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## TWIN TROOPERS



Twin Falls natives and Idaho State Police troopers Troy DeBlie, left, and his twin brother, Travis, stand next to a patrol car Monday at the Region 4 patrol office in Jerome. It was Troy's first day at the office, while his brother has been working in the Magic Valley for a year.

### You're not seeing double: Twin Falls brothers serve with Idaho State Police

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

Picture this: Young twin brothers grow up next to a California freeway and spend their leisure time watching CHIPS, a TV show about the adventures of motorcycle cops. They make guns from Lego blocks and wood scraps, and tear around on tricycles.

Fast forward a couple of decades: They're still at it, but now it's for real.

Now 25, Troy and Travis DeBlie are cruising the freeways and highways of the Magic Valley in identical Idaho State Police Smokey Bear hats.

On the job, Travis has seniority. He's been on the street since early summer. Troy, his older brother by 30 seconds, started the job Monday.

Working for the ISP is merely the next milestone in the parallel lives of Travis and Troy. From tricycle chases, the pair graduated to fierce competition at Twin Falls' High School. In the criminal justice program at the College of Southern Idaho, and later as officers at the Ada County juvenile detention center.

So it was natural that when Travis became a state trooper, Troy would follow. The two are so close that they plan to share a duplex in Twin Falls.

But while their dreams and aspirations are identical, each is constantly trying to out-perform the other.

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## Suspect pleads guilty in May 31 shooting death

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

One of four men charged in the May 31 shooting death of Vince Gonzalez pleaded guilty last week to accessory to murder.

At the Sept. 17 hearing in the Fifth District Court in Twin Falls, Reyes Duran, 27, confessed that he harbored a man involved in a homicide and later lied to police about what he knew.

On a tape recording of the hearing, Twin Falls attorney Greg Fuller is heard whispering to his client that "there is no agreement" for a lighter sentence in return for a quick resolution of the case. Fuller encouraged Duran to plead guilty.

Duran, his brother, Ben Duran, and Eric J. Gonzalez (no relation to the victim) were charged as accomplices to murder and all face a maximum five-year sentence if found guilty. James Anthony Naranjo, who has been indicted on a first-degree murder charge, faces the potential for life in prison. Police arrested the four men after Vince Gonzalez was shot to death at his Twin Falls home.



Duran

The shooting allegedly grew out of a dispute at a bar, after which the accused followed Gonzalez to his home. Gonzalez was killed by shots fired through the closed front door and windows.

Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebis said he has not yet decided if he will call Duran to testify against others in the case. Fuller did not return repeated phone calls Monday. Duran is scheduled for sentencing on Jan. 4.

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## CRAIG RESIGNATION Prosecutor: Craig was urged to get a lawyer

By Joshua Freed  
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The prosecutor who brought charges against Sen. Larry Craig in an airport sex sting says he told the Idaho senator that he should hire an attorney, according to court papers filed Monday.

Prosecutor Christopher Renz, in a motion opposing Craig's request to withdraw his guilty plea, wrote that he spent considerable time in a July 17 conversation telling the Idaho senator how the legal process would work if he chose to plead guilty.

"The defendant told Mr. Renz that he felt he was in a difficult situation as the result of the public office he held, in response to which

Will the plea stand?

**PLEA SHOULD STAND:** The prosecutor who brought charges against Sen. Larry Craig in an airport sex sting says the Idaho Republican should not be allowed to withdraw his guilty plea.

**WHY NOT?:** Craig says he was panicked into the plea, but Prosecutor Christopher Renz says Craig was offered to consult an attorney. He also says too much time passed between Craig's arrest and his plea for the panic argument to make sense.

**HEARING LOOMS:** A judge will hear Craig's motion on Wednesday. Craig has said he plans to resign by Sept. 30, but has also left the door open to staying if he can overturn his conviction.

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## Filling a knee-d

Magic Valley doctors get device that makes knee surgery more precise

By Nita Poppo  
Times-News writer

Dr. Fred Surbaugh knows firsthand how dangerous knee-replacement surgery can be.

Back when the orthopedic surgeon had his done, the traditional surgery method — drilling a hole down the center of the femur and placing a rod there as a guide for other measurements — released fat into his bloodstream. After the surgery, because of the complication, he lost 40 pounds in six weeks. But his patient Monday morning shouldn't have the same problem, thanks to a computer system that mapped his patient's knee and aligned the metal and plastic he inserted with the center of the ankle, knee and hip joints.

The machine is called the Stryker Navigation System, and Monday was the first time it was used in a knee-surgery in a Magic Valley-area hospital. The system uses three cameras, two sensors and a metal pointer to create a computer model of a patient's knee, giving surgeons a more-precise map of

where to operate.

"In the past, we questioned whether (the machine) made a difference," Surbaugh said, describing how the difference in accuracy is but a couple of degrees. But, he said, reports of loosened replacement knees have dropped when the device is used, and the system is less invasive, sparing patients the rod stuck through their bone marrow.

The device, sold by Michigan-based Stryker, is one of many showing up in hospitals across the U.S., including several in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Boise and Nampa. While Twin Falls may be slow in getting a machine — the one used in Monday's surgery was borrowed from the company and run back down to Salt Lake City in the afternoon — southern Idaho as a whole is ahead of hospitals in much of the nation,



Learn more about the Stryker knee surgery device at [magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com)



Spencer Head shows the Stryker Navigation System, a knee replacement surgery aid, Monday at Canyon Foot and Ankle. The gun is used to mark reference points during surgery so a computer can track movement.

Surbaugh said. Doctors in Boise do as many as 20 surgeries a week with a similar device.

Striker sales representatives declined to say how much the device is worth. But the

equipment can cost between \$50,000 and \$140,000, Surbaugh said, somewhat affordable in the land of \$3 million CT scanners.

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## Closing Guantanamo lockup looks unlikely

By Naomi N. Lavey  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A lightning rod for international criticism, the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, not long ago appeared headed for closure. President Bush and his top advisers said they wanted to shutter the controversial lock-up.

But the latest attempt to shut it down is facing collapse. The detention facility has been embraced by many Republicans as a potent political symbol in their quest to seize the terrorism issue

ahead of next year's elections.

GOP presidential candidates have jockeyed to demonstrate their support for the prison. One candidate has called for doubling its use. Another praised the menu and health plan offered to detainees.

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Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Visit with Canyon Rim Sculpture Project artist, David Clemons, meet the artist and learn more about his vision for the project, 9 a.m., at the sculpture site, east of Perrine Bridge adjacent to the Scott Sterling Memorial Overlook Canyon Rim, Twin Falls, provided by Magic Valley Arts Council; open to community members and interested residents, 734-2787.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion and Auxiliary Burley Post No. 17 meeting and potluck, Boys and Girls Staters will report on personal experience, 7 p.m., Legion Post, 1501 Oakley Ave., Burley, 677-2007 or 878-5347. SEE PAGE D1

FAMILY

Burley Public Library After-school Program, in honor of National Duct Tape Awareness Month includes crafts, activities, games and contests using duct tape, 4 to 5 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, open to children of all ages, 878-7708.

GOVERNMENT

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Burley Public Library Board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708. Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267. Blaine Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 366-7418. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4321. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., Carier Luther Vocational Ag Building, High school, 104 Tiger Drive, 324-8137. Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

HEALTH

- College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Flier Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School (temporary location: LDS church on Main), no cost, 732-6475. Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Flier Ave. E., 736-7237 or 736-9282. "Overcoming Addiction and Anger," Theopistic Intermediate Therapy Basic Training video series, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, donations, 734-9603. Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987. Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goodie Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557 or 324-7237.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208)670-4868 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicalvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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Learn the whys and hows of composting

As the weather turns cool, leaves are beginning to fall. After you rake them into a pile for the kids to jump in, don't bag them and leave them on the curb. Try composting instead. This is a really good time of year to get started on composting, said Robin Baumgartner, public education coordinator for Southern Idaho Solid Waste in Twin Falls. "I'm a firm believer everybody can compost."

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Double threat against crime in Idaho

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City and school district bargain for land

The Twin Falls City Council agreed Monday to waive fees and road improvement requirements near a new high school in exchange for several properties owned by the Twin Falls School District, a nearly equal swap of more than \$500,000 on each side. SEE PAGE D3

Convicted Gooding inmate on loose

A Rupert man facing a long prison term twice escaped from the Gooding County Jail over the weekend and remains on the loose. Scott Howard Holmes, 39, escaped from the Gooding County Jail at 4 a.m. Saturday. How he got out is still unclear. Shortly afterwards, Gooding police caught him and took him to be booked in the receiving area at the jail, said Jeff Ray, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Correction. That's when he allegedly assaulted a female officer and again broke free. SEE PAGE D3

OBITUARIES

Claire M. Laats, 85 SEE PAGE D4

CORRECTION

Girl misidentified A photo caption in Monday's Issue section misidentified a seventh-grade physical education student. Celena Luevano was pictured on the right in a photo of two girls practicing soccer skills. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Auto workers strike for first time in 37 years

DETROIT — In the end, the first nationwide strike against General Motors Corp. in 37 years came because the United Auto Workers want something that GM will find difficult to promise: job security. UAW officials said the 73,000 UAW members who work at about 80 U.S. facilities for the nation's largest automaker didn't strike Monday over what many thought would trip up the talks: A plan to shift the retiree health care burden from the company to the union. They said they also didn't strike over wages. SEE PAGE A4

FBI: Violent crimes near 5-year peak

WASHINGTON — Violent crime rose nearly 2 percent last year, the FBI reported Monday in nationwide data that show a slightly higher increase than expected. The number of murders in 2006 increased by 1.8 percent over the previous year, in big cities of over 1 million people, however, murder jumped by 6.8 percent. The number of robberies and arson also rose, while the number of rapes and car thefts dropped, FBI data show. SEE PAGE D5



2 inmates take guards' guns, kill 1

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Two inmates working in a prison garden wrested guns from two guards Monday, exchanged gunfire with other officers and stole a pickup truck, running over and killing one of the guards as she tried to stop them, prison officials said. SEE PAGE D5

Ahmadinejad speaks at N.Y. university

NEW YORK — Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad defended Holocaust deniers and raised questions about who carried out the Sept. 11 attacks in a tense showdown Monday at Columbia University where the school's head introduced the visitor by calling him a "petty and cruel dictator." SEE PAGE D5

Video game players line up for 'Halo 3'

It's being billed as the biggest day in entertainment history. The video game, "Halo 3," which was released this morning, is expected to pull in more than \$150 million in sales in 24 hours. In Twin Falls, only a few stores opened early or held special events to promote the video game. SEE PAGE D6

COMING TOMORROW

Magic Valley taco stand owner wins national recipe contest

FILER — Claudia and Gonzalo Lopez's taco stand is a pretty unassuming place. Parked permanently on the edge of Logan's Market's parking lot just off U.S. Highway 30 in Filer, it's a tiny trailer modified to hold a commercial grill, sink, counters and not much else.



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# Craig

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Mr. Renz said that he appreciated that difficulty and for that reason the defendant should consult with an attorney," Renz wrote.

Craig did not, and eventually pleaded guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct. He has since said that he was panicked into admitting to a crime he did not commit. A Hempton County judge is set to consider Craig's request on Wednesday.

Renz wrote that Craig had plenty of time between his June 11 arrest and Aug. 1. When he signed a plea petition, to think about the consequences of pleading guilty and whether he had actually committed a crime in the airport bathroom.

Craig's arrest and guilty plea weren't reported in the news media until Aug. 27. On Sept. 1, Craig announced plans to resign by Sept. 30. He later suggested he might try to win a seat in the Idaho Legislature if he could successfully overturn his plea.

Renz wrote that Craig didn't decide to withdraw his plea until he was hurt by the publicity of the allegations. Denying his motion prevents further politicizing and game playing on the part of the defendant in relation to his plea," Renz wrote.

Craig clearly "had hoped that he could plead guilty and that the plea would not be discovered by the media or public," Renz wrote. "The defendant chose to plead guilty and consequently took that risk. The defendant's current pursuit of withdrawal of his guilty plea is reactionary, calculated and political."

Judy Smith, a spokeswoman for Craig's lawyer, Billy Martin, said, "Our response to the prosecutor's motion will be in court."

Martin was arrested by an undercover police officer in a sting in an airport bathroom known as a meeting place for anonymous sex. The officer alleged Craig peered into his stall, slid his hand under a divider to touch the officer's, and swiped his hand under the divider as a signal that he was soliciting sex. In a plea bargain, Craig admitted to disorderly conduct and paid \$575 in fines and fees. A gross misdemeanor charge of interfering with privacy was dismissed.

According to the prosecutor's filing, Craig called Renz several times as the case progressed, starting even before charges were filed. In a June 25 call, Craig asked Renz how the case would proceed. Renz wrote in an affidavit that he told the senator that if his criminal record was clean, he would probably be able to plead guilty to disorderly conduct with the other charge being dismissed.

Craig never appeared to have a tone or sense of urgency, panic or overt emotion," Renz wrote in an affidavit.

Renz also wrote that Craig should not be able to claim he was ignorant about his guilty plea. Craig has a college degree, has served in Congress for 30 years, and has sponsored or co-sponsored at least 10 bills that deal with criminal law, Renz wrote.

