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Supreme Court won't consider two church-state disputes

Justices also decline to hear two Idaho cases

By Paul West and Mark Sherman Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court returned to work Monday by sidestepping two church-state cases that social conservatives had hoped the justices would use to chart a rightward course.

The justices decided not to consider a challenge by religious groups to a New York law requiring health plans to cover birth control, pills, and a California case in which an evangelical group was denied use of a public library for religious services.

"We were hoping the Supreme Court would provide broader protections for religious liberties, and both these cases were excellent vehicles to do that," said Jordan Kanter, attorney representing the evangelical group that was turned away from the library in Antioch, Calif.

Monday's session — the first of the term — opened with Chief Justice John Roberts, who suffered an unexplained seizure during the summer, actively questioning lawyers in two cases argued before justices.

The court also declined to consider the Idaho cases of a death row inmate and a convicted sex offender.

The nation's highest court on Monday rejected the petitions brought by the Idaho attorney general's office in the cases of Mark Landford and Kristian Estrada. Still waiting for a U.S. Supreme Court decision is a request for consideration of death row inmate Maxwell Holtzman's case.

The rejections mean that rulings from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — one calling for the retrial or release of Landford and one calling for the resentencing of Estrada — will stand.

The religious cases involved a Washington state dispute over its political primaries and New York City's challenge of a court ruling forcing it to pay private schooling for a special education student who never tried out public schools.

Monday also marked the publication of Justice Clarence Thomas' autobiography, "My Grandfather's Son." As part of the sales effort for the book, Thomas has had lengthy interviews with two television networks and conservative talk radio host Rush Limbaugh.

In court, Thomas was no less reticent than usual, making no questions during two hours of argument.

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Fee may rise again



Cal Alvarez, left, and Victor Velazquez, both of Twin Falls, tee off on the 15th hole Monday afternoon at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The city council is considering raising the punch card rate, which would cost golfers an additional \$25 to play 10 rounds.

City council sets hearing to consider golf fee

By David S. Maguire Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council has set an Oct. 15 hearing date to consider a proposed \$25 increase in the Municipal Golf Course's punch card fee.

The punch card, which now provides 10 rounds of golf on weekdays and weekends for \$100, was lowered from \$125 in the fall of 2006, but would revert to \$125 if approved by the council. Other fees are expected to remain the same, including green fees, which were raised last year.

The city has often struggled with finances at the golf course, volleys between fee increases and decreases. The course's operations are generally

handled by golf pro Mike Hamblin and the maintenance costs are fronted by the city, which typically loses \$40,000 a year operating the golf course.

The hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 15, at the City Council chambers.

In other business, the council: • Approved utility rate increases of 10 percent for water, and 15 percent for sewer, as well as a flat 84-cent increase in sanitation fees. The rate increases combined will cost an average Twin Falls homeowner about \$5 more per month.

The increases are expected to bring \$1.3 million in additional revenue, said Finance Director Gary Evans. Added water revenue will be reserved for future water projects. Evans said the changes will go into effect later this month.

The council voted 5 to 1, with Councilman Trip Craig in opposition. He said last month that residents endure too many fee increases.

• Approved the final plan for the Hilton Subdivision on more than three acres north of Pale Line Road and west of Harrison Street North.

• Upheld a Planning and Zoning Commission denial of the preliminary plan for Timberlake Village Subdivision on nearly five acres south of Marie Street and east and west of 100 to 200 blocks of Meadowview Lane.

In a 3-3 council vote, those who upheld the earlier decision cited concern with parking and safety at the proposed apartment complex, which was expected to be subsidized housing.

West Nile kept a low profile this year

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

In 2006, West Nile Virus raged across Idaho, whose 1,016 cases — including 20 blood donors who had no symptoms — were three times higher than in any other state that year.

In comparison, this year's West Nile season saw only 103 cases of the mosquito-borne disease reported to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare as of Friday. Moreover, no deaths were reported this year, compared with 23 the year before.

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Suspects named in Gooding Co. kidnapping

2 men charged, two others held

By Mark Christensen Times-News writer

The Gooding County prosecutor's office has released the names of four men they say were involved in a kidnapping Sunday at a Gooding County dairy.

Charged with one count each of first-degree kidnapping, attempted armed robbery and burglary are Angel Dogbert Martinez-Vasquez, 34, of Rupert, and Jose Cristobal Sarabia-Leon, 32, of Wendell. The men are being held on \$100,000 bonds.

Two other men, Anotonio Lopez-Morales, 34, of Rupert, and Cornelio Lopez-Morales, 37, of Twin Falls, are being held on \$50,000 witness bonds. All four men in custody are also being detained on immigration holds.

Gooding County authorities are not releasing the name or condition of the alleged victim, who they say was taken at gunpoint from the Double V Dairy near Wendell, at 2:15 p.m. Sunday. A spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office said she had no new information about the victim.

The Double V Dairy is owned by Ray Vanderveg. His wife, Allison, said Monday that the alleged abduction happened at a home she and her husband rent to an employee. That employee was not at work Monday, and Vanderveg said the alleged victim was likely the employee's father.

Guns related to the incident were recovered Monday afternoon, said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough, who declined further comment. He said he's told his deputies not to talk to the press.

A preliminary hearing for Martinez-Vasquez and Sarabia-Leon is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday in Gooding before 5th District Magistrate Judge Case U. Robinson.

Hospital staff gets scrutiny, support at Gooding hearing

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

GOODING — The questions for the Gooding County Memorial Hospital District Board were simple Monday night.

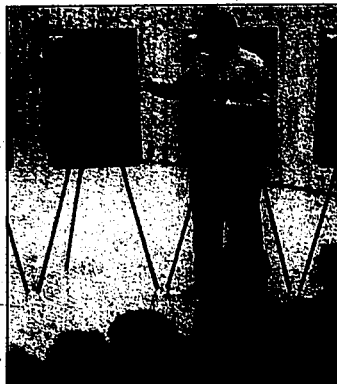
What nonprofit? Where's all this money coming from? And what does St. Luke's Health System have to do with it?

Not surprisingly, most of the questions for hospital CEO Emil Fitzpatrick and six board members as they made their case for creating a nonprofit to oversee the hospital deal with the meaning of the process for Gooding County residents.

"I'd like to know who's going to build, and what it's going to cost us, the taxpayers, and where it's going to be built," said Ernest Wickham, one of many Gooding-area residents who attended the presentation at Gooding High School. The meeting was the first of five scheduled this month, where Fitzpatrick and the hospital board will make their case to the public. At stake is a replacement for the 40-year-



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On the Net

Watch a video of Monday's presentation by Gooding Hospital's Emil Fitzpatrick at MagiGooding.com

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Wednesday
Today: Breezy to windy and partly cloudy
Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy with a light breeze
Wednesday: Breezy with increasing clouds
High 66 Low 46 66 / 42

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Increasing afternoon clouds and mild. October temperatures. Highs mostly 60s
Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy and breezy. Lows in the lower 40s
Wednesday: Mild temperatures. Breezy winds and partly to mostly cloudy skies. Highs upper 60s, lows lower 40s

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon, program to provide information on canyon walking trails; war walking shoes, 11:30 a.m., I Hop Restaurant, 1944 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, \$12, 731-2082.
Mary Time Club meeting, 2 p.m., at the home of Ilene Mal, Filer, 735-5213.
The Twin Falls Public Library Mystery Book Club meeting, discussion of "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" by Laurie R. King, 5:30 p.m., TPPL Program Room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, open to the public, 733-2954, ext. 109 or jhille@tffid.org.
The Burley District Grazing Board annual fall meeting and no-host dinner, 6 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. dinner, Wayside Cafe, off exit 211, north of Burley, 436-6952.

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.
Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 836-2030.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main, 326-5000.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer 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, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per non-insured, 734-4384.

"Wellness Secrets Group" for senior citizens, baby boomers and the "sandwich generation" with topics: "It's About How You Live," Asset Management and Family Involvement, Elder Law and New POST Form, noon to 2 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., no cost, \$40 Fred Meyer gift card door prize, 735-0700 or dpetersen@brookdaleliving.com.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh-ins from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E., 736-2337 or 736-9282.
Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 8 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, 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., Burley, 670-2578.
Celebrate Recovery, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557 or 324-7237.

MUSEUMS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 8 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, CSI, no cost, 732-6655.
Faulkner Planetarium "Dubble Violator" at 7 p.m. and "Anthems of Ghoulous Hell" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center, \$5, \$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@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83393-0548. Deadline is one hour, four days in advance of the event.

COMING TOMORROW

Vegan in the valley
How well does the Magic Valley cater to a vegan's diet?
WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

Calling the savvy shoppers, clever costumers

Perhaps you count yourself among the savviest thrift-store shoppers. Or the cleverest Halloween costume creators. Better yet, you're a pro in both fields. If so, you're invited to compete in the Times-News' first "All-Used Costume Contest." But be warned: We expect cut-throat competition. To throw your hat in the ring, send an e-mail to virginia.hutchins@tfn.net by 9 a.m. Monday explaining your qualifications. From among the nomi-

nations, we'll choose five competitors, give them each a \$13 budget and set them loose on Magic Valley's thrift stores to assemble Halloween costumes for themselves or a family member. Next are all components of each costume must be purchased at local thrift stores, and the competitors will save receipts to prove they stuck within the budget. We'll photograph the results of all five searches in our next month, and let Times-News readers vote to choose a champion.

AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

U.S. troop death toll highest in 14 months

BAGHDAD — The number of American troops and Iraqi civilians killed in the war fell in September to levels not seen in more than a year. The U.S. military said the lower count was at least partly a result of new strategies and 30,000 additional U.S. forces deployed this year. Although it is difficult to draw conclusions from a single month's tally, the figures could suggest U.S.-led forces are making headway against extremist actions and disrupting their ability to strike back. The U.S. military toll for September was 64, the lowest since July 2006, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press from death announcements by the American command and Pentagon.

More dramatic, however, was the decline in Iraqi civilian, police and military deaths. The figure was 988 in September — 50 percent lower than the previous month and the lowest tally since June 2006, when 847 Iraqis died. The considered a minimum based on AP reporting. The actual number is likely higher, as many killings go unreported.

WASHINGTON

Obama reports \$19 million in donations

Barack Obama raised more than \$19 million this summer for the presidential primaries, holding his lead in the race for campaign cash though still trailing Democratic rival Hillary Rodham Clinton in national polls. Fred Thompson, the GOP newcomer, has collected more than \$1.5 million since June when he began exploring a run. Republicans familiar with his fundraising said Monday.

Obama's Democratic rival John Edwards reportedly raised \$7 million during the July-September quarter for a total of \$30 million for the year. Aides said he would show \$12 million cash on hand and was on track to meet his goal of raising \$40 million by the time the first presidential contest begins in January. Clinton, whose fundraising has nearly kept pace with Obama's, had not released her third-quarter figures Monday. The quarter ended Sunday night. Thompson's total includes \$3.5 million he raised before

RUSSIA'S reins after he steps down.

Chertoff: border fence to improve environment

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff on Monday defended the construction of a fence along the southwest border, saying it's actually better for the environment than what happens when people illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico line. "Illegal" migrants' reality degrades the environment. I've seen pictures of human waste, garbage, discarded bottles and other human artifact in pristine areas," Chertoff said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "And believe me, that is the worst thing you can do to the environment."

