposed ethanol plants near Burley will make fuel-grade ethanol. The plants will generate ethanol from distilled corn, though other crops, such as sugar beets, can be used.

- Most gasoline containing ethanol sold in the United States, called E10, is about 10 percent ethanol. Most cars manufactured since about 1980 require no modifications to run on E10.
- Proponents of the additive say it cuts down on fossil fuel consumption and bolsters ag markets. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, it takes about one unit of energy to make ethanol that can supply 1.3 units of energy.
- According to the Consumer Federation of America, people who buy E10 can save as much as 8 cents per gallon. The government grants about 5.1 cents per gallon as a tax credit to oil companies that agree to blend ethanol with their gasoline, according to the American Coalition for Ethanol.
- Brazil is a world leader in ethanol use. Many cars there run on a fuel blend of about 85 percent ethanol to 15 percent gasoline.

an earlier interview. Ethanol, also called grain alcohol, has gained popularity as an environmentally friendly fuel additive in the past two decades. Some states, such as Minnesota, require ethanol in all gas sold in the state.

"I think it's a good thing," Fred Darrington, president of the Cassia County Farm Bureau, said in January shortly after the project was announced. "It's a bit of diversification for the ag industry, and this will create more jobs here."

Other forms of alternative fuel production in Magic Valley are in the works. Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. has pur-

chased land near Bruneau, where it intends to open the Idaho Energy Complex, a compound the company says will house a 1,600-megawatt nuclear reactor and ethanol plant. According to the company, that's enough energy to power three times the number of homes in Idaho.

The milk facility also has plans to produce methane gas — which can be converted to natural gas — from dairy manure. At least one Magic Valley dairy already produces methane from a gas digester, and other dairies, including the Bettencourt organization, have announced plans to purchase digesters.

Footprint

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pounds per year. That means you and your community can make a big difference by measuring your carbon footprint and taking steps to reduce it.

What do I need to know? You'll need some hard data in hand before you can calculate your carbon footprint.

- How much electricity, gas and water does your household use?
- How many miles do you drive each year?
- How often do you travel by air and how far?

Invisible footprint

Beyond this obvious energy consumption, some of our carbon usage is hidden. Carbon-based fuels power the pumps that

bring water to our taps and a lot of fuel is burned to give us our daily bread. The average food item on the American table has traveled 1,500 miles to get there.

Once you've identified the major sources of your carbon footprint, what can you do to reduce it? Most online calculators give you a chance to lower your score by listing your recycling habits and then show you how much you can save with further reductions in consumption or other measures. To make a difference, you can take big steps or baby ones. Here are some tips and some resources for doing that:

At home

Big step: Buy a new house. Modern construction techniques and proper materials can halve the amount of energy required to

heat and cool an older home.

Baby step: Set your water heater temperature and lower your thermostat no higher than 70 degrees in winter and no lower than 78 degrees in summer.

On the road

Big steps: Change your work schedule to avoid stop-and-go traffic at rush hour. Or move closer to where you work or to a mass transit route that gets you there.

Baby steps: Carpool, walk, bike, take a bus or work from home at least one day a week. Keep your car tuned, your air filter clean and your tires inflated to recommended pressure.

At the tap

Big step: Fill in the swimming pool and

tear out your lawn to save water.

Baby step: Catch rainwater and use it for irrigation.

Food

Big step: Become a vegetarian. Feeding crops to cows and pigs requires seven times the energy input of eating those crops directly. Grow your own produce.

Baby steps: Eat fruit or vegetables in season. If we all changed our lives, we could change the world. But experts say even smaller steps make a difference. And your chances of sticking to a reduced-carbon diet increase when you set realistic goals.

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For MV drivers, hybrids worth their while

BY NATE PIPPINO
Times-News Writer



Ith Carlson drives a lot. He lives in the country, for one — just outside Filer. And his job as a lawyer keeps him on the road more often than not.

So two years ago, when Carlson needed a new car, he settled on a 2005 Toyota Prius. The car's distinctive shape and quirky design have made it the symbol of modern hybrids — vehicles that pair two sources of power — and Carlson couldn't ever give his up.

"Not me. No way," he said. "It's fantastic."

Hybrid automobiles have been around since the Lohner-Porsche Carriage appeared in the 1900s, according to a guide about the technology put out by Toyota. But the concept never really caught on until recently, spurred by environmental concerns and high gas prices — both reasons Carlson said he bought his car.

"The more you read about emissions, the more seriously I think you have to take it," he said.

That's something Jane Miller, a special-ed consulting teacher for the Twin Falls School District, took into account when she bought her Prius, also a 2005 model. After her children grew old enough that her "soccer-mom" van was unnecessary, Miller started shopping around and researched hybrids online.