Renz warned of a "deluge" of defendants who would ask to withdraw guilty pleas if Craig succeeds.

# Twins

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"They're extremely competitive, especially with each other," said Steve DeBie, their mother. "They would never share. Instead of helping each other, they compete."

So who will be the better cop? How could you tell? "It will be a healthy competition," said Travis, already practicing his trooper stunts. "I have always wanted to work with the state police because of their professionalism."

Is it a surprise that Troy says the same thing? "I just remember growing up, and you would see a police officer, you would talk to them, and how professional they would be, the authority (they carried)," Troy said.

The boys spent countless hours studying for their next job. Between watching cops on TV and observing cops

handling crashes on the California freeway of their youth, they learned to admire the police officer's personal pursuit.

And they liked the chases. Was there ever any doubt that twin police cruisers would be their future? "Yes ... after a fashion."

"They talked about going into different forms of law enforcement, like CIA, FBI," Stisic said. But they never forgot about Pouch and Jan, the fictional "CHIN" troopers on eternal patrol in rears.

Is there a downside to being identical brothers in identical uniforms patrolling the same stretches of Idaho highway? "Somebody is going to think we're harassing them," joked Travis, musing about the possibility of each writing a ticket to the same speeder. But it's not that hard to tell

them apart, if you know what to look for. One of them is left-handed, the other right-handed.

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"A high-quality MRI is a million and a half," Surbaugh said. "This is not so exorbitant."

The device is catching on, Stryker representative Spencer Nead said, partly because patients are learning more about technological advancements and asking about them.

"I think that patients are becoming more and more educated on technology," he said. "It's a younger patient population now."

And its use means smoother, easier surgeries, something even more important now that many patients are younger and

larger, Surbaugh said. The rise in obesity across the U.S. not only means Americans are wearing out their knees sooner — surgery times can nearly double when surgeons have an obese patient.

Surbaugh said he now spends part of his week counseling his patients to diet and lose weight, a strategy that could have more success than even the Stryker device.

"It's better than drugs ... if they could just do it," he said.

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# Lockup

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threatening to veto any move to "micromanage the detention of enemy combatants."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) still hope to attach a proposal to the 2008 defense policy bill that would compel the administration to develop a plan for relocating the roughly 340 detainees held at Guantanamo.

If enacted, the measure would force the facility to be closed within a year and would prohibit the transfer of detainees to detention centers outside the United States. Despite months of lobbying and mounting criticism of the prison at home and abroad, Feinstein and Harkin are still trying to attract any substantial Republican support. A frustrated Harkin: "This should have been a slam dunk."

Earlier this year, it looked as if it could be. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in March reinforced Bush's stated goal of shuttering Guantanamo. "He

is clear to us all the time," Rice told reporters. "He would like to see it closed. We all would."

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates also expressed a desire to close the facility. He argued that international objections to the prison undermined the credibility of any trials conducted there.

And in June, former Secretary of State Colin Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he would "get rid of Guantanamo." He called it a "major, major problem" for the United States internationally.

Feinstein and other congressional Democrats have repeatedly echoed that argument. "I don't think there is any issue that has galvanized hared in our country like Guantanamo," the California senator said recently.

Although in recent years the administration has slowly reduced the number of

detainees held at Guantanamo, the facility continues to be a focus for human rights groups and many of America's European allies, which routinely condemn the prison.

But as Feinstein and other Democrats have pressed their case, leading Republican politicians have made Guantanamo into something of a rallying cry to the party's historic tough-on-crime message.

At the GOP presidential debate in South Carolina in May, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney called for doubling the size of Guantanamo and continuing the use of "enhanced interrogation techniques" on detainees.

"I want them in Guantanamo, where they don't get the access to lawyers they get when they're on our soil," Romney said.

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## Kickstand opens chapter in south-central Idaho

### Program to help entrepreneurs

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A Boise-based program, which was created to help entrepreneurs make dreams become a reality, is opening a chapter in south-central Idaho.

Known as Kickstand, the program sponsored by Idaho TechConnect, develops networks of innovative thinkers, investors and business leaders.

Although it has been operating in the Boise area for several years, the program recently decided to expand into other regions throughout Idaho — including the Magle Valley area.

"We have made contact with local businesses in order to create a steering committee, which will come up with topics that we want to address," said Brandon Armstrong, vice president of business development for Idaho TechConnect. "Although we will discuss the topics we want to

**Inauguration of Kickstand Southern Idaho**

Date: 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 4  
Location: Pandora's at 516 Hansen St. South (in Twin Falls)

To reserve a seat or for more information, call Brandon Armstrong at (208) 324-3455.

address, probably our biggest asset is how we can help entrepreneurs network with people to make those ideas a reality."

There is no cost to be a member of the program — TechConnect will sponsor the program during its first year — but the program is seeking other sponsors in order to continue supporting the program.

In Boise, multiple sponsors like businesses and other private parties have taken up the program, Armstrong said. "That's the goal here (in south-central Idaho) to make it self-sustaining."

## Financial incentive can motivate employees to lose weight, study says

By Elizabeth Dunbar  
Associated Press writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — People will lose weight for money, even a little money, suggests a study that offers another option for employers looking for ways to cut health care costs.

The research published in the September issue of the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine found that cash incentives can be a success even when the payout is as little as \$7 for dropping just a few pounds in three months.

Unlike providing onsite fitness centers or improving offerings in the company cafeteria, cash rewards provide a company with a guaranteed return, the researchers said.

"They really can't be a bad investment because you don't pay people unless they lose weight," said Eric A. Finkelstein, the study's lead author and a health economist at RTI International, a research institute based in nearby Research Triangle Park.

The study involved about 200 overweight employees at several colleges in North

Carolina, divided into three groups. One group received no incentives while the other two groups received \$7 or \$14 for each percentage point of weight lost.

For example, someone in the middle group weighing 200 pounds who lost 10 pounds, or 5 percent, would get \$35. Participants didn't get any help on how to lose weight. In the end, employees who received the most incentives lost the most weight, an average of nearly 5 pounds after three months. Those offered no incentives lost 2 pounds; those in the \$7 group lost about 3 pounds.

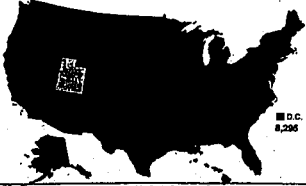
Those in the \$14 group were more than five times as likely to lose 5 percent of their weight — the amount research has shown to be clinically significant, according to the study.

Finkelstein and co-authors Laura Linnan and Deborah Tate, professors at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Public Health, are currently analyzing data from a follow-up study that observed about 1,000 participants for a year.

### Northeast leads in health spending

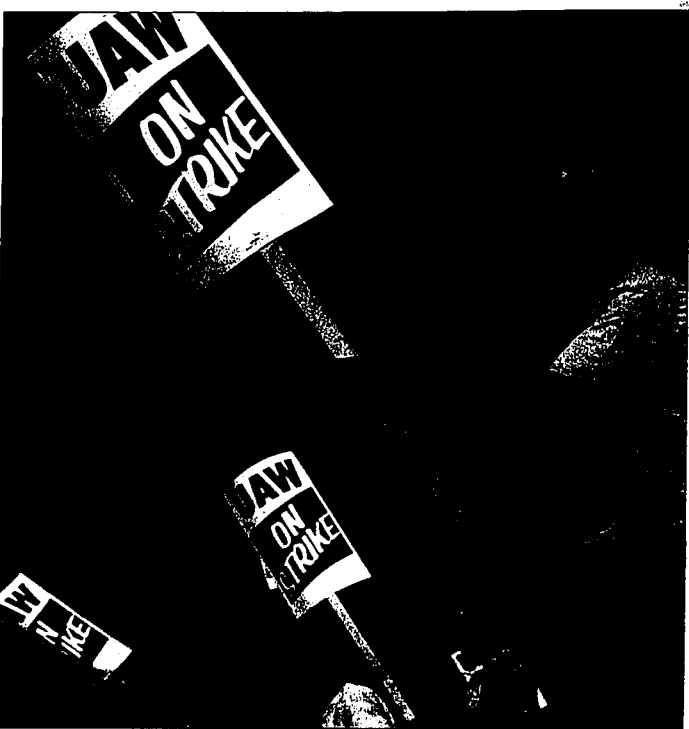
Americans spent an average \$5,283 on personal health care in 2004, with New England spending the most at an average \$6,409 per person. Personal health care spending per capita, by region.

\$3,000-4,000 4,001-5,000 5,001-6,000 6,001-7,000 Over 7,000



SOURCE: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Census Bureau; Office of the Actuary, National Health Statistics Group

# Auto workers walk



Tony Watkins, 49, right, stands outside of the General Motors Corp. Orion assembly plant in Auburn Hills, Mich., Monday, holding a strike sign. The first nationwide strike against General Motors Corp. in 37 years came because the United Auto Workers want something that GM will find difficult to promise: Job security.

## UAW says national strike is about job security for its members

By Tom Irtzbach  
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — In the end, the first nationwide strike against General Motors Corp. in 37 years came because the United Auto Workers want something that GM will find difficult to promise: Job security.

UAW officials said the 73,000 UAW members who work at about 80 U.S. facilities for the nation's largest automaker didn't strike Monday over what many thought would trip up the talks: A plan to shift the retiree health care burden from the company to the union. They said they also didn't strike over wages.

They said union members walked out because they want GM to promise that future cars and trucks such as the replacement for the Chevrolet Cobalt small car or the still-on-the-drawing-board Chevrolet Volt plug-in electric car will be built at U.S. plants, preserving union jobs.

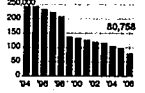
The strike puts GM, which is restructuring so it can better compete with Asian automakers, in a bind as some of its new products begin to catch on with consumers. But it also means workers are taking a big risk — giving up pay and slowing down GM in an uncertain economy.

"Job security is one of our primary concerns," UAW President Ron Gettelfinger told reporters Monday afternoon after talks broke off

### Declining numbers

Job security is at the center of negotiations between the United Auto Workers and General Motors.

GM hourly workers at year-end



GM's U.S. market share



SOURCE: General Motors, AP

"This is horrible, but we're die-hard union, so we have to. We got a mortgage, two car payments and tons of freaking bills."

— Anita Ahrens, Janesville, Wis., auto plant worker

dren, including a college freshman, and Ahrens worried about how they would pay their bills.

"This is horrible, but we're die-hard union, so we have to," Ahrens said. "We got a mortgage, two car payments and tons of freaking bills."

The striking workers will receive \$200 a week plus medical benefits from the UAW's strike fund. The union had more than \$800 million in that fund as of last November, according to the UAW's Web site. A fund of that size would last about a year at \$200 a week for 73,000 striking workers.

The UAW, Gettelfinger said, is willing to talk about taking money from the company to form a trust that would be responsible for billions of dollars in retiree health care costs.

GM wants the trust, called a Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association, or VEBA, so it can move much of its \$51 billion in unfunded retiree health care liabilities off the books, potentially raising the stock price and credit ratings. It's all part of the company's quest to cut or eliminate about a \$25-per-hour labor cost disparity with its Japanese competitors.

"This strike is not about

the VEBA in any way, shape or form," Gettelfinger said. "We were more than eager to discuss it," although he said no agreement had been reached.

Industry analysts said GM daily the strike would have little impact on consumers because GM has sufficient inventory stockpiled for most of its products.

But Monday afternoon the Teamsters transportation union said its 10,000 automotive transport members would not cross UAW picket lines to deliver GM cars and trucks.

GM reported that it had just under 950,000 vehicles in its inventory at the end of August, about 35,000 below the same time last year.

Tom Libby, senior director of industry analysis for J.D. Power and Associates, said even a short strike could hurt the company because its new crossover vehicles, the Buick Enclave, GMC Acadia and Saturn Outlook, are selling well and in short supply.

"The momentum they've established for those products would be interrupted if there's a supply interruption," Libby said. "There's not a lot of inventory available to sell now, so they need to keep that pipeline full."

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Lithia Mo.	18.08	▼ .60	Micron	10.54	▼ .19	Supervalu	39.70	▼ .15

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EDITORIAL

Marching to the rear on early childhood education

When it comes to early childhood development, Idaho's policy is being driven by some of the best minds of the 19th century.

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If Idaho invests any money in pre-kindergarten education programs, they said, it should pay the same amount per child to parents who successfully raise their own young children.

They said he would oppose a pre-K program in the Emmett public schools even if two-thirds of the people in his legislative district wanted it.

"Every time we start a program that costs money, we're actually forcing more mothers out of the home," he said.

Thayn went on to say that state-operated pre-K programs could undermine Idaho parents' sense of responsibility for their own kids.

"It should be encouraged to be in the home — that is the best provider," he said.

The representative and the merry band of social conservatives he leads have evidently slept through the past 40 years.

Thirty-nine states now have state-funded preschool programs, and several more took steps this year to add them.

Several bills regarding early education, preschool standards and day-care licensing were proposed, but none passed.

Meanwhile, Idaho has roughly 4,000 child-care programs. More than half aren't licensed, and only 28 — less than 1 percent — are accredited.