To curb illegal immigration, the U.S. government plans to complete 370 miles of fencing and install 200 miles of vehicle barriers on the south-western border by the end of 2008. But this has brought complaints that the fence and barriers are harmful to the environment. Chertoff said the department exceeded its goal to complete 150 miles of fencing along the Mexican border by the end of the 2007 fiscal year, which was Sunday.

Last month, Chertoff said there was glitch in a "virtual fence" — a 28-mile stretch of surveillance technologies near the border southwest of Tucson — and he would not pay the contractor, Boeing Co., until that was resolved. The technologies were not all working together so that images caught on radar could be sent to a Border Patrol agent monitoring the region, Chertoff said Monday.

RUSSIA

Putin puts his name on parliamentary ticket

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin, in a surprise announcement, opened the door Monday to becoming Russia's prime minister and retaining power when his presidential term ends next year. The popular Putin is barred from seeking a third consecutive term in the March presidential election, but has strongly indicated he would seek to keep a hand on

Russia's reins after he steps down.

Putin's remarks Monday at a congress of the dominant, Kremlin-controlled United Russia party hint at a clear scenario in which he could remake himself as a powerful prime minister.

He called a proposal that he become prime minister "entirely realistic," but added that it was "too early to think about it." For him to consider it, he said, first United Russia would have to win the elections and Russia elect a president "a decent, competent, effective, modern person with whom it would be possible to work in tandem."

UNIV. OF MEMPHIS FB player fatally shot

MEMPHIS — A University of Memphis football player was fatally shot on campus in a shooting that police believe was a targeted attack, and classes were canceled Monday as a precaution. Taylor Bradford, 21, apparently was shot near a university housing complex about 9:45 p.m. Sunday and then crashed a car he was driving into a tree a short distance away on campus, officials said. "We found him with a bullet wound to the body and the ambulance took him to the hospital where he was pronounced (dead)," said Lt. Peter Brown, a Memphis Police inspector. Detectives investigating the shooting received reports of gunfire being heard in a parking lot of the housing complex about 200 yards from where Bradford was found, police spokesman Monique Martin said.

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SUDAN

AU searching for missing peacekeepers

EL FASHER — African peacekeepers searched for more than 20 members of their force still missing and feared wandering the wilderness of Darfur on Monday after rebels overran their base in an unprecedented attack

that stunned the international

force. The attack Sunday on the Haskanita base in northern Darfur illustrated the region's chaos ahead of peace talks later this month — and the dangers that could face a big peacekeeping force from its start deploying in coming weeks.

A Nigerian army spokesman said the deadliest attack on peacekeepers in Darfur could prompt his country — which leads the current AU mission — to reconsider its commitment to trying to calm the continent's hotspots. That also could prove catastrophic for the bigger, Joint AU-U.N. force — largely African — that is due to be deployed in Darfur later this month and assume responsibility for the area on Dec. 31.

The United States condemned the attack and called for those responsible to be held accountable. State Department spokesman Tom Casey told reporters that "there is no reason for any forces, whether they are aligned with the government or the rebels, to be attacking AU peacekeepers."

Darfur rebels have grown increasingly hostile to the struggling 7,000-member African Union force, saying it favors the government and has failed to protect Darfur civilians. The AU denies any favoritism and has often complained its forces are overstretched and under-supplied. But the attack by the rebels and the rescue by the Sudanese military raises fears for a future U.N. force.

CALIFORNIA

Britney Spears loses custody of her 2 sons

LOS ANGELES — Britney Spears was ordered Monday to surrender custody of her children to ex-husband Kevin Federline. Superior Court Judge Scott Lorenz ruled that Federline will take custody of Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1, beginning Wednesday "until further order of the court."

The order stemmed from an unspecified oral motion filed by Federline's attorneys and was handled in a closed-door hearing. The judge did not state the reason for the change in custody and all transcripts of the proceedings were ordered sealed. — The Associated Press

CORRECTION

Location listed for locations incorrect

The location for three events listed by the Jerome Gun Club listed in the October Calendar was incorrect. The correct address is 11 miles north of the junction of I-84 and Highway 93, mile-marker 64. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Raising that much through private financing or government agencies would place too much of a burden on taxpayers, he said, and selling the county-owned hospital was out of the question.

So with members of St. Luke's along to advise, hospital leaders want to create a public, nonprofit organization to manage the hospital. Such an entity wouldn't have the state restrictions on borrowing and money wouldn't have to come from the taxpayers. With the federal government guaranteeing 56 percent of any loans taken out by the nonprofit, Fitzpatrick said, banks would approve the needed loans, smoothing the building process.

Residents seemed more concerned than critical, asking for a nonprofit that coexists with a taxing district and where a new hospital would be built. Many of the questions had the same answer: It all depends on the logistics of the plan, which has already been run past several lawyers.

"We have to take it to the (5th District) judicial review," board chairman Pat Nelson

told one resident. "It has been done in other states, but we want to make sure it's legal our district to do this before we begin."

Any new hospital would likely stay in Gooding, the board said, but nothing will be settled until the board weighs the results of a countywide survey to be distributed after the public hearings. If the nonprofit defaults on any loans, there's the chance that the county could buy the loans out, and if the review doesn't approve of the plan, there's only one option: back to the drawing board.

"We really can't do anything until the board decides with the changing way health care is delivered now," board vice-chairman Lucy Osborne said.

Monday's public hearing was the first of eight events this month intended to get Fitzpatrick's message out. The CEO will be at Sully's Office Solutions in Gooding on Wednesday to meet informally with anyone who has questions.

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Many sick days are taken for mental health, study finds

By Denise Collier
Los Angeles Times

Mental disorders account for about one-third of all sick days, roughly equal to those caused by back pain, according to the most comprehensive report yet on the effect of illness on disability.

Adult Americans with depression, anxiety or other psychological disorder annually miss 1.3 billion days of work, school or other daily activity, according to a report published Tuesday in the Archives of General Psychiatry. Back and neck pain cause sufferers to miss 1.2 billion days.

Mental disorders had a bigger effect than expected, researchers said, yet they often are left unrecognized and untreated.

"If we treated the mental disorders, we could wipe out a lot of the impairment," said senior author Ronald C.

Kessler, a professor of health-care policy at Harvard Medical School.

Lead author Kathleen Merikangas, an epidemiologist with the National Institute of Mental Health, said more funds should be allocated to the study and treatment of musculoskeletal conditions and depression and psychiatric disorders.

"It is ironic we spend the least on musculoskeletal disorders and depression when they have the most impact on people's lives and disability," she said.

The study was based on the National Comorbidity Survey Replication, a nationwide survey of 9,282 people over age 18 that was sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Participants reported the number of days they had been completely unable to work or carry out normal activities within the previous

month. They also said which of 30 mental and physical conditions, including such illnesses as cancer and heart disease, they had during the past year. Transient illnesses, such as influenza, were not included.

Taken together, all chronic conditions, including cancer, heart attack, ulcer and vision loss, sidelined adults for a total of 3.7 billion days a year, researchers said.

Researchers found that more than half of American adults have chronic health conditions. Some go to work every day while others are severely impaired and no longer work. The study found that those with chronic conditions take an average of 32 sick days a year.

Among mental disorders, depression accounted for the most sick days, at 387 million. Others reasons included social phobia, at 214 million days; post-traumatic

stress disorder, 113 million; generalized anxiety disorder, 110 million; bipolar disorder, 103 million; panic disorders, 101 million; substance abuse, 93 million; agoraphobia, 37 million; and separation anxiety disorder, 20 million.

Besides back and neck pain, other physical conditions that led to missed days at work included arthritis, at 375 million days, and stroke, at 221 million days.

Cancer patients missed a total of 71.5 million days, and heart attack victims 204 million days.

Although the diseases are devastating, cancer and heart attacks accounted for a relatively low number of lost workdays.

Kessler explained that the diseases tend to strike older adults. In addition, cancer often does not affect the ability of people to function from day to day as much as back pain or depression.

West Nile

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In a sub-county of Idaho, the South Central Public Health District recorded only nine cases by the end of September, compared to 146 last year. The change has led to cautious celebration by health officials, who see many reasons for the drop, epidemiologist manager Cheryl Becker said. The sudden spike and drop just a couple of years after the disease first hit Idaho—in the state's matchless pattern observed elsewhere, she said, and it reflects factors such as the success of media campaigns warning the public about the disease.

"That is always something that you look forward to, is seeing no deaths," Becker said.

The falloff in cases mirrors a similar trend in Colorado, where the number of West Nile cases in 2003 but only 300 in 2004, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, Colorado's West Nile numbers are beginning to trend for which indicates that Idaho

"We still have the possibility of having (West Nile Virus) and people need to take the precautions."

— Cheryl Becker, epidemiologist manager, South Central Public Health District

isn't out of the woods yet either.

"We know we have the mosquitoes, we have the disease present," Becker said. "It does not die out. We still have the possibility of having that disease and people need to take the precautions."

Those precautions include using DEET or mosquito spray which covers your neck, your sleeves and other basic prevention steps.

Idahoans should be proud of how well they've followed those steps, Becker said. It was one of the main reasons for this year's drop in cases, along with mosquito abatement districts and a smaller number of people who might not have paid to be tested for the disease if they had a light

headache and fever.

State labs charged a fee for West Nile tests this year but Becker said she doesn't think that—scared—people off.

Southwest District Health-based in Caldwell, offered testing this summer and still saw fewer cases, she said.

The season for mosquitoes is almost over — several freezes may have already killed them off in mountainous areas, Becker said. And while Idahoans will need to stay vigilant in 2008, she said, the district doesn't plan to make any drastic changes in methods for battling the disease.

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White House claims U.S. coke supply is down amid crackdown in Mexico

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Mexico's crackdown on drug traffickers has helped cut cocaine supplies in the U.S., the White House drug czar said Monday as the Bush administration prepared to seek an aid package to help Mexico fight drugs.

John Walters, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, declined to elaborate on the aid measures, which he said would cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

The first piece of the previously announced plan is expected to be laid out before Congress within days, he said.

"There has never been a better time" for such an aid package to Mexico, said Walters, who plans to tout the figures Tuesday at a

meeting with federal, state and local officials in San Diego.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon has deployed more than 20,000 soldiers and federal police agents in regions plagued by drug violence since he took office last year and extradited several high-level traffickers to the U.S.

U.S. law enforcement agencies first noted cocaine declines in the Northeast around March. Prices have nearly doubled in some Northeast and Midwestern cities, Walters said.

A gram of pure cocaine cost \$118.70 from April to June, up 24 percent from the \$95.89 reported for the previous three months, Walters said, citing figures from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Walters, a forensics expert in Berkeley, Calif.,

said he had not seen the price figures Walters cited but was skeptical about the decline in trafficking.

"I hope they're right. Every time we hear this, it turns out to be business as usual," said Karch, author of a series of books on drugs and drug abuse—Including—"A Brief History of Cocaine."

About 90 percent of cocaine in the U.S. enters the country through Mexico, with much of it originating in Colombia, where the U.S. has sent billions in drug-fighting aid with mixed results.