"I wanted something more environmentally friendly, with better mileage," she said.

The hybrid market has grown by quite a bit in the last two years — Honda, Ford and General Motors are among the manufacturers who either have existing hybrid cars or plan to produce them within the next few years. But in 2005, a friend of Miller's who worked as a parts mechanic at another car dealership suggested Toyota as the best, if not only, way to go.

"Basically, we wanted to sup-

port the technology," Miller said.

And the savings on gas is a nice bonus. Though she only gets about 43 miles per gallon as opposed to the 50 mpg Toyota's Web site listed, she said, the car is perfect for her job.

"I actually make money on the mileage I turn in" on the job, Miller said.

When Sarah Harris purchased her 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid, she said she was actually steered away from the Toyota cars by salespeople who didn't think they'd catch on.

Five years after her August 2002 purchase, she's still driving the car and said she's glad she got a jump in on the technology. It even meant a federal tax break for her one year.

The eight batteries take up some of the trunk space in the small car and the oil is a little more expensive, but in a time of gas prices that hit near \$3, the car has been a lifesaver.

"I like it a lot. It drives like just a regular old car," said Harris, a biology lab manager at CSI.

But what she finds even more valuable is the screen constantly displaying the mileage the car gets: an average of 45 mpg. All cars, not just hybrids, should have the readouts, she said, as people would notice the little things, like the fact that driving at 65 mph on Interstate 84 saves more gas than speeding at 75 mph or more.

"People would be more considerate about how they drive."

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"I actually make money on the mileage I turn in" on the job.
— Jane Miller, special-ed consulting teacher with the Twin Falls School District



Jerry Kraft, a car salesman with Will's Toyota, stands by a 2007 Prius Sept. 12 on the car lot in Twin Falls. Kraft says that everybody has different reasons for purchasing the hybrid car but he thinks Idahoans like it for its good gas mileage.

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Newspaper concerned about recycling

CASSIDY FRIEDMAN
Times-News

Since the *Times-News* added an aluminum can compactor in its break room, City Editor David Cooper has filled it with empty diet soda cans.

None of the empties belong to delivery manager Kathy Harmon. She drinks her Fresca less often than Cooper crushes Diet Dr Pepper cans. But when the last drop is gone, she tosses her can into a waste bin below her desk.

"I would give us a B-minus," said publisher Brad Hurd, about the *Times-News'* green habits.

All newspaper is printed on recycled paper. All newspaper gets recycled in a compactor in the back parking lot. And in January 2006, new, energy-efficient digital drives and motors installed in the pressroom softened the blow of Idaho Power hiking its rates.

But inside the office — both on



Times-News employee, Gigi Contardo, loads cardboard and paper onto a truck Monday afternoon for recycling. Each year the newspaper recycles tons of paper and cardboard and utilizes recycled paper for its newspaper.

the sales side of the cinderblock wall and in the newsroom — things are moving slower. Personal trash bins pile high with soda cans, Styrofoam coffee mugs, printer paper and discarded newspapers.

When employees don't recycle,

the company often loses twice: there's an environmental cost and then a financial one. Pacific Steel & Recycling sends the paper a check — 14 cents a pound for cardboard and 6½ cents a pound for newspaper — a deal arranged between the two companies.

This year alone, the *Times-News* recycled 437,486 pounds of newspaper and cardboard between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31, according to Pacific manager Huss Taylor.

Silver gets extracted and reused from film plates — or prototype — used to make copies of the paper.

Treated aluminum plates are melted down in Boise by Intermountain Precious Metals, which pays the paper a cut of more than \$300 per month. Current market rate for aluminum cans is 40 cents per pound.

Although several print paper stations are located around the building, health reporter Nate Popplin's garbage contains tossed paper that won't be recycled.

Business editor Josh Palmer is not out with green sin, either. His bin contains paper that will never get recycled.

But by scheduling his meetings on his palm pilot he rids a lot of waste.

"A paperless society?" Palmer bellows from his desk, without ceasing to type.

And Harmon's green consciousness depends on the situation.

"The sad thing is that at home I recycle," Harmon said.

Hurd said recycling-consciousness has not become as infectious at the *Times-News* as it needs to be.

"We haven't promoted it enough in our paper and in the community," he said.

Some environmental creativity at the paper goes undocumented. Take ad representative Chris Garcia, who reuses her own coffee mug and often refills the same water bottle.

The benefits to reusing the same container are well-known among the copy desk employees. On Friday, their section of the newsroom exhibits a mixed bag four desks host re-usable cups. But beside each a Styrofoam disposable coffee cup.

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