"The data and the theory all would suggest that investment early is going to have a payoff," professor Tom Rane told the senators.

Despite the House's crackpot evocation of times gone by, mothers of small children in Idaho aren't going to quit their jobs and return to the home.

The House conservatives are only hurting kids.

Our view: Social conservatives in the Idaho House have lost touch with reality on early childhood development. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Election system has cost nation dearly

Let's vote for president tomorrow. Or next week. If you want to see how fast the election calendar is changing, pick up a date book and flip pages with your thumb.

Last month, Michigan flicked its calendar forward and set a primary date of Jan. 15. Florida moved its date, too.



MARK TRAHAN

The point is we all want to go to the polls as early as possible, by picking a party nominee and, by extension, the next president. This is what democracy is all about.

Bigwigs and party bosses often make this call for us. Then convention delegates and, finally, so-called open caucus and primary contests that were essentially over long before the polls were even scheduled for Western states.

This very system already has cost this country a measure of greatness. If the sweep of primary elections started in the West, the country might have considered (not elected) names that didn't make it through Iowa and New Hampshire.



In a speech at the Air Force Academy, Udall talked about modern politics at a time when the incumbent president was most unpopular...

people of this country? "I've turned the page and said, 'I've come tonight to tell you that we can do this while increasing federal spending...'"

"The young man departed very unhappy and that night he met the senator at the auditorium and handed him the speech he had written," Udall said.

"My friends, I have come here tonight with a message of hope. I have come tonight to tell you that this nation can solve the problems that the audience was still, he turned the page, and it said, 'I've come here tonight to tell you that we can settle the war in the Mideast, end the oil shortage, build schools, highways and highways for the

Latho neighborhoods or Indian reservations? Then candidate would at least be able to articulate a policy for islands that are too often left out of our discourse.

It's the same for Democrats. And that party plans to strip Florida of its convention delegates unless it adheres to the rules.

The Washington state, where we voluntarily give up our primary franchise. The primary is Feb. 19, but the real action is at the caucus 70 days before that.

Fort Hall native Mark Trahan is the editorial page editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Giuliani tells NRA: I gotta take this call

The press piled into a hall near a pile of NRA swag bags to watch Rudy strike into the bathroom. Would the tough guy know to the powerful lobby he once lambasted as extremists? Would he pull a Romney and pretend to be an avid hunter of small varmints?



MAUREEN DOWD

your right to bear arms is all based on a reasonable degree of safety that you have to have.

It's an interesting bit of casuistry. I'm going to make you safe by enforcing gun laws in case you want guns to keep you safe.

Also, given that he was criticized for undermining free speech by the first sign of a litte ding, his audience might not have been reassured. Asked about a lawsuit he initiated in New York against American handgun manufacturers, Rudy said that Dept. 11 "cast somewhat of a different light" on Second Amendment rights.

What, exactly, is that different light? You need some assault weapons to shoot at terrorists planting dirty bombs beneath your tulips?

In the end, no one was deconstructing Rudy's swerving stance because they were too busy obsessing on his strange interlude with his cell. Right in the middle of a discussion about a legal decision underscoring the doc-

trine that "a person's home is their castle," the clara-corned queen of Rudy's cast called. "Hello, dear," he said, with his lithe grin.

To the amazement of the audience, he interrupted his speech to have a love-dovey chat with Judi, who was about to get on a plane back from London.

After telling her that he was talking to the NRA — a big speech that you would imagine she would know about, and not want to interrupt — he asked if she wanted to give a shout out to the gun-lovers and then paused while she spoke to him.

"After saying 'I love you' twice and a sign-off with another 'dear,' he joked to the audience that he would have been in trouble if he hadn't taken the call, noting that 'this is one of the great blessings of the modern age, being always available. Or maybe it isn't. I'm not sure.'

The odd interlude triggered a fusillade of analysis: Was it creepy, cute, staged, spontaneous, naive, awkward or downright weird? Shouldn't Rudy have left the phone with an aide, or silenced it?

could redecorate Air Force One in Louis Vuitton?

First The New York Times' Marc Santora noted that it was unclear if Rudy had interrupted an appearance to take a call from his Princess Bride, as Vanity Fair dubbed her. He did the same thing June in Hialeah, Fla., with more mushy talk during a rally.

This suggests either that Fridy's call was staged to humanize the dictatorial mayor, or that Rudy is afraid of his digital world, or that the candidate is still struggling with how to integrate his third wife into his campaign.

The episode also provided ammunition to Mitt Romney's camp, which sensed an opportunity to highlight their man's scary-perfect wife and scary-perfect kids. They found video of the first cell interlude and sent reports to YouTube clips of both calls.

On CNN, Carlo Costello flinted the NRA's Wayne LaPierre about the conjugal intermission. At first he called it "a lighthearted moment," but then he conceded that he found it odd. "I don't know that I would have a cell phone in my pocket on during a public event," he said.

Who knew it might be a valuable lesson for Rudy that guns and marriage don't mix? Maureen Dowd is a columnist for the New York Times.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LCO would degrade visitor experience at Minidoka

Later this month, the Jerome County commissioners will vote on a proposal to locate a livestock confinement operation just over one mile from the Minidoka Internment National Monument. The powerful odors created by

13,000 animals, in addition to dust, pests, increased truck traffic and potential airborne pathogens, will severely degrade the visitor experience at the monument and impair the development and operation of this national park site. The threat is so serious that the National Trust for Historic Preservation named

Minidoka to this year's list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. The concentration of livestock operations in large facilities is also one of the factors behind the national decline in the number of small and mid-sized farms — a decline that has consequences for our heritage as well as our

economy. As smaller producers are forced out of agriculture, historic farms are sold and consolidated, and historic farm structures are demolished or abandoned. Main street businesses in rural communities are hit hard because factory farms employ fewer people than small family-run operations and typical-

ly purchase feed and supplies from sources outside the community. Until there are better policies to address the impacts of LCOs, the best hope for Minidoka rests with the people of Jerome County and the commissioners who represent them. The Minidoka Internment National

Monument belongs to all Americans, and we cannot let private interests rob us of the opportunity to experience an important piece of our collective heritage. WASHINGTON, D.C. (Editor's note: Richard Moore is the president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.)

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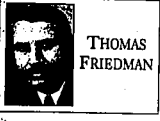
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# It's hard to make China greener without making it more orange

After a week of meetings with Chinese energy, environmental and clean-car experts in Beijing, I'm left with one big, gnawing question: Can China go green while going orange?

That is, can China really undertake the energy/environmental revolution it needs without the empowerment of its people to a whole new level — a la the Orange Revolution in Ukraine in 2004?



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

The more I see China wrestling with its environment, the more I'm convinced that it is going to prove much easier for China to bring some form of communism to capitalism than to go from dirty capitalism to clean capitalism.

For China, going from communism to its state-directed capitalism, while by no means easy, involves loosening the lid on a people who were naturally entrepreneurial, risk-taking capitalists. It was tantamount to letting a gecko crawl, and the results of all that unleashed energy are apparent everywhere.

Going from dirty capitalism to clean capitalism is much harder. Because it involves restraining that gecko — and to do that effectively requires a system with some judicial independence, so that courts can discipline government-owned factories and power plants — a system that can report or censure without restraint, even if they are government-owned businesses. It requires transparent laws and regulations, so citizens can see their rights and can feel free to confront polluters, no matter how powerful. For all those reasons, it seems to me that it will be very hard to make China greener without making it more orange.

China's Communist Party leaders are clearly wrestling with this issue. I could hear it,

The legitimacy of the communist regime, for the first time, is in some way dependent on making the air cleaner. And China's leaders know it. For now, though, they want to address this problem without having to change the basic ruling system of the Communist Party.

I could hear it while interviewing government officials. They've always wanted a steadily rising GDP, which is essential for China's stability and for the legitimacy of the ruling Communist Party, whose abiding ideology is "GDP-ism."

But more and more I heard these same officials now saying they want a better environment and a higher GDP because the air has become so filthy here, and the damage to China's health, rivers, landscape, glaciers and even GDP has become so severe, that the legitimacy of the communist regime, for the first time, is in some way dependent on making the air cleaner. And China's leaders know it.

For now, though, they want to address this problem without having to change the basic ruling system of the Communist Party. They want

to be green and red, not green and orange. I could feel it the minute I arrived.

"Hey, it is a little warm here in your office, or is it just me?" I found myself repeatedly asking in Beijing. No, it wasn't just me. In June, China's State Council dictated that all government agencies, associations, companies and private owners in public buildings had to set air-conditioning temperatures no lower than 26 degrees Celsius, or 79 degrees Fahrenheit. Air-conditioning consumes one-third of the energy demand here in summer.

The government just ordered it from the top down. Sounds effective. But then you pick up the Shanghai Daily and read: "More than half of the city's public buildings have failed to obey power-saving rules setting air-conditioning at 26 degrees Celsius, according to local

energy authorities." Hmm — seems to be a little problem with follow-up.

In 2005, China's leaders mandated a 20 percent improvement in energy productivity and a 10 percent improvement in air quality by 2010. You can see why — or maybe you can't.

I was at the World Bank office in Beijing, meeting with a green expert, and outside his big bay window all I could see through the brownish-gray haze was the gigantic steel skeleton of the new CCTV skyscraper — spectacular 6-million-square-foot headquarters reaching to the heavens — one of 300 new office blocks slated for Beijing's new Central Business District.

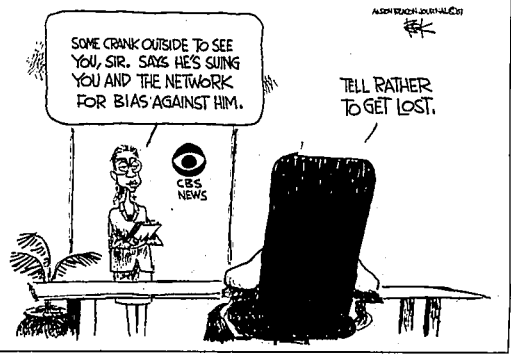
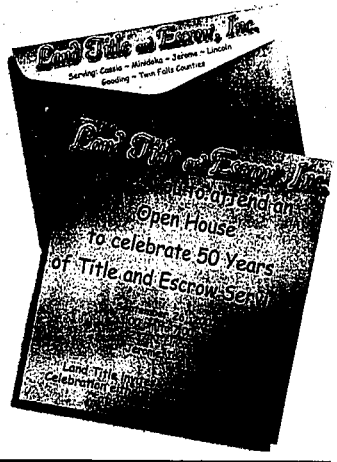
I play a mental game with myself now as I am stuck in traffic in Beijing. I look at the office buildings I pass — which are enormous, energy-consuming and architecturally stunning — and I count the ones that would be tourist attractions if they were in Washington, but here in Beijing are just lost in the forest of giant buildings.

And that brings me back to China's leaders. Right now they want it all — higher GDP, greener GDP and unquestioned Communist Party rule. I don't think you can have all three. I also don't think they

are going to opt for democracy. I am not even sure it is the answer for them right now. So they are seeking a hybrid model — some new combination of red, green and orange. I hope they find it,

but right now the vista is mostly an ugly shade of brown.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for the New York Times.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Plan to build feedlot near monument is alarming

Minidoka Internment National Monument was established in 2001 to commemorate and interpret the experience of 13,000 Japanese American citizens who were interned there from 1942 to 1945. The former relocation center highlights a significant but overlooked part of American history and serves as a cultural resource for Idaho and the nation. That makes the petition to build a contained animal feeding operation less than 1/4 miles from the park an alarming proposition.

Jerome County commissioners are considering the application. It is apparent this feedlot operation will compromise the historic values of the monument, further degrading visitor experience; it conflicts with the provisions of the Organic Act that established and empowered creation of the National Park System.

The Organic Act prescribes a management standard that national park sites are to be left unimpaired for future generations. The siting of the Big Sky CAFO so close to Minidoka will probably compromise this standard by emitting foul odors, degrading air and water quality, and increasing incidents of pests, dust and airborne pathogens.

Minidoka is an important historical and cultural resource, a significant part of American history, an important episode in Idaho's history, and one that helped shape the progression of rural agriculture. The importance of the site was validated when it was designated as an Idaho Centennial Site in 1990. Minidoka serves as an illustration of the need for full park funding and preservation of American history through our National Park

System. As discussion on the Big Sky feedlot operation moves forward, the integrity of Minidoka is of benchmark concern. If we are willing to degrade a place that we have decided to protect, to remain unimpaired forever, then we are setting a standard for development that will result in irreversible damage to those places that are integral to our nation's heritage.

STEPHANIE HESTER  
Helena, Mont.

*(Editor's note: Stephanie Hester is the senior program coordinator in the Northern Rockies Regional Office of the National Parks Conservation Association.)*

### Have your say about wolves that threaten game

The window is open until Oct. 11 for you to comment on the proposed Wolf

Management Plan. Please send your comments to the following email address: EA-wolfrule2008@fw.gov.

I have requested that the definition to be broadened to include aggressive killing of Canadian grey wolves by any means necessary when the wolf is adversely impacting the ungulate wildlife or is causing a reduction in ungulate herd counts. Also, wolves would be removed or

eliminated by any means necessary when an area elk or deer calf-cow ratios drop below 30 per 100 or when wolves are negatively impacting local livestock and domestic animals.