Walters credited enforcement by U.S. and Colombian authorities with contributing to the recent price cuts.

But "the big weight added in the last six months is Mexico," Walters said. "Mexico has been doing things they've never done before."

Court

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One of the two oral arguments was over forcing the city of New York to pay for private schooling for a special education student. A case notable for the fact that the man who sued the city is Tom Preston, a former CEO of Justice.

Justice Antonin Scalia, among several justices skeptical of Preston's case, said affluent parents who have no intention of using public schools might think "what the heck, if we can get \$30,000 from the city that's fine."

In the argument over the Washington case, the political parties want more say over how candidates identify their party affiliations on the ballot.

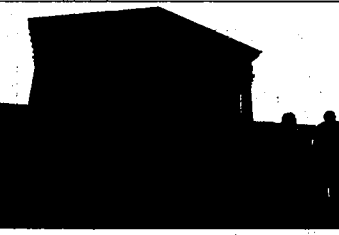
Justice David Souter said candidates were unlikely to identify themselves with a party unless they agree broadly with its principles.

Earlier, the court issued a list of cases it would not hear this year. No explanation was given for the justices' decision not to consider the cases.

Among them was the dispute over a New York state law that forces religious-based social service agencies to subsidize contraceptives as part of prescription drug coverage they offer their employees.

New York is one of 23 states that require employers offer prescription benefits to employees to cover birth control pills as well. The state enacted the Women's Health and Wellness Act in 2002 to require health plans to cover contraception and other services aimed at women, including mammography, cervical cancer screenings and bone density exams.

Catholic Charities and other religious groups say that New York law violates their First Amendment right to practice their religion because it forces them to violate religious



teachings that regard contraception as sinful. Religious groups argue that the beliefs of the employer must dominate; their opponents counter that the ethical beliefs of employees must be respected.

"Every state court that has heard this case has affirmed that the law helps to provide access to basic health care. Today's decision by the Supreme Court not to consider the case protects the religious freedom of women and families," said JoAnn M. Smith, president and CEO of Family Planning Advocates of the New York State.

The New York law has an exemption for churches, and the plaintiffs in the Catholic Charities lawsuit included two Baptist churches. In 2004 before the arrival of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, the court declined to hear a similar case brought by Catholic Charities of Sacramento, Calif., which did not include any churches as plaintiffs.

"We thought the addition of Roberts and Alito and the fact

People stand in line outside the Supreme Court in Washington, Monday. The court began its new term Monday with the justices announcing they declined to interfere in hundreds of cases.

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Senate authorizes more war funding

Democrats try to force end to combat

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Thwarted in efforts to bring troops home from Iraq, Senate Democrats on Monday helped pass a defense policy bill authorizing another \$150 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 92-3 vote comes as the House planned to approve separate legislation Tuesday that requires President Bush to give Congress a plan for eventual troop withdrawals.

The developments underscored the difficulty facing Democrats in the Iraq debate: They lack the votes to give Congress a plan for bringing troops home and are divided on whether to cut money for combat, despite a mandate by supporters to end the war.

Hoping the political landscape changes in coming months, Democratic leaders say they will renew their fight when Congress considers the money Bush wants in war funding.

The Senate policy bill authorizes the money to be spent. It does not guarantee

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— Sen. John Tanner, D-Tenn.

It: Bush will have to wait until Congress passes a separate appropriations bill before war funds are transferred to military coffers.

"I think that's where you're going to see the next dogfight," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., of the upcoming war spending bill.

Democrats say their options include directing that the money be spent on bringing troops home instead of combat; setting a date when money for the war is cut off, and identifying a goal to end the war to try to pressure Bush to bring troops home.

Similar attempts have been made but fell short of the 60 votes needed to overcome procedural hurdles in the Senate.

"Many of us have reached a breaking point on this," said Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "I've done this for too many years. I've waited for the president to start bringing this war to an end. I'm not going to sign up

for this any longer."

In the House, Democrats are pushing for a bill that would require the administration to report to Congress in 60 days and every 90 days thereafter on the status of its redeployment plans in Iraq.

The bill, sponsored by Democrats John Tanner of Tennessee and Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii, was initially cast aside as too mild by Democratic leaders focused on tougher proposals ordering troops home this fall.

But after Democrats were unable to peel off Republican support, the Iraq debate stalled and some four dozen rank-and-file Democrats demanded a vote on the Abercrombie-Tanner bill.

"This will be the first time since the war in Iraq began that we are working together as a Congress instead of one party or another to be a constructive voice in the civilian management of operations in Iraq," Tanner said in a statement e-mailed to the

Associated Press.

In February, Bush requested more than \$140 billion for the war, and is expected to ask for another \$42 billion to cover costs in the 2008 budget year, which began Monday. The Senate's defense policy bill authorizes Bush's initial request, plus an additional \$23 billion for the purchase of bomb-resistant vehicles.

In addition to war money, the Senate's defense policy bill authorizes more than a half trillion dollars in annual military programs, including such big-ticket items as \$10.1 billion for missile defense. Republicans predict the bill is on track to be vetoed by President Bush because it includes hate-crimes legislation by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. The White House has said Kennedy's proposal, which would let federal law enforcement help states prosecute attacks on gays, is unnecessary.

The House passed its version of the defense authorization bill in May by a 397-27 vote. That \$646 billion measure would trim hundreds of millions of dollars from some weapons modernization programs and use the money instead to aid troops in combat.

Suspect in video sex attack described as survivalist, once worked for Siegfried & Roy

By Kim Ricker
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — The fugitive accused of raping a little girl on videotape was portrayed Monday as a dangerous, knife-wielding survivalist who once vowed never to be taken alive and formerly worked as an animal trainer with Las Vegas illusionists Siegfried & Roy.

The FBI and Las Vegas police pressed a nationwide manhunt for Chester "Chet" Arthur Stiles, 37, who authorities say can be seen molesting a 3-year-old girl in a mysterious video that was recorded four years ago and surfaced last month.

"He's a survivalist type who isn't bothered by living without electricity or water, and always carries a fighting-type knife," said Nye County District Attorney Bob Beckett.

Investigators were interviewing people who know Stiles and pursuing hundreds of "very fruitful" leads Monday from across the country, said police Capt. Vincent Cannito, head of the departments youth and

family crimes unit. "He does have a very violent past," Cannito said, "and he has a history of narcotic usage, so we do consider him to be a very dangerous individual."

Authorities were seeking Stiles on an unrelated warrant issued last year charging him with fleeing to avoid prosecution on allegations he groped a 6-year-old girl in 2003.

Las Vegas police say Stiles had a string of arrests dating to 1999 on several charges, including assault, battery, resisting a police officer, auto theft, leaving the scene of an accident and contempt of court.

He was convicted in 1999 in Las Vegas of carrying a concealed weapon, and in 2001 of conspiracy to commit grand larceny, according to court records. Stiles also pleaded no contest in Houston in 1993 to unlawful carrying of a weapon.



Stiles

Study shows promise for antibiotic in stroke treatment

By Thomas H. Maugh II
Los Angeles Times

Administering the antibiotic minocycline within 24 hours after a stroke significantly reduces brain damage and physical impairment, Israeli researchers report Tuesday.

Researchers hope the drug, which also combats inflammation, might prolong the "golden window" during which strokes can be treated. Clot-dissolving drugs, the current gold standard for stroke treatment — must be administered to stroke victims in the first three hours to be effective, and many patients do not receive them in time.

If the study can be replicated, "minocycline could be an important means of reducing the disabling effects of stroke," said Dr. Steven Y. Poole, a neurologist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York who was not involved in the study.

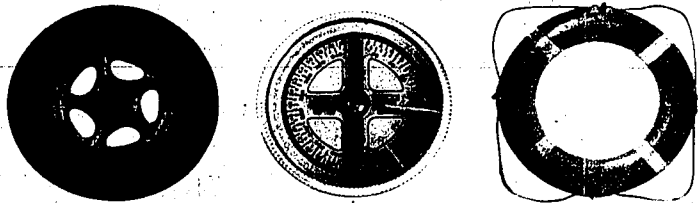
The findings, published in the journal *Neurology*, will not change clinical practice any time soon, noted Dr. John R. Marler, associate director for clinical trials at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. "They were looking for signs that it might be effective, and they concluded that it might be. We need a larger trial" to be sure, he said.

The findings have nothing to do with infections, even though the drug is an antibiotic. Rather, the drug also has anti-inflammatory properties that might block damage to neurons from toxins released when other brain cells die, said Dr. Raymond A. Swanson of the University of California, San Francisco.

Swanson previously has shown in the test tube that minocycline blocks the activity of an enzyme called poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase-1, which can trigger inflammation and cell death.

The antibiotic is being studied in a variety of trials to determine if it can protect brain cells in Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and traumatic brain injury, he said.

Dr. Yair Lampi and his colleagues at Tel Aviv University studied 152 men and women who suffered a stroke but arrived at the hospital too late for clot-dissolving therapy.



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Ring, ring ... who's there? Nuke opponent curious about survey he took over phone that centered on proposed energy plant

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

A Twin Falls opponent of a proposed nuclear power plant says people want to know what you think about nuclear energy in Idaho.
Who those people are and why they want your opinion is a mystery.
Twin Falls podiatrist Peter Rickards, an outspoken opponent of the plant, said he received a call this weekend from a man who said he was conducting a survey about energy in Idaho. Most of the ques-

tions, Rickards said, involved nuclear power and alluded to the Idaho Energy Complex, a controversial nuclear facility proposed by Virginia-based Alternate Energy Holdings.
Rickards, who is the only person he knows of who received a call, suspects AEH or its affiliates may be using AEH's number to ring up the state's voters of public opinion as plans for the project move forward.
If the survey is indeed legitimate, its organizers — and their motives — remain unknown to most Idaho energy players, who say they're

intrigued about who's making the calls and for what purpose.
The man who phoned Rickards said he didn't know who was paying for the questionnaire. The number on Rickards' caller ID belongs to a fax machine on a line in New York state.
"It sounds like someone is getting up for an advertising campaign," Rickards said.
The company says it knows nothing about it.
"I haven't heard anything about this," said Martin Johnson, a spokesman for the energy complex.

Nor has anyone else. Snake River Alliance, a nuclear watchdog group says the survey isn't theirs. The Washington, D.C.-based Nuclear Energy Institute isn't conducting surveys in this area, and neither is Boise State University, which sometimes gauges public opinion from its Public Policy Center.
The governor's office says it doesn't know anything about the survey. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission hasn't heard either.
Whoever commissioned the survey is likely to find a wide variety of opinions. The proposed nuclear

power plant — which would be Idaho's first commercial nuclear facility — has quickly become a controversial issue among southern Idahoans. Some laud the economic benefits the plant could provide, while others are concerned about potential adverse environmental effects.
Planners say construction on the proposed 1,600-megawatt plant could begin in 2015 after a lengthy federal permit process.
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Twin Falls County purchases building to add office space

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

One employee works in the kitchen. Another has his desk on the porch. And when drug tests are performed in the bathroom, someone has to stand in the shower.
For the Twin Falls County Status Offender Services building — one of the oldest structures in the city — square footage is about as precious as the help it provides.

"It's a house," said Sam Sites, the program's executive director for seven years. "It's not an office facility."

As the latest sign of Twin Falls County trying to balance overcrowded offices with growing workloads and a rising population, the county commissioners Friday agreed to spend \$375,000 for yet another building.

The building, located at 233 Gooding in the city, will accommodate about 20 employees, including those at the status offender house and some from the Competency Development Center, which is being phased out. The building is owned by Doug Vollmer, who runs an appraisal and real estate business.

"It consolidates all those facilities and all those people for our county services to one area right there instead of being scattered," said Commissioner Terry Kramer. "We've been looking at this for quite a while."

The status offender service, which has five employees, is a grant-funded prevention program overseen by the county. It assists with kids, some as young as 5, who are in legal trouble for the first time for offenses such as truancy.

The program has for years

operated out of the two-bedroom house at 152 Sixth Ave. N. The biggest pitfall is that the house provides little privacy for families who use the service, officials said.

The county plans to buy the new with rent money from St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, with as much as \$25,000 in county money going for upgrades, according to Commissioner George Urie. Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell abstained from the motion, citing business ties with Vollmer several years ago.

Friday's decision was another step in making a campus-style government center.

Construction for a safe house for troubled kids — the county's second — is set to begin nearby, off Addison Avenue. Next year, departments will move into the clinic building on Shoshone Street. Earlier this year, the county bought the building on the corner of Third Avenue North and Fairfield Street, which is the home of Snake River Basin adjudication.

The purchase contract includes an option to buy a third building on Third Avenue, also owned by Vollmer. Kramer said the county would ultimately like to have all counseling services on that half-block.

The opening of the Vollmer building is tied to the opening of the new house in about six months, Urie said. He was unsure what will happen to the current status offender house.

Sites — who moved his office onto the porch and uses a portable heater — welcomed the move with open arms.

"It's not even an advantage. It's a necessity," he said.

Goodbye paper

Hospital, physicians switch to electronic record keeping

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Can you understand your medical record?

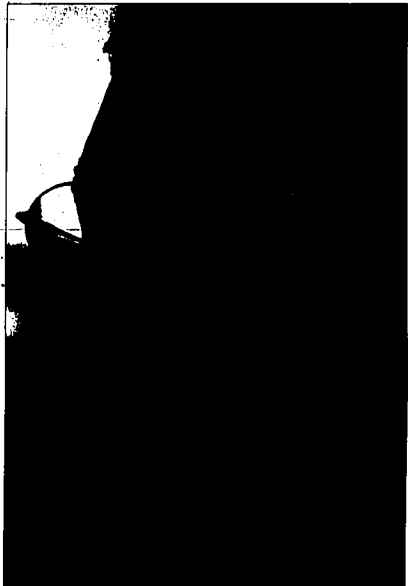
Some Twin Falls patients can, now that many Twin Falls physicians are transitioning to a new computer-based medical records system. The program, known as Centricity, is sold by GE Healthcare and allows physicians and St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to more easily update, share and analyze patients' medical records, as well as check the effectiveness of treatment.

"It was very difficult to prove ... that the things we were doing actually made a difference," Dr. Kurt Seppi said Monday during a demonstration of the system.

That's because sifting through a pile of physical records located in different offices and written in different handwriting styles took a long time. While the value of the Centricity system lies in how easy it is to access and update records, the system's benefits may come in its use for research — analyzing all records regarding a specific disease — say, diabetes — to determine if treatments are working.

That knowledge, comes with a hefty price — possibly as much as \$3.6 million, physicians and St. Luke's staff said Monday. But the system, while still in the early stages, is already making a difference.

The push for an electronic record system began in 2002 when some Twin Falls physicians approached Dr. Donnelly, a New Jersey-based medical consultant who was working with the hospital in other ways. The hospital and the College of Southern Idaho received a \$1.2 million grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality in 2004 and the program began to show up in doctors' offices in the summer of 2005. As many as 51 Twin



Falls physicians are now connected to the system and plugged into St. Luke's Magic Valley's computer network, allowing the groups to share patient problems, medications and histories without files or multiple copies of X-rays and documents.

"If the patient goes to the ER, we have information on who the patient is," said Debbie Kyle, St. Luke's Magic Valley executive director of physician services.

Patients may also have limited access to the system through a proposed "patient portal" in the hospital's Web site that would let them schedule appointments and view their records from home.

Many hospitals in the U.S. have automated records systems, Donnelly said. But only about 20 percent of physicians or clinic offices use them, and fewer hospi-

tals use theirs in the way St. Luke's has.

The new data system comes amid a federal government push to adopt software that would, in part, reduce prescription errors. It's a little early to tell how well such systems are working, but medical officials say initial signs seem to be positive.

"I think that all of the systems doing something similar are in the exploratory phase," Donnelly said.

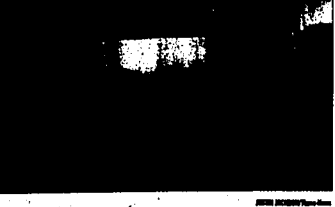
All this access comes with a cost — electronic records, like all other computer systems, are vulnerable to data loss, hacking, glitches and other problems. While hospital staffers are still working out kinks in the system, the information is securely stored on a server in Spokane, said Dr. Edit Szabo, St. Luke's manager of physician IT services. The link between the server

and Twin Falls is a dedicated line — no third parties could hack in to steal patient information — and the hospital has procedures for monitoring usage and, for adding new accounts.

"This is much more secure than the paper world ever was or will be," Seppi said.

The system was one of several factors that led to St. Luke's Magic Valley being recognized for the second year as one of 25 most-wired small and rural hospitals in the U.S. by Hospitals and Health Networks magazine. Both hospital staff and the physicians have great plans for the software, and they're moving ahead on ways to measure treatment success for diabetes, asthma and several other illnesses. That will allow the physicians to make changes to their own care, Seppi said.

"Until you see the data, it's hard to make changes."



Sam Sites, left, and Jacques Hamilton, both status offender coordinators, are seen in the small Status Offender Services office Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Rate-hike meeting tonight in Twin Falls

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host an informational meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls, regarding Idaho Power's proposed electricity rate increases.
The power company wants to increase rates by 10 percent for each residential customer — about a \$3 increase per month for the average home.

City of Jerome official receives accreditation

Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from International City Management Association, a leading local government leadership and management organization.
Rothweiler is one of 981 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program,

according to a news release.
To receive the credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government, have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field, and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.
Prior to his appointment in 2000 as City Administrator, Rothweiler served in the Office of the Speaker and Majority Leader for the Montana

House of Representatives.

CSI conducting survey to help mold its future

The College of Southern Idaho is conducting a survey to help guide the college during the next five years. The school is encouraging the public, students and CSI administrators, faculty and staff to participate.
The survey, available at CSI's website, www.csi.edu, takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Questions include what factors have influenced a decision

whether or not to attend CSI; what people think are the college's values, strength and weaknesses; what new programs or services should be offered; and what things the college can improve. Respondents are asked to share their vision of how CSI should look in 2012.
"We are embarking upon a new strategic planning process," said Dr. Edit Szabo, CSI Vice President of Student Services, planning and Grant Development. "Ample opportunity for input from all stakeholders is a critical part of this

process. The input gathered will be carefully considered during the development process and will greatly help us develop a meaningful strategic plan for 2008 through 2012."
Survey responses will be taken through Oct. 10.
Responses are anonymous, unless the respondent chooses to be named.
To encourage participation in the survey, CSI will have a drawing for an iPod, which was donated as a prize.

Betty June Adams

GOODING — Betty June Adams was born Sept. 3, 1927, in Jerome, Idaho, the youngest child of Willie and Maude Bartholomew. When she was 6 years old, she moved with her family to a small place called Beslem, where her father farmed for several years. The family then moved to Dietrich, where she completed school through the eighth grade. The family then moved to Shoshone her freshman year. In 1947, through her father's efforts, the family moved to Gooding, where she finished high school. During this time, Betty met Rex, and they were married in 1949.



The first four years of their marriage were spent living in Caldwell while Rex finished his college education. They moved back to Gooding, where she began working nights for ISDB as a house parent. She worked there for 22 years, retiring in 1989. The same year Rex retired. They enjoyed many years of traveling with their good friends, Alma and Bill Yarin. Later when Rex became too sick to travel, Betty started golfing with her friends, Helen and Alvina. After Rex's death, she continued golfing but added barn dancing at the Spanbauer Barn. This was a wonderful place to meet great friends and dance around the floor. She and her friend, Alvina Colter, didn't miss very many nights dancing the slot machines. Betty is survived by four

children, Sherry (Dann) Boon, Ron (Rev) Adams, Larry (Joann) Adams, and Nancy (Loretta) Berthelard. Betty is also survived by 12 grandchildren, Steve Kelso, Shannon (Ken) Valentine, Bob (Stacey) Boone, Pam (Mable) Huffing, Michael (Lisa) Boone, Don (Sandy) Adams, Bart (Cindy) Adams, Jessica Adams, Michael (Joanna) Adams, Sheila (Steve) Straw, Travis Reherford, Sheila (Harpo) and Jennifer (Jerald) Gough. Betty also is survived by 25 great-grandchildren. Betty is also survived by her sister, Effie Fisher; her brother and sister-in-law, C.J. (Giggs) and Mary Ellen Bartholomew; and two other sisters-in-law, Myrtle Bartholomew and Maxine Keller; along with numerous nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Rex; her parents; one brother, Rex Bartholomew; one baby sister; three brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law.

On Sept. 28, 2007, Mom went to meet Dad. Betty was such a wonderful daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister-in-law and friend, and she left me a missed deeply by all those who lives she touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your favorite charity or to Gooding Cemetery Chimes fund. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Inurnment will take place at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Edwin Bohrn

Edwin Bohrn was born Feb. 8, 1929, and died Sept. 2, 2007. "Big Ed" was born and raised in Twin Falls to Michael and Berta Bohrn. He had one brother and two sisters. Some of you remember Ed from the flour mill from Jackpot. Ed loved Jackpot and everything it had to offer. He liked to hunt and fish and play golf. Ed also loved his women and, even though married, had three children the same year. Bo didn't keep in contact, but daughter, Jerri, and son, Mark, by then-wife Lorita, and son, Lori were married for 14 years.



RUPERT — George Roland Grant II, of Rupert, died suddenly Sunday morning, Sept. 30. He was 56 years young.

George was born on Dec. 24, 1951, in Hartner, Kan., to George and Ellen Grant. The little blond boy lived in Gooding, Idaho, for the first five years of his life until his father moved the family to a potato farm north of Rupert. George spent his childhood on the north side of Rupert, helping the family tend the farm. As a young boy, George could be seen working alongside his dad farming in and around the field. George took up wrestling in high school and, at one point, won second place at the State Wrestling Championship, weighing in at 148 pounds. In 1969, George graduated from Minico High School and headed to Boise State University on a full-ride wrestling scholarship. After two years of college, George decided to become a sailor. He and a close friend built a sailboat, named it The Grange and set sail down the Columbia River. The Grange made it all the way to the Pacific Ocean, only to be met by a terrible storm and a very seasick Captain George. The two sailors, trapped at sea in their homemade vessel, were eventually rescued by the Coast Guard and ultimately made their way safely. This may have helped in his decision to stick with farming as a career. Shortly after the farm, where they began their life back to Rupert and began farming with his father.