See a Fish and Game document about the proposed changes at: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/wildlife/wolves/>

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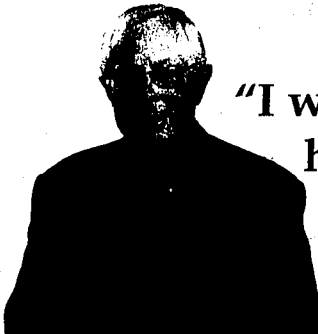
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## Martinez pushes Tigers past Wolverines

Times-News

Sophomore Fermin Martinez scored two second-half goals and Jerome to a 2-1 Great Basin Conference West victory over the visiting Wood River Wolverines. Martinez's second goal was his 20th of the season.

With no scoring in the first half, Wood River put the first goal on the board in the second half. In the 29th minute, Martinez scored the first Tiger goal on an assist by Inezce Ajeja.

Jerome didn't pick up its second goal until the 70th minute when Wood River was called for a pushing penalty. Martinez converted on the penalty kick, giving Jerome the game.

Jerome goalie Roman Vasquez was credited with eight saves, and the Tigers recorded 15 shots on goal.

Jerome (10-3-3) travels to Pocatello on Wednesday.

GOODING 9, TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN 2

Gooding moved to 9-3 for the season as the Senators defeated Twin Falls Christian 9-2 in non-conference play on Monday.

The Senators held a 4-1 lead at the break on two goals by Danny Lopez and single goals by Damien Hansen and Cesar Hernandez. Caleb Bolyard had the lone Twin Falls Christian score in the first half.

Gooding extended its lead with five more goals in the second half with Hernandez picking up his second goal. Scott Zarate, Andres Valdes, Victor Zarate and Jose Luis Valencia also registered goals. Bolyard scored the second Warrior goal.

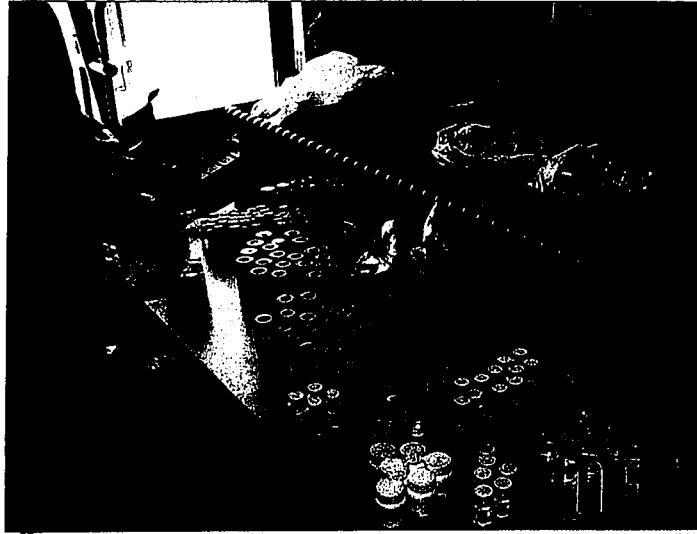
"The kids are working hard to get ready for rest of season," said Gooding coach Roger Johnson. "We have three games remaining and the kids are trying to pick up their game before



Jerome High School's Tim Bowler makes a dash for the net during the last half of the Tigers play against Wood River Monday evening in Jerome.

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# Crackdown



This related image provided by the Drug Enforcement Agency shows vials of steroids confiscated on Long Island, N.Y., during the DEA's Operation Raw Deal. Over 200 people were arrested in an 18-month international investigation of illicit steroid labs, the Drug Enforcement Administration announced Monday.

## More than 120 people arrested in 'roid raid

By Mike Tucker  
Associated Press writer

EVIDENCE, R.I. — Federal authorities announced the largest crackdown on illegal steroids in the nation's history Monday, arresting more than 120 people and seizing dozens of labs that manufactured growth hormone for sale on the black market.

Agents seized 56 labs, many of which were located in dirty basements, and recovered 11.4 million doses of steroids, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

"We were a little bit stunned at the amount of labs we found as a result of this investigation," DEA spokesman Gordon Courtney said in Washington. "This is something that's on a scale that we've never seen."

The announcement follows a growing number of scandals in the sports world over steroids, but authorities said the probe was focused on distributors, not users, and that no professional athletes

were directly involved in the investigation.

U.S. investigators were helped by governments of nine other countries, including China, which is hosting the 2008 Olympics. Among those facing charges are a Chinese manufacturer accused of smuggling human growth hormone into the U.S. and others who allegedly got steroids from China and sold them to U.S. customers.

The probe, dubbed Operation Raw Deal, targeted manufacturers of raw materials needed to produce steroids, as well as underground steroid labs in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Agents also investigated Web sites that offered kits to convert steroids from powder into injectable forms and Internet discussion boards frequented by bodybuilders.

"Even though their storefront is the Internet, rather than the street corner, the people who engage in the smuggling and distribution of these substances are drug dealers, plain and simple, and we

will treat them accordingly," said Robert Clark Corrente, U.S. attorney for Rhode Island. Federal prosecutors in San Diego, New York, Houston, Kansas City and New Haven, Conn., made similar announcements.

"The labs' customers could include high school athletes, bodybuilders and ordinary adults who simply want to look better, officials said.

"As we start to dig into this, I would have to believe that we're going to find customers who are in fact high school kids," said Steve Robertson, another DEA spokesman.

The DEA said 143 federal search warrants were issued during the 18-month investigation, many of them since Thursday. The FBI, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Food and Drug Administration were also involved.

In New York, five people accused of operating illicit steroid labs known as

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## Vandals prove they can battle back from devastating mistakes

By Grant Joki  
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — A drained Robb Akey cleared his throat and opened the Idaho Vandals football post-game media interview with his country.

"You all doing better than me, I hope," he said. But it did not take long for the optimistic first-year coach to perk up and get his rhythm and blood pumping, stating the positives learned in the 42-35 loss to Northern Illinois.

"What I do appreciate the most out of anything and where we gained a lot of ground today was the fact the way these guys conducted themselves at the end of this ball game. You know, battling back ... getting stopped at the 17-yard line. And we need to get that in. We need to score and go into overtime and win the dang game."



Idaho's youthful mistakes showed all afternoon in missed assignments, inopportune penalties, costly fumbles, interceptions and dropped passes.

"We spotted them three scores and lost by one," Akey said. With the game tied 7-7, the Vandals were poised to score at the 5-yard line. But NIU corner Chase Carter gambled when he heard quarterback Nathan Enderle's audible, a shift from the successful runs of Deonte Jackson to a quick slant. That intuition netted Carter a 95-yard interception and a 14-7 NIU lead. Add on second-quarter Husky touchdowns via a blocked punt and a fumble recovery in the end zone, and all appearances of a tsunami-sized rout was in the making.

"That's what won them the game, you know. There was tension on the sideline. But if you looked into the eyes of our players you know that they still believed in each other," Idaho sophomore return specialist Shilo Koo said. "Coach Akey's been really making the difference. He's been putting it in our minds that it is just us out there. We're all we got. We gotta believe in each other."

But it was the Vandals' short memory that kept the crowd engaged and hopeful to the game-ending climax. Down 35-7 with 34 seconds left in the first half, Koo fielded a Northern Illinois punt on the goal line and motored down the left sideline untouched for a record-setting 100-yard touchdown scamper that ignited the Vandal bench and student section.

"I didn't think I was on the goal line when I caught the ball. I thought (I was on) 10 or 5. All I had to do is beat one guy. The other ten guys on the field did their job. Shoot, it was a straight line all the way to the end zone," said Koo.

Touchdown strikes to wide receivers Maurice Shaw and Eddie Williams in the fourth quarter brought the Vandals within a touchdown as approximately 60 ticks were left on the game clock. A successful punt and a swinging pass to running back Jayson Bird and a button-hook pass to tight end Peter Bjorvik put the Vandals at the NIU 18-yard line with 39 seconds left. It took the massive Husky lineman Larry English to end Idaho's spirited rally.

Akey was disappointed that a victory eluded his team on Saturday. It was a game that was winnable and would have put Idaho at 2-2 going into conference play. But he pointed out that the Vandals did not get into the tank after a first half that could have buried a lot of teams.

"I think in some ways we were our own worst enemy a little bit today. Some of that comes from youth, some of that comes from growing up, but I do think, and I say this again, we grew up an awful lot in the second half," he said.

The pre-season favorite to win the Western Athletic Conference, the Hawaii Warriors, travel to Moscow

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## Young gets best of Bush again, leading Titans to 31-14 win over Saints

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Vince Young got the best of Reggie Bush again, and the NFL's rookie team from last season fell to a dismal start.

Young threw a pair of touchdown passes and the Tennessee Titans kept New Orleans winless on the year, beating the Saints 31-14 Monday night before a Superdome crowd that showed some on the same play.

Young provided such a pick-me-up to the devastated city from an early 10-0 deficit, going ahead 14-10 midway through the third quarter on

Bush's second touchdown run.

But Young, just as he did when leading Texas to an epic win over Bush and Southern Cal at the 2006 Rose Bowl, brought his team back.

While running backs LenDale White and Chris Brown handled the bulk of the workload in the go-ahead drive, it was Young who threaded a key 10-yard pass to Eric Moulds, who was shoved out of bounds at the Saints 1. White, a teammate of Bush's at USC, powered over on the next play to put the Titans (2-1) ahead to stay.

Drew Brees, who had another miserable game, got the ball knocked away on the

first play of the fourth quarter — the second of his five turnovers.

Young seized on the Brees fumble to drive Tennessee to the decisive score.

The second-year quarterback completed an 18-yard pass to Royvell Williams, ran 11 yards and capped the drive with a 3-yard pass to Bo Scarfe that put the Titans up 24-14.

Young also hooked up with Brandon Jones on a 35-yard TD and finished off an efficient performance 14-of-22 for 164 yards. He also ran three times for 23 yards.

"This is a tough one," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "While Bush scored both

TDs for the Saints, the Tennessee defense kept him bottled up most of the night. He was held to 15 yards on seven carries and managed just 20 yards on his six receptions.

No one had a more miserable night than Brees, who led the NFL in passing yards last season but can't seem to do anything right now. He threw four interceptions — three of them picked off by Keith Bulluck, who had never had more than one in a game, and Vince Fuller returned the other 81 yards for a touchdown with his first career pick. Brees now has seven interceptions, against one touchdown pass.



Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young (10) scrambles away from Orleans Saints defender Brian Young (60) on Tennessee offensive line Jacob Bell (60) blocks during the first half of an NFL football game in New Orleans, Monday.

# Despite loss, Yankees still close to playoffs

**NEW YORK** — Ibbotie Jesse Litsch allowed five hits over 7-2 innings to lead Toronto to a 4-1 victory over New York on Monday in the Yankees' final home game of the season.

New York still moved closer to a postseason, though, when Detroit lost 2-0 to Minnesota on Monday night.

## TWINS 2, TIGERS 0

**DETROIT** — Minnesota's Carlos Silva shut down Detroit over 7-2-3 innings in a loss that put the Tigers on the brink of being eliminated from the playoff race.

The defending American League champions are one loss, or a New York Yankees' win, from officially being relegated to watching this postseason. The Tigers, who have lost five of their last seven games, trail New York in the AL wild-card race by 5 1/2 games.



New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte leaves the mound after the sixth inning against the Toronto Blue Jays during MLB baseball Monday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

## RANGERS 8, ANGELS 7

**ARLINGTON, Tex.** — Marlon Byrd hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning and Texas held on for the victory.

The AL West champion Angels remained at 22 victories, the same as Boston and Cleveland, the other division leaders who were off Monday.

## ORIOLES 3, ROYALS 2

**BALTIMORE** — Nick Markakis hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning and Baltimore completed a season sweep of Kansas City.

The Orioles went 7-0 against the Royals. It's only the sixth time in club history that Baltimore swept a season series from an AL opponent.

## National League

### BREWERS 13, CARDINALS 5

**MILWAUKEE** — Prince Fielder hit his league-leading 48th home run and

Milwaukee moved within three games of first place in the NL Central with a 13-5 victory over St. Louis on Monday night.

Brewers manager Ned Yost was ejected for the second consecutive day even though his team gained a half-game on Chicago, who was off Monday. In the division, Chicago's magic number — the combination of Cubs wins and Brewers losses needed to clinch the division title — remained at four.

## NATIONALS 12, METS 4

**NEW YORK** — Austin Kearns hit a three-run homer and Ronnie Bellard drove in three runs to lead Washington.

New York's magic number to clinch the NL East remained at five and its lead in the division dropped to two games over idle Philadelphia.

— The Associated Press

# Tigers

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districts. We are also trying to get home field for districts." Gooding hosts Filer on Thursday.

## Girls soccer

**WOOD RIVER 8, JEROME 3**  
Wood River remained undefeated in the first round of the Girls Conference West with an 8-3 win over the visiting Jerome Tigers.