On June 7, 1974, George married Jackie Arstein. The young couple lived near the farm, where they began their family of four. In 1985, George recognized a need for growers to obtain a legal means of acquiring a dependable and legal workforce. He took action by helpfully approaching the problem; he investigated the alternatives, then organized



and created a practical solution. He has continued to serve as president of Snake River Farmer's Association for more than 22 years. In 1983-84, he served as Western vice president for the National Council of Agricultural Employers (NCAE), where he continued to advocate for reasonable and fair solutions to agricultural labor issues.

Throughout his life, George continually sought out new challenges. In 1980, one such challenge George undertook was being Idaho's first successful ethanol producing plant. He was innovative throughout his farming career, and his opinions were well respected from many in his community. George enjoyed sailing, gardening, golfing, swimming, flying, traveling and spending time with his family. Those who knew George knew him as a great family man, a loyal friend, a farmer, an activist and the originator of many "big ideas." He was, at the very least, a charming person and, at most, an inspiration to many. George was always incredibly proud of all of his children, his two sons, Jordan and Andrew; and his two girls, Gie, Ivy and Sydney. In recent years, he was never to be seen without his small farm dog, Chewie.

George is survived by his loving wife, Jackie; their four children; his mother, Ellen; his sister, Michelle Rowe (Dan); his brothers, Leonard, Bill and Dan Grant; as well as numerous family members who looked up to him as a leader and patron of the family.

Like many things in his life, George accomplished things before their time. He left his family too early and will leave a huge void in his family and community. George's visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. The funeral will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at The United Methodist Church, 665 H St. in Rupert. All friends and family are welcome to join.

CLAYTON L. PROWSE — Clayton Leonard Prowse, 23, of Heyburn, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, in American Falls. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Calvary Chapel of Buhl, 206 S. Broadway Ave. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

DOROTHY UNDERWOOD — JEROME — Dorothy Underwood, 83, of Jerome, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, in Jerome. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Rocky Mountain Ministries, 845 Hyde Ave. in Pocatello. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave. in Pocatello, and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the Rocky Mountain Ministries. Interment will be at the Mountain View Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colonial Funeral Home in Pocatello.

AUGUSTINE DELAUGHEL — BURLY — Augustine Joseph "Siney" DeLaughel, 92, of Burley, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave., with Bishop Brian G. Barlow officiating. Burial will be in the Gen. Atterton Cemetery with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in a future newspaper.

JACK C. CHUGG — RUPERT — Jack C. Chugg, 83, formerly of Rupert, died Saturday at the Burley LDS Falls and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; burial at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Armon Cemetery in Idaho Falls. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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Bereavement group to meet today in Burley

BURLEY — The Bereavement Education Group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. today through Nov. 6 at Cassia Medical Center in the J. Weldon Beck room. Enter from the back Emergency Room entrance, go to the end of the hall, turn left and find the room on the left side.

The group offers emotional support and education about grieving, as well as an opportunity to become acquainted with other adults who have suffered a loss of a loved one through death. Additional information: Marcie Bedke, 678-8844.

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DEATH NOTICES

CLAYTON L. PROWSE — HEYBURN — Clayton Leonard Prowse, 23, of Heyburn, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, in American Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Calvary Chapel of Buhl, 206 S. Broadway Ave. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

DOROTHY UNDERWOOD — JEROME — Dorothy Underwood, 83, of Jerome, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Rocky Mountain Ministries, 845 Hyde Ave. in Pocatello. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave. in Pocatello, and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the Rocky Mountain Ministries. Interment will be at the Mountain View Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colonial Funeral Home in Pocatello.

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Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, in Tucson, Ariz.

Cremation was under the direction of the South Lawn Cemetery in Tucson, Ariz.

LOIS A. LEE — FAIRFIELD — Lois Anne Lee, 83, of Fairfield, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at a Boise care center.

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

INA J. PASBORG — BOISE — Ina J. Pasborg, 92, of Boise and formerly of Glenn, Pocatello, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at a Boise care center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rust Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home.

RAY R. TILLEY — Ray R. Tilley, age 83, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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

EVALENA WELCH — Evalena Welch, 74, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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

MARGARITO GAITAN — Margarito Gaitan, 95, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Russell Wayne Gage

BOISE — Russell Wayne Gage was born Jan. 10, 1929, in Gooding, Idaho, to Harry and Hannah Gage. He died Sept. 29, 2007.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Cloverdale Funeral Home, with a reception to follow at the Cloverdale Reception Center.

Russ was the youngest of three children, with two older sisters, Margaret Rusedahl (Bob) of Boise and Barbara Vargason (Kenneth) of Boise. He attended school in Jerome, Idaho. Russell joined the U.S. Navy in 1947 and was aboard the USS Anetaham, which took a Gooding tour of Australia, Australia, Japan, Guam and Hawaii. He was honorably discharged in November 1952. The Goodwill tour was a highlight in Russell's life. On July 31, 1952, Russell married Lois Theobald. Russ

and Lois made their home in Boise and Twin Falls with their four children, Gary Gage, Penny Gage, Gentry (Steve) of Twin Falls and Jerry Gage (Carleen) of Star, Idaho. Russ and Lois have six grandchildren, Eric Pearson of Boise, and Shanna Lynn Call (Steve), Randy Curtis Gentry (Tami), all of Twin Falls, Idaho, Nicholas Wayne Gage and Brett Tyson Gage (Emily) of Boise.

Russ was employed by Mountain Bell for 30 years. He started as a lineman and retired as a database manager in 1987. He enjoyed sports, baseball and basketball playing on company teams. He was a longtime bowler, golfer, and a lifelong RSU Bruin's fan. After retirement, Russ and Lois enjoyed life on the cabin at Pine, Idaho, and their ranch in Middleton. They enjoyed all animals, especially their dogs and horses.

Russ is preceded in death by his wife, Gary Gage; and his parents.

Jennifer Price

KIMBERLY — Jennifer Price, 19, of Kimberly, passed away Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Jennifer was born June 5, 1988, in Reeburg, Idaho. Layne and Cindy (Parker) Price. She grew up in Teton Valley, attending school at Teton High School and attending school at Twin Falls in 2004. She was enrolled in a class at the College of Southern Idaho and worked as a cashier at Desert Industries in Twin Falls. Jennifer loved horses and was a member of the Sagebrush Equestrian team. She also loved her dog, Lucy. She loved singing, especially singing karaoke. Jennifer was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a teacher in the Primary. Jennifer loved to spend time with her family and will be greatly missed. Her life touched many hearts and inspired all who came in contact with her as she strived to overcome the diffi-

culties that life challenged her with.

Jennifer is survived by her parents, Layne and Cindy Price of Kimberly; three sisters, Emily Price of Natchez, Traci, Rachel Price of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Rebecca Price of Reeburg, Idaho; grandparents, James and Marlene Price of Driggs, Idaho; and Lisa and Lois Parker of Erie, Idaho; great-grandmother, Ada Brown of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, with a viewing for family and friends from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 3, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center. A graveside service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Cache-Clawson Cemetery near Teton, Idaho. Viewing hours will also be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at the Driggs LDS Stake Center in Driggs, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jennifer Price Memorial Fund at Zion's Bank. Arrangements have been entrusted to White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

ELBETH JO (SCHWETT) GERBER of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary in Buhl (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

FERN ROSE of Murray, Utah, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary in Burley; friends may call one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

PRETRISSA LYANNE "TERRI" HENSCHER of Carey, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Carey LDS Chapel on Main Street; visitation one hour before the service today at the church in Carey (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

RAYMOND CARL LARSEN of Filer, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Clover Trimby Lutheran Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

BETTY JEAN THAYER of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Hansen

LUTHERAN CHURCH in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

CHARLOTTE E. THACKERAY of Jerome, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome; vigil service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

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How Well Do You Want to Hear?

On calculator's 40th birthday, role of machine in classroom still questioned

By Michael Alison Chandler
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In a darkened Algebra II classroom, all eyes were on an illuminated graphing calculator projector three feet high on the white board as students studied a series of graphs and talked about absolute value functions.

The weightless image of a TI-84 Plus Silver Edition graphing calculator is a far cry from early typewriter-size calculators that weighed 55 pounds and plugged into an outlet. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the moment that revolutionized not only the calculator but also the way students learn math. It was 40 years ago that three Texas Instruments scientists shrank that monstrosity and created the hand-held calculator.

To mark the milestone, the Texas company donated some historic hand-helds to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History last week. The devices will go alongside the table Thomas Jefferson used when he wrote the Declaration of Independence and the top hat of Abraham Lincoln, worn when he was assassinated.



The hand-held calculator is 40 this year and now includes not only math functions but also games. They've revolutionized how students learn math, but as the technology continues to advance, a question remains: Are the devices helping or hurting students?

In math classrooms, calculators mechanized finger counting, pencil-and-paper calculations and slide rules. Elementary students weaned on Little Professor calculators that add, subtract, multiply and divide move on

to graphing calculators in later grades. Future students will use programmable devices that show algebraic formulas, graphs and word problems on the same screen.

But as the technology continues to advance, a question remains: Are the devices helping or hurting students? Educators are deadlocked over whether calculators are helping create a more mentally society capable of claiming the next technology breakthrough or making students technology-dependent and mathematically insecure.

The United States lags in international math exams. Top performers, including Singapore and China, put more emphasis on mental math and memorization and introduce calculators to the curriculum later than the United States does, said Tom Loveless, director of the Brown Center on Education Policy at the Brookings Institution, who has researched how calculators affect student achievement.

Today's students "may be not so great at computing numbers on the back of a notebook," said Jerry Meryman, 75, a co-inventor of the hand-held calculator, who was sued before a yet-unreleased 1967 prototype during a ceremony at the Smithsonian Castle last week. But he said calculators have expanded "their reach across" mathematics.

Given a shortcut, Americans embraced it. Educators pride themselves on circumventing repetitive drill-based learning and instilling creativity and problem-solving in students. There are lessons calculators facili-

tate, many say. "You can jump past the grunt work and get to more sophisticated levels of analysis," said James Rubillo, executive director of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The teachers group was instrumental in making calculators ubiquitous in math classrooms by recommending their use as early as kindergarten in the 1980s. The group emphasizes the importance of teaching mental math and estimating skills in its most recent position paper.

Some teachers say calculators make it possible for students who struggle with basic math concepts to explore higher math. "Kids whose arithmetic skills may be weak can rely on calculators to do that work, and they can still do algebra," said John Matherne, a high school math teacher in Washington and a consultant for Texas Instruments. "It's just like word processing. There are people who can't spell ... but word processing can allow them to express things well and be creative." But the concern is that students rely on calculators too much.

Goal-driven, conscientious achievers less prone to Alzheimer's disease, research suggests

By Clark H. Johnson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — A surprising study of elderly people suggests that those who see themselves as self-disciplined, organized achievers have a lower risk for developing Alzheimer's disease than people who are less conscientious.