"Samantha Johnson played a strong game today for us," said Wood River coach Greg Gozdacz. "We are trying to gear up for districts next week. After our 4-0 win over The Community School on Saturday, we just have a lot of things clicking. It's all coming back from injuries and we just seem to be going in the right direction."

Aimee Evans scored the first two Wood River goals in the fourth and eighth minutes with assists by Johnson on the first goal and Laura Elgee on the second. Evans passed to Taylor Hayes in the 16th minute for the third Wolverine score.

The Tigers' first goal came in the 18th minute on a penalty kick by sophomore Aubree Callen.

Johnson scored the fourth Wood River goal in the 30th minute on a feed from

Tanner Dredge. A header in the 36th minute put the second score on the board for Jerome.

Dredge extended the Wood River lead to four with her second and third goals in the 49th and 55th minutes on passes from Evans. Two minutes later, Malaya-Cappell scored an assisted goal.

After Jerome scored on a free kick, Dredge scored her fourth goal in the 79th minute on a pass from Evans.

Madison Gove and Alisa Dunkelmeier each recorded a pair of saves for Wood River and there were 35 shots on goal taken by the Wolverines.

Jerome hosts Poacello on Wednesday. Wood River (7-3-1, 5-0-0) hosts Mimico on Saturday.

## Volleyball

**MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 2, TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN JV 0**

The Magic Valley Christian Conquerors defeated Twin Falls Christian junior varsity 25-14, 25-14 on Monday.

"We are inexperienced and young," said Twin Falls Christian coach Becky Johnson. "Jessica Irvin did an excellent job on defense. She made several saves on dives for digs."

Twin Falls Christian (8-6) travels to Boise on Thursday

for a tri-meet with St. Ambrose and CHAMP.

## DIETRICH 3, WENDELL 1

The visiting Blue Devils picked up a nonconference road win as Dietrich beat the host Wendell Tigers 25-23, 21-25, 25-20, 25-15 on Monday.

"We were out there to win," said Wendell coach Keller Jasper. "And we were short two players."

One of the players absent from the Monday night match was Wendell senior, Whitney Gines.

Senior Jody Lund recorded four kills for the Trojans and Laurie Andrus and Diane VanderHulst each had nine service points.

Dietrich hosts Richfield tonight. Wendell (4-7, 1-1 Canyon Conference) entertains Camas County on Monday.

**SHOSHONE 3, MURTAUGH 0**  
The Shoshone Indians swept Murtaugh 25-15, 25-10, 25-14.

Jenica Kerner recorded eight kills, and Leslie Molyneux had six kills. Rockland was scheduled to play to make the match a triangular but cancelled.

Shoshone (8-6, 5-1 Magic Valley Northside) visits Gooding today.

The tandem rotation may be Jayson Bird and senior running back Brian Flowers. Flowers is back from a hamstring injury that occurred prior to the USC game.

ging illegal human growth hormone into the U.S.

Genescence Pharmaceutical Co. and its CEO, Lei Jin, are accused of money laundering and conspiracy to facilitate the sale of smuggled goods.

Federal agents have seized \$3.4 million traced to the alleged smuggling from two New York branches of Chinese banks. Jin, who allegedly marketed the drugs under the brand name Jintropin, is believed to be living in Shanghai and is not in custody.

In all, investigators seized

more than 500 pounds of raw steroid ingredients that originated in China.

Other countries participating in the investigation were Mexico, Canada, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Sweden and Thailand.

Police in Denmark raided 26 locations across the country. Germany's federal criminal office said its agents closed five illicit labs and confiscated tons of thousands of illicit tablets and capsules as part of seizures carried out in five of the nation's 16 states.

# MSG employee says sex with Knicks star was consensual

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A Madison Square Garden employee testified Monday that she had consensual sex with New York Knicks guard Stephon Marbury, contradicting earlier claims by former executive suing the organization for sexual discrimination.

Kathleen Decker took the witness stand in a crowded Manhattan courtroom to try to settle for a jury what happened the night of her birthday in 2005 when she met Marbury at a strip club and got into the basketball star's truck.

"She said she was not intoxicated when she left the club in Mount Vernon, N.Y., intending to get a ride home with Marbury's cousin. Instead, she encountered Marbury sitting in his truck calling out to her."

"Stephon Marbury asked me: 'Are you going to get in the truck?' and I got in the truck," she told the jury. Asked if the sex was consensual, she answered, "Completely. I was in control."

One lawyer asked her if Marbury raped her. "Never," she responded.

The testimony came after fired MSG vice president Anucha Browne Sanders testified as part of her sexual harassment case that Decker told her she felt no choice but to submit to Marbury's advances.

Browne Sanders had made it part of her \$10 million claim in U.S. District Court that Madison Square Garden and the Knicks did not adequately respond to complaints of sexual harassment and abusive language by her boss, Knicks coach Isiah Thomas.

Decker was called as a witness by MSG to support its arguments that Browne Sanders was planning all along to sue Madison Square Garden and spent time before she was fired trying to build her case.

On cross examination, Decker, who was an intern at the time of the incident, said a supervisor made her feel her job might be in jeopardy after revealing the facts about the night of her birthday.

Decker became most emotional during

her half-hour on the witness stand when she testified that Browne Sanders had been mean to her during encounters before she described the Marbury episode.

"She told me to sit down and she started yelling at Decker said.

In November 2005, Decker was summoned to the offices of Browne Sanders and two other employees to describe her birthday encounter with Marbury and his

cousin as part of a public review of sexual harassment allegations against Marbury's cousin, also an MSG employee, she testified.

Decker said she told them the cousin had made an inappropriate comment to her nearly a year earlier but that she did not want to continue the case. She added that she had an outside work relationship with him as well.

While speaking alone with Browne Sanders in her office, Decker described her birthday night, she said. On the witness stand, she disputed Browne Sanders' account of the night and said she never told anyone she regretted her night with Marbury.

"I didn't say," she said.

"She said when Marbury later sent her a text message saying he wanted more, she did not respond."

Marbury had testified earlier in the trial that he and Decker had other encounters after the initial night.

Browne Sanders, a former Northwestern basketball player, was fired by the Knicks in late 2000 and was litigated by Decker, months after complaining to MSG management that she was mistreated by Thomas.

As a result of her lawsuit, Browne Sanders has asked for her job back, saying MSG retaliated against her by firing her for speaking out about sexual harassment.

The Garden claims she was dismissed in January 2006 for failure to "fulfill professional responsibilities."

Decker testified that she has since been promoted and now works for the Garden as a community relations coordinator.

# A year after reopening, Superdome still driving New Orleans' ongoing recovery

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Teakwood cabinets, polished granite countertops, fresh carpeting and new furniture were installed in the Louisiana Superdome's private suites during the offseason. Four cavernous club lounges were refurbished in a style reminiscent of a contemporary boutique hotel lobby.

Nearly a year to the day since it reopened, and just over two years since it was wrecked by Hurricane Katrina, the 31-year-old Superdome still looks good. Not has it meant as much to a city that, with each nationally televised game, is recapturing its status as a prime big-event destination.

Again this season, the NFL was featuring the Saints' regular-season home opener on "Monday Night Football." This year, however, it seemed as though more people were concerned with how the 0-2 Saints would play the 1-1 Tennessee Titans than the wisdom of spending \$100 million to restore a football stadium in a city where so much devastation remains.

"The ripple effect with the Superdome is important," said Mary Beth Romig, a spokeswoman for the New Orleans

Metropolitan Convention and Visitor's Bureau. "Groups of professionals come in for special events and see it's back in business. And when we have a game like tonight, (broadcasters) do cutaways for commercials and they're all celebrating the city rivers boats cruising on the Mississippi River or people having a good time in French Quarter."

"It sends the signal that people are here and living life," she said.

The Superdome sold out game puts 2,500 people to work. The reopening on Sept. 25, 2006 — in time for entire NFL and college football seasons, including the New Orleans Bowl and Sugar Bowl — provided a needed boost in business to area hotels, restaurants and clubs.

Perhaps as important was the morale boost it provided a city where many residents have dealt with various degrees of loss and depression.

"There's a better atmosphere than 'Monday Night Football' in New Orleans," Saints quarterback Drew Brees said.

Indeed, the Superdome is becoming synonymous with good times again, in stark contrast to the way it looked after Katrina.

# Prosecutor to seek indictments at Vick property

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** — The prosecutor in the rural county where Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick has admitted to bankrolling a dogfighting operation plans to present "a host of bills of indictment" regarding the case to a grand jury on Tuesday.

"Yes, I'm presenting matters to the grand jury that involve dogfighting at 1915 Moonlight Road," Surry County Commonwealth's Attorney Gerald G. Poindexter told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Monday.

Moonlight Road is the address of the two-story home on 15 mostly undeveloped acres that has been host to "Bad Newz Kennels" since 2001. It's where dozens of pit bulls were found in April, and where they were trained, fought and brutally created.

"Most of the matters that I'm presenting have already been admitted in sworn statements authored by the defendants in the federal proceedings," Poindexter said.

The case could detail the exact ingredients he will pursue, but said the local investigations and the federal investigation largely focused on different crimes.

"The killing of dogs is one of those statutory prohibitions. Dogfighting is a crime, the mistreatment of animals is a crime, so you could take your pick, or take them all," Poindexter said before cutting the conversation short. "I don't have anything else to say about it. I'm through with it. Hopefully it's coming to an end."

Vick's co-defendants and lawyers will not attend the closed proceeding.

Efforts to reach Vick's lawyers by telephone and e-mail were not successful.

Vick and three co-defendants have already pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges in the case, and all are awaiting sentencing in federal court before the end of the year.

also has been indefinitely suspended without pay by the NFL and been dropped by all his major sponsors, including Nike.

The local charges, and a conviction, could spell an end to any hope he has of resuming his NFL career after serving a likely federal prison term. An animal cruelty charge in Virginia is punishable by up to five years in prison, and he admitted in his written plea to helping kill six to eight pit bulls days before the first raid.

That alone could expose him to as many as 40 years in prison.

Vick, in his written plea, also admitted to supplying money for gambling on the fights involving Bad Newz Kennels dogs. He said he did not personally place any bets or share in any winnings, but gave his three co-defendants all those proceeds.

The co-defendants, all of whom pleaded guilty before Vick and detailed what they said was his involvement, agreed to testify against him had the case gone to trial.

The case began in late April when authorities conducting a dog investigation of Vick's cousin raided the former Virginia Tech star's property and seized dozens of dogs, most of them pit bulls, and equipment commonly associated with dogfighting.

Six weeks later, with the local investigation perceived to be dragging and a search warrant allowed to expire, federal agents arrived with their own search warrants and started digging up dog carcasses buried days before Vick's co-defendants had been widely criticized for the pace of the investigation, reacted angrily when the feds moved in, suggesting that Vick's celebrity was a draw, or that his public pleas of guilty had made some overtones. He later asked for those comments, saying that the sides would simply be pursuing parallel investigations.

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**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

SLAP THIS ON YOUR SHOULDER, AND SOON THE WEIGHT WILL START FALLING RIGHT OFF YOU.

THANKS! — WHAT'S IN THESE LITTLE SUCKERS?

FLESH-EATING BACTERIA.

PHARMACY

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

IS THERE ANYTHING GOOD ON?

NO.

RUSH IT UP!

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

MY LUCK DON'T LAST I'VE BEEN FINALLY GOT ME NEW BUSTOPE.

WOW! I DON'T KNOW I WAS KILLED UNTIL I REACHED DOWN AND FOUND A HOLE IN MY LEGS.

HA. IT MAKES YOU REUSE THINGS.

AND YOU CAN'T JUDGE ONE FOR ALL OF THEM.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE A SON.

THERE ARE BAD PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, BUT THERE ARE GOOD PEOPLE, TOO.

**Brevity** By Guy & Rodd

HEY EVERYBODY, I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA!

HOW MUCH YOU WANNA BET THIS IS LIMBO AGAIN?

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

DONATE TO MY CAMPAIGN, AND I'LL LET YOU DRILL FOR OIL IN MY OPPONENT'S LAWN.

AND I'LL APPOINT YOU TO RUN THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS.

IS THAT AS FUN AS IT SOUNDS?

NOT FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS.

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

CAPTAIN RAHMDIT IS THE FINEST OF THE FINEST CHECKMATE AT SHARD.

GOOD TO HEAR YOU LEFT THE LIT.

SOON!

AS SOON AS THEY REPORT FOR DUTY.

YOU JUST WISH YOUR HEAD!

THEY'RE READY TO REPORT NO MORE. YOU SEE, YOU SEE!

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

Well, Hello. Where have you been?

I know... I can smell the winter air, too.

Meow.

Meowwwww! Meowww!

Either you've mastered the English language, or someone slipped something in my tea.

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

TWO MEN WITH A LOW VOICE EVENTUALLY WERE SORRY YOU DIDN'T COME TOGETHER. HOW ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER ABOUT HIS SHAKING HIS THUMB AND THUMBING HIS THUMB?

DO YOU HAVE TO BITTER FIND WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SORRY YOU DIDN'T FINISH UNIVERSITY BEFORE GETTING HARRIED.