A purposeful personality may somehow protect the brain, perhaps by increasing neural connections that can act as a reserve against mental decline, said study co-author Robert Wilson of Chicago's Rush University Medical Center.

Astounding, the brains of some of the dutiful people in the study were examined after their deaths and were found to have lesions that would meet accepted criteria for Alzheimer's — even though these people had

shown no signs of dementia. "This adds to our knowledge that lifestyle, personality, how we think, feel and behave are very importantly tied up with risk for this terrible illness," Wilson said. "It may suggest new ideas for trying to delay the onset of this illness."

Previous studies have linked social connections and stimulating activities like working puzzles with a lower risk of Alzheimer's. The same researchers reported previously that people who experience more distress and worry about their lives are at a higher risk.

The new findings, appearing in Monday's Archives of General Psychiatry, come from an analysis of personality tests and medical exams of 397 older Catholic priests, nuns and brothers who participated in the Religious Orders Study.

At the start of the study, none of the participants showed signs of dementia. The average age was 75. Everyone took tests, including a standard personality test, then the researchers tracked them for 12 years, testing yearly for cognitive decline and dementia. Brain autopsies were performed on most of those who died.

During the 12 years, 176 people developed Alzheimer's disease. Those with the highest scores for a personality trait called "conscientiousness" at the start of the study had an 89 percent lower risk of developing Alzheimer's compared to people with the lowest scores for that personality trait.

The conscientiousness scores were based on how people rated themselves, on a scale of 1 to 4, on how much they agreed with statements such as: "I work hard to

accomplish my goals," "I strive for excellence in everything I do," "I keep my belongings clean and neat" and "I'm pretty good about pacing myself so as to get things done on time."

When the researchers took into account a combination of risk factors, including smoking, inactivity and limited social connections, they still found that the dutiful people had a 58 percent lower risk of Alzheimer's compared to people with the lowest scores for conscientiousness.

Could lower conscientiousness merely be an early sign of Alzheimer's? The researchers think not. At the start of the study, the less conscientious people were no more likely to have lower mental abilities or more memory problems than the most dutiful people in the study.

Fewer checked bags making it to their final destination

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After the crammed parking lot, the amusement-park-length check-in lines, security procedures that require a stamp before a bag is unpacked, if they're not delayed or canceled — after all that comes baggage claim, where the maddening odyssey of modern air travel is supposed to end but often just gets worse.

More than 1 million pieces of luggage were lost, damaged, delayed or pilfered by airlines from May to July, according to data from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. June and July ranked among the 20 worst months for mishandled baggage in 20 years.

The shoddy service is the crest of five years of steady deterioration in the ability

of major airlines to deliver a checked bag. In 2002, 3.84 reports of mishandled bags were filed per 1,000 passengers. In July, the figure was 7.93.

Frustration has mounted to the point that even a well-versed congressman, Rep. Bob Filner, D-Calif., is alleged to have barged screaming into a United Airlines baggage claim office at Washington's Dulles International Airport and shoved a clerk, leading to a misdemeanor assault charge. Filner disputes the charge and is due in court Tuesday.

His explanation summed up the feelings of many fliers: "I was tired after a delayed flight and frustrated by the subsequent further delay of the entire flight's baggage," he said in a written statement after the August incident.

Media company Belo plans to spin off its newspaper business

DALLAS (AP) — Belo Corp., owner of several Pacific Northwest television stations, plans to spin off its newspaper business which includes The Enterprise Living News into a separate publicly traded company.

Belo shares rose nearly 5 percent in premarket trading after Monday's announcement.

The new company would be called A.H. Belo Corp., the same the company bore from 1865 until 2001. Belo's current chief executive, Robert Hechtel, will become CEO of the newspaper company.

In addition to the Dallas newspaper, the new company will own and operate newspapers including The Press-Enterprise of Riverside, Calif.

It will also own and manage the Web sites associated with the properties, along

with certain niche products and direct mail and commercial printing businesses, according to a company statement.

The operations to be spun off currently have annual revenues of about \$750 million, and approximately 3,800 workers.

The newspaper spinoff will leave Belo Corp. with 20 television stations and two regional cable news channels. That company would have about 3,200 employees and revenue of more than \$750 million.

Belo's TV holdings include KING and KONG in Seattle, KGW in Portland, Ore., KREM and KSNB in Spokane, Wash., and KTVB in Boise.

Feds attempting to deport former Nazi

Man has lived in U.S. since 1955

By Erin Halpin
Associated Press writer

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — Federal authorities have begun deportation proceedings against an 85-year-old suburban Atlanta man who they say served as a Nazi guard and trained and handled attack dogs at the Dachau and Buchenwald concentration camps.

The Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security allege Paul Henss, a German citizen who lives in Lawrenceville, about 30 miles northeast of Atlanta, entered the U.S. in 1955

after hiding his concentration camp service.

The Department of Justice announced the action against Henss on Monday; federal authorities filed an immigration document making the allegation Sept. 4.

On Monday, in his driveway in a tidy, middle-class neighborhood where the streets are named



Henss

after tennis stars, Henss said he had been an SS soldier and had trained German shepherds and Rotweilers during World War II, but he angrily denied being a war criminal.

"I didn't commit no crimes," Henss said in a thick German accent. "I didn't hurt nobody. Otherwise I wouldn't have come to the United States."

Henss called the Holocaust "catastrophe" and said: "Everybody in Germany knows that wasn't right."

According to federal authorities, Henss joined the Hitler Youth organization in Germany in 1934 as a 12- or 13-year-old boy and joined the Nazi Party in 1940.

He entered the Waffen SS in 1941 and volunteered the following year to become an SS dog handler, serving from 1942 to 1944 at the Dachau and Buchenwald concentration camps in Germany; the immigration document states.

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EDITORIAL

Small-town hospitals: Gooding's Rx for survival

The future of rural Idaho hospitals may be about to be decided in Gooding County. The people who run county-owned Gooding Memorial Hospital are holding a series of public meetings this month to gauge taxpayer sentiment about a proposed partnership with Boise-based St. Luke's Health System that would permit construction of a new hospital.

They'd do that by creating a new, non-profit entity called a 501(c)3 organization to manage the hospital. As a nonprofit, it could borrow and raise the \$25 million needed to replace the existing 40-year-old, 35,000-square-foot structure.

No other critical-access hospital — a designation for rural hospitals that specialize in acute care — in Idaho has so far tried to create a nonprofit from a hospital district, but if it works in Gooding County there will certainly be more small, publicly owned hospitals that will follow that path.

There are 21 hospitals in Idaho that are funded through hospital districts, and all but one of them — Couer d'Alene's Kootenai Medical Center — are located in small towns. All are being squeezed by rising costs. It's expensive to run a hospital in a small community, and getting prohibitive when it comes to buying big-ticket items such as imaging and diagnostic equipment.

And when it becomes time to replace the bricks-and-mortar, the options dwindle further. Idaho Code limits the amount of money that hospitals can borrow through bonds, and private financing in an agrarian community is difficult. The hospital can be sold, but in Gooding County's case local sentiment was against it.

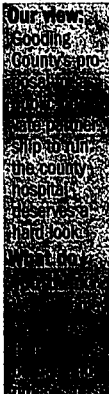
So the 501(c)3 option can be attractive. In Gooding County Memorial's case, the plan calls for the creation of a governing board composed of the locally elected district board of directors, a representative from St. Luke's Health System, the chief of the GCMH medical staff and the hospital CEO.

By affiliating with St. Luke's Health System — Idaho's largest — Gooding County Memorial will have access to equipment and medical specialists who wouldn't otherwise be available in a county of 14,000.

There are some tradeoffs, though. A 501(c)3 is run like a private company; so the taxpayers can't look at the books.

The hospital's CEO, Earl Fitzpatrick, is holding a series of public meetings about the proposal this month and some informal meetings as well. He says if public sentiment is against it, he won't go ahead with the proposed change.

To us, the public-private partnership notion looks ideal for Gooding County. We hope the county's residents will turn out and learn more.



Our editor, Cal Thomas

Speak out

A series of community meetings and informal get-togethers about the proposed change in hospital governance of Gooding County Memorial Hospital will be held over the next few weeks. Community meetings are planned for:

- Wendell High School, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.
- Hagerman Senior Center, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.
- Bliss School Cafeteria, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

Hospital CEO Earl Fitzpatrick will also be available for more informal chats at:

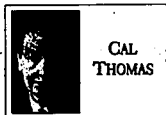
- Sally's Office Solutions, Gooding, Wednesday through 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wendell City Hall, Oct. 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Hagerman Senior Center, Oct. 17, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oxbow Cafe, Oct. 18, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It's time we find common ground

Editor's note: Columnist Cal Thomas co-authored this essay with Bob Beckel.

"Politics, it seems to me, for years, or all too long, has been concerned with right or left instead of right or wrong."
— Richard Armour, American poet and novelist

Following last year's election, which returned Democrats to a congressional majority for the first time in 12 years, both President Bush and soon-to-be Speaker Nancy Pelosi pledged themselves to a noble cause: the pursuit of common ground. The president said, "I believe we can find some common ground with the Democrats." Rep. Pelosi agreed, saying, "Extending the hand of partnership to the president... bipartisanism, but partnership — (I) say let's work together to come to some common ground where we can solve the problem in Iraq."



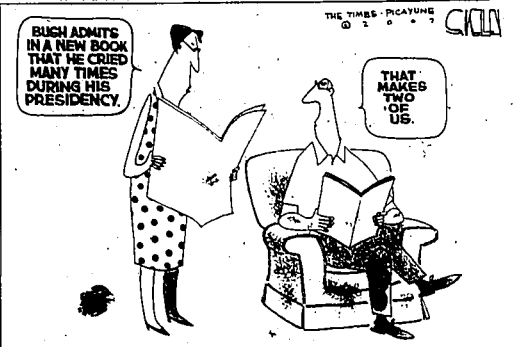
It sounded good to the public, most of whom do not embrace the extremes of left or right. Unfortunately, the idea was stillborn. The plague of partisanship that has so infected politics for the last 25 years would not be cured with high-minded statements from the top leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties. It wasn't long before partisan business was usual resumed.

Today's divisions are caused by a polarization, unseen at this depth in a long time. Politics has always been a contact sport, but the elements cheating and promoting division for their own ends are more intense than any we've witnessed in all our years in Washington.

Dr. James Q. Wilson, professor of public policy at Pepperdine University in California, defined polarization in a February 2006 essay for Commentary magazine: "An intense commitment to a candidate, a cause, or an ideology that sets people in one group definitively apart from people in another, rival group." In other words, the goal of polarization is to knock off the other side before they knock you off.

We no longer debate ideas and settle for the best of them, whether we agree completely or not. We now seek to demonize the "other side" as having ideas born in the mind of Satan. One's opponent, or the opposing side, is smeared as evil and corrupt with no redeeming qualities. Once one has been so labeled, it is difficult to search for, much less reach, common ground. Who wants to be associated with people out to "destroy America"? We thought that was the objective of Osama bin Laden, not our fellow Americans of the opposite party.