I WONDER HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE YOU LAST REACHED OUR HOUSE. DRUGS ARE EXPENSIVE THESE DAYS.

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

WE PREFER "KITCHEN SURFACE INSTALLERS," NOT "COUNTER-FITTERS"!

**Luan** By Greg Evans

WOW, THIS IS REALLY GOOD. YOU DEFINITELY HAVE A KNACK FOR COOKING.

MY GRANDY RAISED ME AND SHE COOKED A LOT. I GROW UP IN HER KITCHEN.

WELL, THIS SURE BEATS THE MUCK AT THE FIRE STATION...

WHAAT! HEY, I JUST HAD AN AWESOME IDEA!

WHY ARE YOU PAYING ME? WOULD YOU GUYS PAY ME?

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT TED KENNEDY AND HIS RICH CAFE COD BUDDIES BLOCKED AN ECO-FRIENDLY "WIND FARM" ON NANTUCKET SOUND!

HE USED TO BE ONE OF MY HEROES!

Now... I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE BOB DYLAN DID THAT "VICTORIA'S SECRET" COMMERCIAL.

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

SON, TALK TO YOUR UNCLE. HE HASN'T SEEN YOU IN TWELVE YEARS.

BUT I DON'T WANT TO SAY I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM? HE WALKS ON ALL FOURS.

HE'S HE'S CHANGED. HE'S JUST CHANGED.

OH, SON... HE DIDN'T CHANGE... YOU DID.

BAAA

AND NOT FOR THE BETTER. SAYS YOUR PEEVED UNCLE TED.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

HMM, INTERESTING.

WHAT IS IT?

AN AD IN THE CLASSIFIEDS FOR A SENIOR BUMER. I HAD NO IDEA THERE WAS SUCH A THING.

I WONDER HOW MUCH THEY'D GIVE ME FOR EARLY?

DON'T THINK A SENIOR BUMER ACTUALLY BUYS SENIORS.

OH, TOO BAD.

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

UH, ROSE, I WAS PLANNING TO WEAR THAT SHIRT TO WORK!

I JUST WANTED TO KEEP A FRET OF YOUR MIND. HE ALL DAY!

THAT IS SO ROMANTIC! HOW ABOUT IF I TRADE YOU FOR SOMETHING NICE?

OHAY!

BY THE WAY, MY HAT NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD!

UH-HUH.

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

YIK! TEENAGE BOYS ONLY HAVE ONE THING ON THEIR MINDS!

WOW! I'VE NEVER SEEN A TEENAGE BOY WITH A MIND!

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

WELL... IT EITHER MEANS WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO BE Worry ABOUT, OR WE'RE TOAST

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

WATCH JAZZ COME UP THE MISSISSIPPI FROM NEW ORLEANS

## Expect wild passion today, Taurus

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

**IF SEPT. 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are one of those people who may identify with the quotation, "It is always darkest before the dawn." Past mistakes or errors could come back to haunt you in November or December, but if your past is squeaky clean there will be no sign of troubles. Things improve dramatically by the first of the year. You may find career success or even a significant relationship before the end of April.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Intellectual effort is accentuated. You will shine if you can stretch your mental muscles. Romance takes a turn for the better as the night unfolds, so prepare for sensuous hanky panky.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Where love is concerned, the thrill usually lies in the chase. Under these stars, however, a mild flirtation could unleash unexpected wild passions. Go ahead and prove your ardor.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Stay on your toes. Tackle mental work that requires lightning-fast reflexes and a good grasp of detail. Innocent flirting may lead to expressions of passionate desire

under these seductive stars.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Look beneath the surface. Romantic yearnings might come to the forefront before the day is done. Under someone's stiff and cold exterior lurks a heart that is thumping with passionate desire.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Someone might light your fire. The urge to merge grows stronger with each passing minute only if you are teamed up with the right person.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Show off your bling. Getting someone's intense notice is all about having an attractive appearance, with possessions that reflect your desirability. You can attain whatever you truly want.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Prepare to sail off into what may prove to be a very seductive sunset with an amorous conquest. You have the opportunity to fatten your wallet or purchase something of great desirability.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** The path that leads to a new venture might be paved with gold. Don't discount your undeniable attractiveness. What seems like a casual flirtation might conceal profound passions.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Wild thing, make someone's heart sing. Your irrefutable animal magnetism could be a big turn on for a certain someone this evening. Escape for hours of romantic mutual bliss.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** It doesn't pay to be shy. Be warm and welcoming or at least take a few decisive steps towards achieving your goals. A friend who harbors a secret passion for you is just waiting for a great light.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You can't take half measures where love is concerned. Find ways to squirrel away cash for a rainy day or make an investment that will provide the means for extra leisure time.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** If you've got it, flaunt it. It could be your sexy smile or your powerful connections that act as a turn on for a certain someone. Warm, amorous fires that were dimming will be rekindled.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

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Hi and Lols

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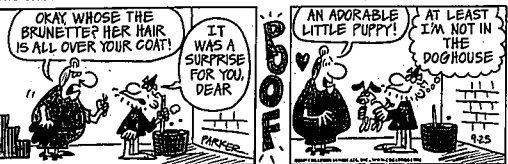
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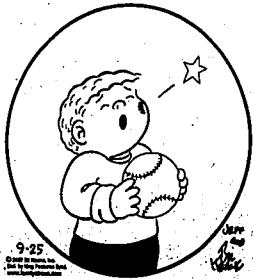
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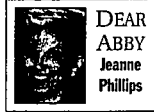


# Women of a certain age do not want to be 'ma'ams'

DEAR ABBY: My friend and I read your column often and usually agree with your advice, but we could not disagree more with your response to "Definitely Not Your Ma'am in South Carolina" (July 14). She's the first woman who feels that being addressed as "ma'am" is derogatory because she thinks it's a derivative of "mamma," and another way of keeping women in their place.

You told her she was mistaken in the "ma'am" issue. It is not just a courtesy, it is mandatory when a member is addressing a female of higher rank. I'm proud to be a ma'am.

— SHARON BIVINS, M.D.  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

responses were based on geographic location and service in the military. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You should have pointed out that "ma'am" is the equivalent of "sir" and in the military it is not just a courtesy, it is mandatory when a member is addressing a female of higher rank. I'm proud to be a ma'am.

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DEAR ABBY: It's ironic that "Definitely Not Your Ma'am" is the only column in the "Dear Abby" that has a title that is not a question. The term derives from "madam," which in turn derives from the French "ma dame" — which translates in English to "my lady." Therefore, and I say this is true north of the Mason-Dixon line as well as south of it — to be called "ma'am" is as close as anyone in the U.S. can get to being referred to as royalty.

— R.WENAPPELL,  
MENLO PARK, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Thank God for people like Dear Abby, who is educated enough to recognize idiots when they're present.

My mother would turn over in her grave if I addressed a lady by her first name. I answered "ma'am" to the first woman in my neighborhood who called me that. I don't think that respect can be any more sincere than love for one's mother. If "Definitely" doesn't like the tradition in the South, then she should move. It seems that the younger generation is no longer respectful to anyone — including themselves.

— TRUE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN

DEAR ABBY: If "Definitely" is miffed about being addressed as "ma'am," then maybe we should start referring to each other as "hey you." A word of advice to "Definitely," who thought she knew what "ma'am" meant: It's not a dictionary as a first tool to consult before putting your opinions in writing for the world to see. On the other hand, failing to do so certainly makes for amusing reading.

— ANNIE PHILLIPS,  
HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2007. There are 97 days left in the year.

### Today's highlight:

Fifty years ago, on Sept. 25, 1957, nine black students were bused to Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

### On this date:

- In 1493, Christopher Columbus set sail from Cadiz, Spain, with a fleet of 17 ships on his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere.
- In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean.
- In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal.
- In 1789, the first U.S. Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)
- In 1890, Wilford Woodruff, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, issued a Manifesto formally renouncing the practice of polygamy.
- In 1919, President Wilson came out after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.
- In 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable went into service.
- In 1973, the three-man crew of the U.S. space laboratory Skylab 2 splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean after spending 59 days in orbit.
- In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.
- In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.
- Ten years ago: President Clinton pulled open the door of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., as he welcomed nine blacks who'd faced fire-bombers 40 years earlier. Sportscenter Marv Albert ended his trial in

- Arlington, Va., by pleading guilty to assault and battery: 45 minutes, NBC fired him (the network later rehired him). The NBC prime-time drama "ER" did its season premiere live for the Eastern United States, then repeated the performance live for the West Coast.
- Fifty years ago: American schoolchildren escaped a rebel-held Ivory Coast city that was under siege as U.S. special forces and French troops moved in to rescue Westerners caught in the West African nation's bloody uprising. Tropical Storm "Isidore" drenched the Gulf Coast.
- One year ago: British forces in Iraq shot and killed Omar al-Faruqi, a leading al-Qaida terrorist, more than a year after he embarrassed the U.S. military by escaping from a maximum security military prison in Afghanistan. Four French tourists kidnapped in Yemen were freed after more than two weeks in captivity. The Louisiana Superdome, a symbol of misery during Hurricane Katrina, reopened for a New Orleans Saints game. (The Saints defeated the Atlanta Falcons, 23-3.)

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- Broadcast Journalist Barbara Walters is 78.
- Country singer Ian Tyson is 74.
- Rhythm-and-blues singer Joe Russell is 68.
- Actor Robert Walden is 64.
- Actor-producer Michael Douglas is 63.
- Model Cheryl Tiegs is 60.
- Actress Mimi Kennedy is 59.
- Actor-director Anson Williams is 58.
- Actor Mark Hamill is 56.
- Polka bandleader Jimmy Sturr is 56.
- Actor Collin Friels is 55.
- Actor Michael Madsen is 49.
- Actress Heather Locklear is 46.
- Actress Alda Turturno is 45.
- Actor Tate Donovan is 44.



Basketball player Scottie Pippen is 42.  
Actor Jason Flemyng is 41.  
Actor Will Smith is 40.  
Actor Hal Sparks is 38.  
Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones is 38.  
Actress Bridgette Wilson-Sampras is 34.  
Actor Chris Owen is 27.  
Actor Lee Norris is 26.  
Singer Diana Ortiz (Dream) is 22.  
Actress Emily Clarke ("Monk") is 16.

## THOUGHT

"It is as fatal as it is cowardly to blink (at) facts because they are not to our taste."  
— John Tyndall, English physicist (1820-1893)

# Worker takes company's Porsche for a spin, jailed for going 172 mph

LONDON (AP) — A rental car worker who was clocked at 172 mph in his company's Porsche was ordered jailed Monday for 10 weeks.

Tim Brady, 33, who was caught Jan. 27, became the fastest speeder ever convicted in Britain. He beat the previous record of 158 mph — set by car dealer Jason McAllister in 2003.

Brady was caught driving the \$198,000 Porsche 911 Turbo, which he took from his employer, luxury car rental firm, Hertz PLC, authorities said.

Brady had nagged his boss to take the Porsche out the day before, but was repeatedly told no, authorities said.

Judge David Morton called the act "criminally self-indulgent."

He quit his job a day after he was caught.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly morning frost, then mostly sunny and mainly dry. Highs in the 60s
Tonight: Mostly clear and cool. Lows in the 40s
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and hot in the east. Highs near 70

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny, mainly dry and cool. Highs low 60s
Tonight: A crisp and mostly clear night. Lows upper 50s
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and a low depress. milder. Highs upper 60s

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Prep. Lists weather for various locations like Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Jerome, etc.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 6 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count. Includes sunrise/sunset times and pollen count.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Regional forecast for Idaho with maps and text for Sun Valley, Boise, Northern Utah, and Twin Falls.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

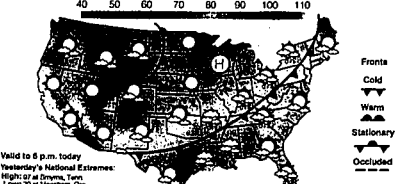
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Denver, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for international cities like London, Tokyo, Sydney, etc.

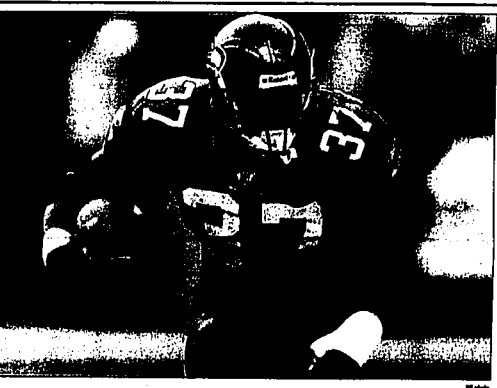
TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities like Toronto, Vancouver, etc.

Quote from Gregg Middlekauff: 'The key to making energy is desire. It's also the key to being and intrinsically life. It's we expect to give others, not just for ourselves, but for the world.'



With his sprained left wrist in a cast, Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander carries the football against the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday in Seattle. Alexander has a broken left wrist, but will continue to play with a protective cast, coach Mike Holmgren said Monday.

Seahawks RB Alexander cracked bone in left wrist

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander has a broken left wrist, but will continue to play with a protective cast. Alexander left Sunday's victory over Cincinnati while holding his wrist after line-backer Lamar Marshall tackled him at the end of a 5-yard run late in the first half. 'That tweaked it just a little bit,' Holmgren said. 'He got it banded, so they took more pictures.' Alexander initially was wearing a smaller, less cumbersome cast Sunday than the one he wore in Week 2 at Arizona. But when he returned in the second half he was wearing a larger, more protective cast. He finished with 100 yards rushing, 44 in the final quarter, including a 14-yard run on fourth-and-1 that set up the winning touchdown pass with 1 minute left for Seattle (2-1). 'I'm pretty beat up,' Alexander said after the game. 'These last three weeks have probably been the most physical for me in a long time.' Monday's news immediately recalled the crack in Alexander's foot that started as a severe bruise in Week 1 last season. He played three games before further tests found a fracture. He missed six games and finished with fewer than 1,000 yards rushing for the first time since he became Seattle's feature back in 2001.



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"All by myself, wrapped in my thoughts, And building castles in Spain and in France."  
— Charles d'Orleans

Here, Mari Carmen Santos and Maria Luisa Matu of the Spanish ladies' team were defending against four spades by Italy. The deal shows there is no such thing as a cast-iron rule at bridge.

One rule is to lead the lowest card from three cards to an honor. However, when your hand lacks entries, it can be right to start with the honor, thus retaining the lead. In today's auction, Matu as West knew that her partner was likely to be sitting with the diamonds over dummy, and she also knew that she was not going to regain the lead to play diamonds through again. So if ever there was a moment to lead high, not low, from a three-card suit, this was it.

It turned out that the queen of diamonds was the only lead to defeat the contract. Three rounds of diamonds forced South to ruff, and when the 4-1 spade break came to light, declarer had to discontinue drawing trumps in order to knock out the heart ace. Now Santos (East) could either take the heart ace on the first round and play a fourth diamond to promote her partner's spade nine, or take the heart ace on the second round to give West a heart ruff.

Note that had West led a low diamond at trick one, declarer ducks. East wins with the jack, but can no longer force declarer. The loss of tempo is fatal to the defense.

ANSWER: The simple solution here is to try for game by repeating the hearts to show 5-5. This seems to me to be too pushy. Change the heart two to the club two and you would have a truly dead minimum in terms of shape and high cards. I would pass two spades and hope I can make it.

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# Get your hands dirty



## Learn the whys and hows of composting

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

As the weather turns cool, leaves are beginning to fall. After you rake them into a pile for the kids to jump in, don't bag them and leave them on the curb. Try composting instead.

"This is a really good time of year to get started on composting," said Robin Baumgartner, public education coordinator for Southern Idaho Solid Waste in Twin Falls. "I'm a firm believer everybody can compost."

All it takes is an out-of-the-way corner, an understanding of the basics, and a few minutes now and then to add kitchen waste or turn the pile. Composting dramatically decreases the amount of waste entering landfills and the greenhouse gases that rise from that waste. The end product is a terrific source of nutrients for houseplants or gardens. And, done right, it doesn't smell.

"We're really trying to encourage composting," said to Ann Robbins, a University of Idaho Extension educator in Jerome.

### Why compost?

There are two main reasons people compost. The first is to reduce waste that piles up at landfills and releases methane, a harmful greenhouse gas. Naturemill.com reports that food waste is the least recycled material among recyclables, and that paper and food waste — both of which can be recycled — account for half of all municipal solid waste. "A lot of people who compost) just want a better way than just throwing it out the curb," Baumgartner said. The second reason is closer to home.

"You're making something beneficial to your garden," Baumgartner said. If you don't have a garden, compost can be used to enrich the soil of houseplants equally well. "It can correct a multitude of soil problems."

Composting is also an easy way to teach youngsters about the natural world. "If you've got kids, it's a good way to incorporate science into everyday life," Baumgartner said. She suggested having children raise test plants with different amounts of compost. In the soil to learn how it affects plant growth.

### Where to start?

If you'll be composting outside, find a spot away from walls and fences — the decomposition process can rot wood and foundations — and out of direct sunlight. Bins are readily available from the waste department or at home and garden stores. If you choose not to use one, pick a location out of the wind, or you may find the leaves you just raked up blown back across your garden.

What you leave out of the pile is nearly as important as what you put in it.

### Don't compost:

- Dairy
- Meat
- Fish
- Heavy oils
- Egg yolks and whites
- Cat and dog waste (Introduces the possibility of cross-species illnesses)
- Inorganic materials, including plastic, metal, glass and ceramic

### Do compost:

- Vegetable and fruit waste
- Grains (rice, pasta, bread)
- Eggshells

- Cardboard and paper (avoid glossy, plasticized paper)
- Yard waste
- Waste from pets or farm animals that eat primarily grass

According to Baumgartner, the best compost comes from a 2-to-1 proportion of dry waste and wet waste. "You want to have a balance of dry material and fresh, wet, green material," she said. Most yard waste would fall into the former category (except lawn clippings), while most kitchen waste would fall into the latter category. If you don't have a yard, use shredded cardboard and paper bags as dry waste.

Keeping the pile aerated is critical to the composting process, because the microorganisms that break down the waste require oxygen to operate. That's why oils shouldn't go in the pile: The oil molecules coat the microorganisms so they can't absorb oxygen. Moisture is also important, so don't use just dry yard waste in your compost pile.

"You want the air and the water to get into the middle of the pile," Baumgartner said. "That's one of the important things, to keep it composting, is to stir it up every now and then."

If your compost pile develops an offensive odor, the pile needs to be turned or have more dry material added. Or, you may have added protein (meat or dairy) by mistake. "It reduces the yuckiness of your garbage" to keep those protein sources out of the pile, Robbins said.

If you suspect rats or other critters are getting into your compost, bury food scraps beneath dry material or more composted material.

Though compost bins may not appear

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Robin Baumgartner, public education coordinator for Southern Idaho Solid Waste, shows a compost container. She gives them away with the composting classes she teaches, and they are for sale at the waste department.

At [magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com)

### For help composting

Contact Robin Baumgartner, public education coordinator for Southern Idaho Solid Waste, at [www.slsw.org](http://www.slsw.org) or 432-9082. Although no composting classes are scheduled this fall, Baumgartner will take the names of individuals interested in future classes.

### Help on the Web

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# American bird populations in decline

By Seth Bernstein  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The populations of nearly two dozen common American birds — the fence-sitting meadowlark, the frenetic Rufous hummingbird and the whippoorwill with its haunting call — are half what they were 40 years ago.

The northern bobwhite and its familiar wake-up whistle, once seemed to be everywhere in the East. Last Christmas, volunteer bird counters could find only three of them and only 18 Eastern meadowlarks in Massachusetts.

Twenty different common bird species — those with populations more than half a million and covering a wide range — have seen

"We are concerned. Is it an emergency? No, but concerns can quickly become an emergency"

— Audubon Board Chairman Carol Browner

populations fall at least in half since 1967, according to a study by the National Audubon Society. The bird group compared databases for 550 species from two different bird surveys: its own Christmas bird count and the U.S. Geological Survey's breeding bird survey in June.

Some of the birds, such as the evening grosbeak, used to be so plentiful that people would complain about how they crowded bird-feeders and finished off 50-pound sacks of sunflower seeds in just a couple days. But the color-

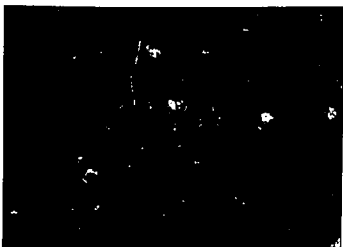
ful and gregarious grosbeak's numbers have plummeted 78 percent in the past 40 years. "It was an amazing phenomena all through the '70s that's just disappeared. It's just a really dramatic thing because it was in people's backyards and (now) it's not in people's backyards," said study author Greg Butcher, Audubon's bird conservation director.

Many of the species in decline depend on open grassy habitats that are disappearing because of suburban sprawl. Climate change and invasive species are to blame,

too, he said. "Most of these we don't expect will go extinct," Butcher said. "We think they reflect other things that are happening in the environment that we should be worried about."

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The northern bobwhite has seen the biggest drop in population among common birds in North America since 1967. The bobwhite's numbers have dropped from 3.1 billion in 1967 to 5.4 million now, according to The National Audubon Society.



In a worm bin at a Southern Idaho Solid Waste facility, worms eat food scraps brought in by employees and excrete compost useful for adding nutrients to soil. Worm bins don't produce much odor and can be kept indoors.

## Composting

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to be big. The decomposing action means a bin can be added to for months or years before it will need emptying.

"One of the little bins can be accommodated right outside your back door because they don't smell and are attractive," Robbins said. "It literally takes years for them to fill up."

If your bin is across the yard or across the property, it may be convenient to have a small covered bucket on the kitchen counter that you empty once every few days.

### Not for the squeamish

For homes with small yards or no yards, vermicomposting might be right. No, it's not composting with vermin, it's composting with worms. Commonly called red wigglers, *Eisenia fetida* worms are particularly effective at consuming organic waste and transforming it into useful, nutrient-rich compost.

"They're very adept at living in a closed environment," Baumgartner said. For the worms serving a family of four that would be a bin 1 foot deep, 3 feet long and 2 feet wide, filled initially with torn-up cardboard or cor (a coconut husk byproduct). She suggested ordering the red wigglers via catalog or the Internet, although bait shops sometimes sell them.

The worms are tolerant of a variety of conditions but should be kept between 50 degrees and 85 degrees — a basement would be a good place for the bin year-round. They can go for weeks without eating, but have quite an appetite. "The worms can eat half their weight in food a day," Baumgartner said.

### The end result

Whether using a worm bin or an outdoor pile, you'll want to know when your compost is done.

Think mulch. "Like a really good muffin, it shouldn't be (too) crumbly, but it shouldn't be soggy either," Baumgartner said. "When compost is finished, it should be dark brown and crumbly uniform. It should smell earthy and rain-foresty."

She has a trick for telling whether the composting is truly complete. Take a handful, and seal it in a plastic zipper bag for a few days. If it smells rotten or "oil" when you come back to it, leave the pile to decompose some more.

You'll probably be eager to shovel that compost right onto your garden, but wait a bit. Remove the compost from the bin, stir it up and let it sit for about three weeks. This will give the microorganisms time to leave the finished pile. It's the microorganisms that make compost "hot," leading to the "burn" of existing plants that some gardeners fear.

Ultimately, creating the perfect compost can take a bit of practice and a bit of fiddling with the proportions of wet material, dry material, moisture and oxygen.

"Eventually you will get compost," Baumgartner said. "It just takes trial and error to find the method that's right for you."

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## The watermelon trials

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## Decline

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chickadee, common tern, loggerhead shrike, field sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, snow bunting, black-throated sparrow, lark sparrow, common grackle, American bittern, horned lark, little blue heron and ruffed grouse.

"Things we all think of as familiar backyard birds ... they appear in books and children's stories and suddenly some of them are way less familiar than they should be," said John Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell ornithology lab, who was not part of the study.

The northern bobwhite had the biggest drop among common birds. In 1967, there were 31 million of the plump ground-loving bird. Now they number about 5 million.

"If you look in the Northeast, it's almost gone from New England and pretty much New York as well..." Butcher said.

In some cases, there are still plenty of birds left, despite large surprising drop-offs. The common grackle used to be as plentiful as people in 1967, with both human and grackle populations hovering around 200 million. Now the grackle is down to 73 million and humans are up to 300 million.

But while these common birds are in decline, others are taking their place or even elbowing them aside. The wild turkey, once in deep trouble, is growing at a rate of 14 percent a year. The double-crested cormorant, pushed nearly to extinction by DDT, is growing at a rate of 8 percent a year and populations of the pesky Canada goose increase by 7 percent yearly.

Many of the birds that are disappearing are specialists, while the thriving ones are generalists that do well in urban sprawl and all kinds of environments, Butcher said. In a way it's the Wal-Martization of America's



The Northern pintail duck ranks third in population decreases among common American birds. Its population has dropped 77 percent since 1967, according to The National Audubon Society.

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skies, he said.

"The robins, the Carolina wrens, the blue jays, the crows, those kinds of birds, are doing just fine, thank

you," Butcher said. "They really get along in suburban habitats, most of them even like city parks, so they are not as susceptible to the human

changes in environment."

But nothing matches the take-over ability of one invading bird.

"Right now the Eurasian collared-dove is conquering America," Butcher said. A dove-like bird that first entered Florida in the 1980s, it now is the most prevalent bird in the Sunshine State and is in more than 30 states.

"Soon you'll be seeing Eurasian collared-doves in any city in the world," he said.

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**Forages:** Good quality grass hay is green and has visible leaves and young seed heads.

**Forages, also known as "roughage,"** are plant materials classified as legumes or grasses, found in pastures or in hay. Often, pastures and hayfields will contain a blend of both grasses and legumes. Nutrients available in forage vary greatly with maturity of the grasses, fertilization, management, and environmental conditions.