Numerous interest groups benefit financially from polar-



No matter which candidate wins, he (or she) should promise to govern on common ground principles and mean it. Here are some of our recommendations. They are by no means exhaustive, but they are a beginning:

- **Principle 1:** There must be agreement that a problem exists and agreement on the goal that needs to be reached to solve the problem. Without an agreement that a problem exists, no goals can be reached. Not all issues suggest agreement. We disagree on the approach to guns, for example. In such cases, it is better to move on to other issues, lest the common ground waters become poisoned over one failure to reach consensus. We agree there are too many abortions and that providing more information to women would substantially reduce their number without legislation or intervention by the Supreme Court. Polarizers would oppose such an approach because it gives neither side all it wants, but it

Four principles

would reduce the number of abortions, which pro-life and pro-choice people claim to want.

- **Principle 2:** For a controversial issue to be resolved in a common ground climate, it must contain elements of the historical orthodoxy of both parties. Republicans favor individual responsibility; accountability and entrepreneurial capitalism. Democrats believe in helping the powerless and the "little guy" against the politically powerful and wealthy. We believe both of these historical orthodoxies can be used to forge a common ground approach to a lot of issues, which could lead to...
- **Principle 3:** Chances for consensus on a solution increase dramatically when fresh ideas are brought to the table. Poverty is an example. We believe both the government (this appeals to Democrats) and the private sector (this appeals to Republicans) can work together to reduce poverty in America. We believe that without adding new govern-

ment programs, but applying the micro-lens principles successfully practiced by the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, poverty in America can be substantially reduced.

- **Principle 4:** A common ground strategy for governing must be provided with the maximum possible amount of political cover. The increase in the federal minimum wage earlier this year received support from Republicans and Democrats. After Democrats argued for it and Republicans argued against it, the two sides reached agreement when Democrats supported a Republican position of tax breaks for small business, which Republicans believed would be harmed by a minimum-wage increase. Both sides got something. Neither side achieved everything. Common ground was served and people who make the minimum wage can have a higher floor from which to start out their working lives and, it is hoped, move up the ladder.

We believe it is possible — indeed it is essential — that, in the next two election cycles, polarization will be eclipsed by a return to bipartisanship and consensus.

Others profit by increasing their political power. Television — especially cable TV — promotes confrontation over conversation. We have been called by show bookers and asked for our opinions on certain subjects. When they prove not to be as extreme as what the booker is looking for, we have been passed over in favor of people with more toxic views. The preferred guests are people who will shout at each other, question the other person's patriotism and accuse the other of trying to ruin the country, rather than two people who might do their best to agree on policies that could benefit the majority.

The primary goal of most activists on the extreme right and left is to demonize the opposition in a way that enhances the interests of the polarizers. We should know. We have done our share to fan the flames of polarization. We can say with assurance

born of experience that common ground would threaten the place of polarizers at the top of their organizations and reduce their influence at the political table.

Numerous surveys over several years have found that Americans believe even the most partisan issues — from abortion to Iraq — can be resolved, or at least moved from stalemate, with an honest commitment from elected leaders in Washington to find consensus. More importantly, voters are prepared to punish candidates whose extremist positions make that objective impossible.

We believe polarization's dominance over politics is coming to an end. While we recognize that polarizers will always be with us, like most bullies, polarizers aren't nearly as tough as their reputations would have you believe. We believe it is possible — indeed it is essential — that, in the next two election

cycles, polarization will be eclipsed by a return to bipartisanship and consensus. Common ground policies will emerge as the preferred territory where smart politics is played and polarization will be relegated to the fringes where it belongs.

To do this we have set out several specific recommendations in our new book "Common Ground: How to Stop the Partisan War That is Destroying America." The first, modeled on the Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858, would have the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees appear together four times — once in each region of the country — during the 2008 presidential campaign. Each candidate would find something worthy to say about the character of the other and agree on something the other has said so that — no matter who wins — that policy would be incorporated into the new president's agenda.

Cal Thomas, a conservative syndicated columnist, is co-author with Bob Beckel, a liberal Democratic Party strategist of "Common Ground: How to Stop the Partisan War That is Destroying America."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Industry working with our enemies to 'boil us in oil'

Arabs, Democrats and the liberal media have had their way. The price of gasoline has skyrocketed and appears to be kept that way by an untold alliance of interests that have "boiled the frog." The frog I refer to is the average American who is depend-

ent on an auto every day of the year. A few fiscal quarters ago, when the Republicans were nominally in charge, the liberal press (Associated Press) ranted about how Exxon had made the highest profit ever recorded, something over \$4 billion for the previous quarter. After the Democrats took control of Congress, howev-

er, the next quarter's earnings were reported as just 10 percent higher than the previous quarter. Ten percent doesn't sound that bad, does it? I wonder if the lack of interest by the media and Democrats has anything to do with the amount of political action committee money that now goes largely to Democrats (I recog-

nize some Republicans in name only are still getting a share). At least 20 percent of that increase is due to speculation by the "fear and greed" crowd who plays the futures market. (That figure was reported in the media, but I suspect the percentage is higher than that.) Every time some potentate has an attack of gas, pardon the pun, the futures price goes up. If we had a "free" press, it would be investigating which public servants are being paid by the oil industry to keep them looking for new oil deposits. It might explain why Kennedy, the swimmer, does not want to see wind farms when he goes sailing or why most is not interested in drilling off the California coast or maybe even why Bush, in Florida, is not interested in drilling off the Florida coast. Something is wrong when the industry that our armed forces are fighting to protect is working with our enemies to "boil us in oil."

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Want world peace? Build more girls' schools

A phenomenon hit Seattle last week. Everywhere Greg Mortenson went, people lined up to listen to his simple message about how to change the world.



MARK TRAHAN

What is this message that we're so ready to hear? It's the antidote to the ways of war.

Think about the way we fight terrorism. We are at war. We fear what they will do. Fear is the key word.

But there's an alternative. If you promote peace, that's based on "hope," Mortenson said. "The real enemy is ignorance because it's based on fear."

Mortenson's book, "Three Cups of Tea," tells the story about how building schools — mostly girls' schools — is the

surest way to change the world.

"Three Cups of Tea" has been on The New York Times' bestseller list for 34 weeks. This occurred because book clubs, women's groups, schools and ordinary Americans would read a copy and then buy another for someone else. It was a network of hope.

Pennies for Peace started with Mortenson's first promise

to build a school in a remote Pakistan village. He wrote letters to celebrities — even getting a check for \$100 from Tom Brokaw. But it wasn't enough to do anything. Then he talked to a class. A fourth-grader in Wisconsin suggested a donation from his piggy bank. Six weeks later those school kids had raised \$2,342 pennies.

"It wasn't adults. It was children, reaching out to children half-way around the world," he said. "What can a penny buy? You can buy a pencil with a penny. And that gives a child hope. If you have hope, you can do anything." Soon after he raised enough for the first school, some \$12,000.

Mortenson's premise starts with an African proverb: "If

you educate a boy, you educate an individual. But if you educate a girl, you educate a community."

—When a boy goes to school, it's assumed he will leave his village and work. But a girl stays the grows into a woman, bears healthier children, and encourages them to be educated.

Consider the word "jihad." We know about that word in one context — a violent quest. But the word has other meanings — reflecting other pursuits. But before beginning a jihad, you ask permission from your mother, Mortenson said. If she is educated — she's less likely to give approval for a violent mission.

Those who dismiss education say that many of the 9/11

hijackers were educated — and that's true, Mortenson said. "But none of their mothers were educated."

—There is an urgent need to do more, to build more schools. "There are 145 million children without education — and the numbers are going up — because of slavery, gender discrimination, religious intolerance and corrupt governments. It only costs \$1 per month, per child to change that, roughly \$6 to \$8 billion per year.

Last week the Bush administration asked Congress for another \$190 billion to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Which plan is more cost effective?

On the other hand, the schooling of Afghanistan is

"the most exciting news" you've never read, says Mortenson. When the Taliban was in power, only 800,000 kids were in school. Today more than 5 million children go to school — and 1.4 million are girls. That's where we should be putting our money.

The people who stood in lines to hear Mortenson already know this. We are a nation with a generous people. We could make this world better by doubling our efforts to build schools. We even know where to find the money: Spend a few billions less on war.

For full native Mark Trahan is the editorial page editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Psychological research suggests Craig's confession not iron clad

In the courts and in Congress, Sen. Larry Craig is being led to withdraw his guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge that may suggest he tried to solicit sex from a man in June at a Minneapolis airport bathroom. Rather than resign Sunday, as he had promised and Republicans had hoped, Craig said he was going to stick around and try to clear his name.



SHANKAR VEDANTAM

says nothing about Craig's case in particular. Experienced interrogators might be right when they say that Craig's actions have all the marks of a guilty person. But what the psychological research conclusively undermines is the widespread notion that innocent people never plead guilty.

That assumption has informed centuries of law enforcement, and decades of movie plots and murder-mystery novels. The whole point in many investigations is to get the bad guy to confess. Laboratory experiments and dozens of case studies, however, show it is not hard to get innocent people to confess.

"Innocence is a state of mind that puts innocent people at risk," said psychologist Saul Kassin at Williams College, who has studied the phenomenon. Innocent peo-

ple, Kassin found, are more likely to waive their constitutional rights to remain silent and to have a lawyer present. Innocent people also assume that innocent people do not get convicted, or that objective evidence will exonerate them. Nearly 90 percent of all convictions overturned in recent years based on DNA and other evidence have involved false confessions.

Often involve the mentally disturbed. Kassin and Gary Wells, a psychologist at Iowa State University, say the problem is not limited to the mentally ill.

In one experiment, Kassin asked volunteers to perform a challenging task on a computer but warned them not to touch the "Alt" key or risk damaging a computer. Volunteers were told that the computer had been damaged and were asked whether they hit the banned key. In reality, the volunteer did nothing wrong. Most volunteers were told that the computer had been given

was made difficult, they became less sure because they were distracted. When researchers had confederates lie about having seen the volunteers hit the Alt key, the number of people who confessed went up to 100 percent. Every stage of increased pressure led over larger numbers of volunteers to believe they were really guilty.

Craig said he confessed to a misdemeanor because he panicked and had hoped the plea would make the problem go away. Allegations about Craig's secret homosexual life had been the subject of an investigation by an Idaho newspaper, and the senator said he had been upset about the rumors. But he didn't plead guilty to everything. He refused to admit he ran his fingers under the stall separating him from the cop, which would have been a gross misdemeanor.

Interrogation experts such as Joseph Buckley, president of John E. Reid and Associates, a Chicago-based

firm that has trained tens of thousands of interrogators, and Pete Blair, an assistant professor of criminal justice at Texas State University, say false confessions are rare.

Blair said laboratory experiments don't say much about the real world — where confessing to crimes can involve serious penalties — and that Craig's case had all the hallmarks of a guilty politician trying to save his skin.

"Everybody who confesses tries to retract," added Buckley. "When you talk to your lawyer, he says, 'we should challenge that so we will say that you were coerced or abused.' That is very, very common."

But psychologist Kassin said that when he heard a widely disseminated audio recording of Craig's confession to a police officer, he had "the unerving sense that something was not right."

In a recent presentation at a meeting of the American Psychological Association in San Francisco, Kassin pointed

ed to the 1989 "Central Park Jogger" case where five young men confessed to violently raping a jogger in New York.