**Hay:** is a dried mixture of grasses and legumes. It's cut in the field and then dried and baled for storage. Hay is most nutritious when it is cut early on, before the seed heads are fully mature and before the stems of the plants become tough and thick. Hay that is very green can be a good indicator of the amount of protein in the hay; however, color should not be used as sole indicator. smell and texture are also important. Another type of forage sometimes provided to horses is beet pulp, a byproduct left over from the processing of sugar beets, which is high in energy as well as fiber.

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## Big Sky hearing today in Jerome County

A hearing for a controversial confined-animal feedlot operation permit will be held from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. today at the district court at the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

The hearing relates to a permit application on behalf of Big Sky Limited Partnership, a company that wants to open a feedlot near the Mindoka Internment National Monument. The hearing, which is scheduled to continue 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday, is open to the public.

### If you go

**What:** Hearing on proposed Big Sky feedlot in Jerome County.  
**Where:** District courtroom, Jerome County Courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.  
**When:** 3-10 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday.

## T.F. County approves fee for juveniles

The Twin Falls County commissioners agreed Monday to create a \$25 fine to juveniles on probation who miss scheduled meetings.

The decision stems from how juveniles have missed appointments with their probation officers and the county endures the cost. The county often contracts with translators who cost \$25 per hour, the commissioners said.

Kevin Sandau, the county's chief probation officer, told the commissioners he was unsure how often the missed appointments involve translators but assured them it occurs "more than it should."

"Probation is a privilege," said Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell.

## Sheriff to review bids to update prison

Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey was authorized Monday by the county commissioners to review bids from six companies to update an inmate phone system in the county jail.

Jail cells have phones for prisoners in the cells, allowing them to make off-site calls; if accepted, the calls are charged to the person on the other end. The calls are private when prisoners call their attorneys.

The county receives a percentage of the phone call cost from the company, Tousey said. Last year, the county receives about \$35,000.

The new system is part of an ongoing project to update the jail. The main console — equipment running the jail's cameras and locks and intercoms — is being reviewed as well.

—By Jared S. Hopkins

## Convicted Gooding inmate on loose

### Sheriff unsure how man escaped from jail — twice

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

A Rupert man facing a long prison term twice escaped from the Gooding County jail over the weekend and remains on the loose.

Scott Howard Holmes, 39, escaped from the Gooding County jail at 4 a.m. Saturday. How he got out is still unclear.

Shortly afterwards, Gooding police caught him and took him back to be booked in the receiving area at the jail, said Jeff Ray, spokesman for the

Idaho Department of Correction. That's when he allegedly assaulted a female officer and again broke free.

Authorities would not comment when asked about the officer's injuries, or say exactly when Holmes made his second break.

The Gooding County Sheriff's Office asks for help locating Holmes. He is white with a pale complexion, brown hair and brown eyes. He is 6 feet, 1 inch tall and weighs 220 pounds.

Holmes had been convicted of



Holmes

felony burglary, forgery and aggravated assault in Twin Falls and Mindoka counties. Because Holmes had already been convicted of felonies he was under state jurisdiction even though he was still in a county jail.

He had been in the Gooding County jail since Sept. 6, Ray said. Holmes had also been convicted in 2001 of grand theft in Arizona, Ray said.

"He was heading to prison," Ray said.

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said he thought his jail was holding Holmes for Lincoln County.

How Holmes escaped — both times — is still under investigation.

"We haven't figured that out yet," Gough said.

# Swappin' land



Forest Radmall, left, Dominic Calhoun, center, and Aestia Thompson, right, all fourth graders at Oregon Trail Elementary school enjoy an afternoon recess on a playground at the school Monday afternoon in Twin Falls. The district and city are still working on a potential deal that could turn land near the school over to the city for park development.

## City, school district finalize deal; land near Oregon Trail Elementary still in works

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council agreed Monday to waive fees and road improvement requirements near a new high school in exchange for several properties owned by the Twin Falls School District, a nearly equal swap of more than \$500,000 on each side.

The agreement, which follows months of negotiations between the city and the district, stems from rising construction costs associated with the Canyon Ridge High School in northwest Twin Falls and the city's desire for parkland. A \$49 million school bond approved by voters last year has proven to be insufficient in funding all the district's projects.

Twin Falls Community Development Director Mitch Humble said the city and the district share tax-

payers and the fees would be redundant. Humble said in the other cities he's worked it is common for properties owned by the city to be exempt from such costs.

"The city wins, the district wins and the taxpayers win," he said before Monday's meeting.

The city agreed to waive all permit fees — which totaled \$173,854 — that are standard for properties, as well as three major road improvements. Altogether, the city's exemptions will come to \$509,854.

North College Road, which borders the school property, will remain unchanged. Usually, new developments must redo roads to comply with city code.

Cheney Drive will be upgraded by developers who own the North Haven subdivision, which includes a proposed Wal-Mart.

Washington Street North

construction will be paid for by the city and other government agencies as part of a multi-million dollar widening project scheduled to begin next year.

The district would also be exempt from paying for a traffic light at the intersection of North College Road and Washington Street North. No light is currently scheduled to be built, but one will be installed at Cheney Drive.

The school district is scheduled to provide the following, which is estimated at \$503,500:

- More than one acre on the north edge of where Canyon Ridge High School will be. The land, located on the east side of Park View Drive, will likely be used for bargaining purposes in future land-swap agreements, said Humble.
- Two acres of property located on Hankins Road. This property will have a

pressurized irrigation pump station.

- About 11 acres east of Blue Lakes Boulevard South and north of 3600 North. This land is part of a larger property that the district owns. It is expected to be developed into a community park that would include baseball diamonds or soccer fields.

- More than 56 water shares from the Twin Falls Canal Company will be directed to a pressurized irrigation pump center that will be built by the city for \$66,000. Unlike most properties that hand over water shares to the city upon annexation, the high school will keep them.

The council and district made no decision on more than three acres south of Oregon Trail Elementary that could be developed into a park, house a

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## Uncharted waters

### Local Realtor proposes more Magic Valley charter schools

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

As Judy Holland watched Xavier Charter School come together, she noticed something else — how many parents couldn't get their children into the school.

Xavier, Twin Falls' first charter school, only had room for 273 students when it opened just more than a week ago. To Holland, the school was a wonderful idea, but it needed to handle more.

That's when the Realtor, who works for Canyonside Realty in Twin Falls, took matters into her own hands. After learning of a Utah company that manages charter schools from a co-worker, she and others organized an informational session this evening for Magic Valley residents who want to see more of the schools in the area.

The session — 6 p.m. at the Twin Falls Board of Realtors at 1162 Eastland Drive N., Suite 1 — will feature as speaker Jed Stevenson, head of Academics West, the company, based in Kaysville, Utah, manages the business affairs for 10 charter schools in that state. Stevenson said Monday that though he's visiting as an adviser, he's also eager to meet those who show up to the meeting and see what the odds are of a school starting up in the Magic Valley.

"Most of these people, they have a desire," he said. "They know what they want, but they have no idea how to get there."

In Holland's case, there are several desires. The grandmother said she'd like to see charter schools in Kimberly, Twin Falls, Jerome and the Burley/Rupert area. The schools, she said, would help relieve overcrowding in public school districts and would save taxpayers money otherwise spent through bond elections, such as a future one in Kimberly.

"They're bursting at the seams, trying to pass another bond," she said. "People want a choice, is what it amounts to anymore."

Any proposals from Holland's group would follow in the steps of Xavier and the Southern Idaho Learning Center Lab School. The latter would serve grades six through eight and offer remedial intervention and specialized curriculum to prepare students for college. It was referred to the Idaho Public Charter School Commission in May by the Twin Falls School District.

If Academics became involved in any future schools — which would be nonprofits and aren't formed by the company — it would allow the teachers and parents who often form them to focus on their jobs and leave administrative duties such as payroll management and human resources in more-experienced hands, Stevenson said. That can make for a better start for a fresh school — assuming Holland's group decides to make one.

"If they enter into it with lots of emotion and don't get a very good plan," Stevenson said, "sometimes it can take a few years for them to get off the ground."

# Gooding hospital announces public hearings

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

It's time to speak up. Gooding Memorial Hospital wants to partner with St. Luke's Health System to manage the hospital's independent administrative functions. But "hospital leaders"

want the blessing of Gooding County residents first, and several public hearings and informal chats are planned for the next month to explain the idea and gather response.

The nonprofit would give the hospital a way to borrow enough money — \$25 million — to replace its current

40-year-old, 35,000-square foot facility. Four public hearings with hospital CEO Earl Fitzpatrick and the hospital's board of directors are scheduled for October:

- Gooding High School, 7 p.m. on Oct. 7
- Wendell High School, 7 p.m. on Oct. 8
- Hagerman Senior Center,

- 7 p.m. on Oct. 15
  - Bliss School Cafeteria, 7 p.m. on Oct. 16
- Fitzpatrick will also be available for more informal chats at these locations:
- Sally's Office Solutions in Gooding 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 3
  - Wendell City Hall, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 10

- Hagerman Senior Center, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 17
  - Odawa Café in Bliss, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18
- Public feedback will determine if the hospital moves forward with the plan. For more information, visit <http://www.goodinghospital.org/>.







# House committee subpoenas labor secretary for Utah mine documents

By Jennifer Tahelm  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A House committee has issued a subpoena demanding that Labor Secretary Elaine Chao give up documents related to the August coal mine collapses in central Utah that killed nine people. Lawmakers say they have exhausted other options.

Last month, the Labor Education and Labor Committee asked for a slew of records related to the department's oversight of the Granddall Canyon mine, including internal communications with the mine operators.

A spokesman for Chairman George Miller, D-Calif., said Monday that while Chao's agency has given the committee some of the requested information, it hasn't yet produced the internal documents.

The committee has no choice but to subpoena the

information, Miller spokesman Tom Kiley said. Chao has until 5 p.m. on Oct. 9 to produce the records.

"Those communications are vital to the committee's investigation," Kiley said. "The committee intends to conduct a comprehensive, independent investigation of the tragedy so that we can help learn what steps we can take to prevent future tragedies."

Department spokesman David James called the subpoena "political grandstanding."

The committee's demand "is very disappointing in light of the department's extensive good-faith effort to respond to the chairman's voluminous document requests," James said.

Nine people died in two cave-ins at the mine. Six miners trapped on Aug. 6 are presumed dead and remain entombed more than 1,500 feet below ground. Three rescuers, including a govern-

ment mine safety inspector, were killed in a second collapse on Aug. 16 while trying to tunnel to the men.

The accident came a year after several high-profile coal mine disasters spurred a flurry of new mine-safety laws. It has led some to question the performance of the Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Miller's committee and a Senate panel both will hold hearings next week about the disaster.

Among other things, lawmakers want to know why MSHA allowed certain mining techniques there, which experts have said likely contributed to the Aug. 6 collapse.

Both cave-ins are believed to have been caused by a "bump" or spontaneous explosion from the mine roof or wall, caused by pressure from the heavy mountain above. Bumps are common in Utah's deep mines.

# Game players line up for 'Halo 3'

Los Angeles Times

It's been billed as the biggest day in entertainment history. The video game, "Halo 3," which was released this morning, is expected to pull in more than \$150 million in sales in 24 hours.

In Twin Falls, only a few stores opened early or held special events to promote the video game.

GameStop, in the Magic Valley Mall, opened its doors at midnight to sell the game to die-hard gamers. But other retailers, such as Best Buy, did not open early for those people waiting to buy the game.

By comparison, "Spider-Man 3" blitzed box-office records when it took in \$151 million at theaters during its three-day opening weekend in May. So are games really a big, green business than movies? Not quite.

Although the revenues from games have grown rapidly in the past few years, they are dwarfed by the sums of money generated by Hollywood blockbusters. Much has been made of the increasing similar-

ities between games and movies, but actually their economies remain far apart.

Movie budgets, for example, regularly reach into the hundreds of millions of dollars, while game budgets rarely break \$20 million. That's a fraction of the amount studios spend on marketing alone.

Movies also generate far more revenue, largely because they have sales outlets other than theaters. Games have one shot — at retail. As a result, the movie business is projected to hit \$84.3 billion globally this year, more than double the \$37.5 billion forecasted for the games industry, according to NPDWaterhouseCoopers.

What makes the video-game business tantalizing is the potential profits. Microsoft Corp., which publishes "Halo 3," has the potential to see a profit margin of 80 percent or more for the game.

according to analysts.

The Times-News contributed to this story.

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# Jeffs jury says it's deadlocked on one count

By Jennifer Dobner  
Associated Press writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Jurors said Monday they were deadlocked on one of two charges in the case against a polygamist sect leader accused of sex crimes in the arranged marriage of a 14-year-old girl to an older cousin.

The jury sent a note to the judge about 3:20 p.m. MDT on the first full day of deliberations in the trial of Warren Jeffs, president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He is charged with two counts of rape as an accomplice.

"We have a hung jury regarding the second count," the jury said in a note. "We do not believe further deliberation is needed. How do we go about it at this point?"

Fifth District Judge James Shumate talked to attorneys on both sides, then brought jurors into the courtroom. He advised them to look at their instructions and keep talking.

"Keep your minds open," Shumate said.

Jurors ordered dinner and planned to work into the evening, court spokeswoman Nancy Volmer said.

The jury's note made no mention of the first charge in the case, also rape by accomplice.

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