Thirteen years after the crime, a serial rapist named Mattias Reyes confessed to the crime and said he had acted alone. Reyes's DNA matched DNA taken from the victim, and he knew details about the crime scene that had not been made public. The five young men, who had spent more than a decade behind bars, were released.

Detectives and commentators around the country remained unconvinced. If the five men were innocent, they demanded, why in the world would they confess?

Shankar Vedantam is a columnist for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wildland firefighters group deserves your support

Whatever other positives that resulted from the recent Castle Rock Fire in Ketchum, it made us aware of a terrific organization many of us had never heard of before the fire: the Boise-based Wildland Firefighter Foundation. (208) 336-2996.

Designed to help injured firefighters and their families reunite and recover in the wake of tragedy, the organization has distributed more than \$1.5 million and helped some 212 families since 1989 (when it became a 501(c)3 non-profit charity). In addition to providing travel expenses for relatives of injured firefighters, the Wildland Firefighter Foundation also makes it a priority to send burn kits, money, food and other supplies to firefighters in the field and has a lawyer on retainer to help injured firefighters (and their families) with various legal problems that arise from fire-related deaths and injuries.

The Wildland Firefighter Foundation has an operational overhead of only 7 percent (so the money raised goes primarily to

those in need, not to exorbitant administrative salaries), and its board of directors is comprised solely of firefighters or people who've known firefighters killed in the line of duty.

If you go to its moving and inspirational Web site (www.wffoundation.org), you'll find a myriad of stories of firefighters and family members who obviously were greatly assisted by the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. Director Vicki Minor and her mostly volunteer staff have a lot to be proud of, as will you if you support this very worthy cause.

JOHN PLUNZKE
Ketchum

America has become a mockery of justice

Foul, Mr. Carver. Did the Bush administration, in defiance of our own law and all treaties and agreements with other nations, invade two countries illegally to conduct its campaign? Yes; throw out the Nuremberg Standards to execute policy? Yes; authorize the torture of children and other interrogation practices forbidden

under international law, with the expressed intent of evading legal punishment in the aftermath of any discovery of these practices? Yes; to record documents, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights and replace them with the Patriot and Military Commissions Acts? Yes.

Did the Bush administration sign and support agreements to dissolve the borders of the United States and form a collective with Canada and Mexico? Yes. Are those items, listed above, "high-crimes ..." and treasonous? Yes. Did the Bush administration subvert the truth and bully opponents into mindlessly goose-stepping to its scheme of lies? Yes. Did you beloved Republican Party, collectively, take actions to stop the Bush administration on any of these offenses? No.

Dostoyevsky wrote: "Where there are no ethics everything is lawful — even crime." Does the Bush junta fit this philosophical model? Yes.

America, under the Republican Party, has become a mockery of jus-

tice, a symbol of hypocrisy and a laughing stock, and all of this, because we've become nothing but another petty money-grubbing jailer on a very long list of petty money-grubbing jailers to have infected this globe since the beginning of civilization.

Thus, with Chancellor Bush, and clam — in

charge, a congress and judiciary reduced to a pack of pompous quills, all moving our great republic toward oblivion, I have no problem asking credit for charging that our government, specifically the Republican Party, has made a compact with evil.

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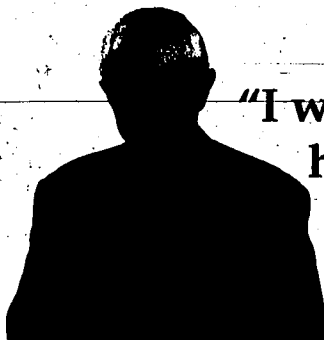
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Golden Eagles take on Albertson College of Idaho Cartisser pits CSI against familiar faces

Times-News

Tonight will be equal parts reunion and volleyball match in Caldwell.

The No. 10 College of Southern Idaho volleyball team takes a break from scenic West Athletic Conference play for a 7 p.m. match at Albertson College of Idaho. White

the exhibition match against the No. 12 team in the NAIA volleyball ranks will help the Golden Eagles prepare for Saturday's pivotal match against in-state rival North Idaho College. It will also be a reunion of sorts for CSI head coach Heli Cartisser.

Cartisser lists Albertson head coach Liz Mendolia as one of her best friends. The two are close

enough that Cartisser left Chicago State University in 2004, she helped current Coyotes players Catherine Everest and Katie Zillner transfer to Albertson, where Cartisser finished her playing career after playing two years at CSI.

Also of interest, Zillner pitches for the Albertson softball team, and is the older sister of CSI sophomore

Want to watch?

Tonight's match between CSI and Albertson College of Idaho will be broadcast live on <http://www.idahosportzone.com>. Visit the site for the match's 7 p.m. start. The video webcast will feature commentary from Idaho Sports Zone's Will Hoenike, Paul Kingsbury and J. Bates.

pitcher Jody Zillner.

The 29-B Golden Eagles will likely be without the services of freshman

middle blocker Riki Moreland, who suffered an unspecified knee injury during Monday's practice. Otherwise, the Golden Eagles look to be healthy coming off Saturday's five-game victory over Snow College in Twin Falls.

Albertson is 10-6 on the season and is riding an eight-game win streak heading into tonight's match. The Coyotes are led by junior outside hitter Kathryn Ely, who averages 3.14 kills per game, while Zillner is averaging 2.66 kills per contest.



Colorado Rockies outfielder Matt Holliday, on ground, is mobbed by teammates Troy Tulowitzki (2) and Yorvit Torrealba (8) as San Diego Padres catcher Michael Barrett (4) looks on after Holliday scored the game-winning run during the 13th inning of Monday's Wild Card tiebreaker baseball game in Denver.

Rockies rally for 3 in 13th to beat Padres 9-8 for NL wild card

The Associated Press

DENVER — Matt Holliday raced home on Jamey Carroll's shallow fly ball, capping a stunning, three-run rally in the 13th inning against Trevor Hoffman and leading the Colorado Rockies over the San Diego Padres 9-8 Monday night for the NL wild card.

After Scott Hairston's two-run homer put the Padres ahead in the top of the 13th, Colorado came back against baseball's career saves leader, The Rockies, who won for the 14th time in 15 games, took the longest one-game tiebreaker in major league history. They advanced to play Philadelphia in the first round starting Wednesday.

Kaz Matsui and Troy Tulowitzki, who had four hits, lined back-to-back doubles off Hoffman, making it 8-7, and Holliday tripled off the wall in right to tie it. After Todd Helton was intentionally walked, Carroll lined out to right field Brian Giles.

Giles' throw home bounced in front of catcher Michael Barrett, who couldn't hold on as Holliday swiped the plate, then lay face-down after cutting his chin with his headfirst slide. Umpire Tim McClelland made a delayed safe call, and replays were inconclusive on whether Holliday touched the plate with his left hand or was blocked by Barrett left foot. Carroll ended the game

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- Colorado at Philadelphia (Hamel 15-5), 1:07 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 4
- American League New York (Wang 19-7) at Cleveland (Seabert 19-7), 4:37 p.m.

as a pinch-runner in the seventh inning and stayed in to play third base. He got one hit before finding himself in position to hit the sacrifice fly that won it.

"I was just trying to get a ball up in the zone," Carroll said. "Had a guy at third. Matty did a great job. Mafty ran his butt off. I am so happy that we got this opportunity to go on."

Hoffman (4-5), who has 524 career saves, blew his seventh chance in 49 tries. On Saturday, he was one strike away from clinching a playoff spot when Tony Gwynn Jr. hit a tying triple for Milwaukee, which went on to win 4-3 in 11 innings.

The Rockies are headed to the playoffs for the first time since 1995.

High flyers, high hopes

CSI basketball teams tip off new season

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

There's that old, familiar feeling again. With a chill in the air and a bustle on the campus walkways, the College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams opened the official start to their 2007-08 seasons with the Golden Eagles' annual Meet the Players Night Monday in Twin Falls. With a month remaining until both CSI teams play, the buzz around the programs was already humming as an overflow of fans forced CSI officials to roll out extra bleachers on the CSI gymnasium's top level for the event.

"It's great that we have that much support and people that will help us out during the games," women's sophomore guard Tina Tremayne said. "It's exciting that we have this many fans."

Those in attendance were treated to scrimmages by both teams, an inter-squad 3-point contest, a men's dunk contest, along with performances by the CSI cheerleaders and Golden Girls dance team. Freshman LaCale Pringle-Buchanan got the night's hours action started in style, draining a 3-pointer off a pass from Soana Lucot during the first play of the women's 10-minute scrimmage.

After finishing last season 25-7 and one win away from a spot in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament in Salina, Kan., CSI enters the new season with a new look. With eight newcomers, including late addition Jamie Edwards of Twin Falls on the roster, the Golden Eagles have worked on coming together both on and off the court since the start of classes.

"I think we've come together really well," Tremayne said. "We all can play off each other. We all have different skills that work off one another really, really well."

While new faces were also the norm for a men's team with 10 players new to the program, it was a known one that sported one of the biggest smiles as fans crowded around during the post-event autograph session. Sophomore shooting guard and Pocatello High graduate Nick David Ortiz was the last two years on a church-related mission after playing his freshman year during the 2004-05 season. Monday night felt pleasantly familiar to Hansen.

"You know, there's a lot of familiar faces," he said. "To tell you the truth, this is a big reason why I came back. I love CSI. I love the town of Twin Falls. Everybody always comes out to help us out. It's a great atmosphere."

The Golden Eagles are coming off one of the best seasons in program history —



College of Southern Idaho point guard Kevin Galloway blocks a shot by Darren Jordan during the CSI Meet the Players Night at the CSI gymnasium Monday night in Twin Falls.

one that included a 30-7 record and No. 4 finish nationally. This year, the goal is the same: Get back to Hutchinson, Kan., and win it all this time.

"We have a lot of potential," Hansen said. "It's not every day you get to play basketball with athletes like these. It's good times."

The CSI men displayed their athleticism in a 30-30 tie in their scrimmage, which gave fans a preview of what was to come in the event-ending dunk contest. After sophomore forward Juan Partillo was finished putting down his vast array of in-game skills, he won the dunk contest with a pair of perfect 50-point dunks.

Fellow sophomore Terry Fields got the assist on both dunks, the first bouncing off the side of the backboard for a resounding Partillo windmill. The second brought down the house, as Partillo leapt over three youngsters, caught a

Fields pass off the shot clock, and brought it home hard.

Partillo may have had the highlight of the night, but the CSI women got the last laugh in the teams' only head-to-head competition, the 3-point contest. Behind 13 treftakes in 45 seconds by sophomore point guard Maylene Ornelas, the CSI women won 38-35, despite sophomore transfer Joey Shaw's 13 threes for the men.

The CSI women open their season on Thursday, Nov. 1 at Chandler-Gilbert Community College in Phoenix, while the men open the season the same night, hosts in Central Arizona College for the first day of the 31st Annual K&T Steel Tournament.

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Sweet ride set to start: Who will emerge as this October's brightest star?

A Chicago Cubs fan holds up a sign during a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Saturday in Cincinnati. The Cubs won the NL Central in the playoffs.



By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

Grady Sizemore, fire up that '66 Lincoln convertible. Benji, Webb, show off your stinker. Ryan Howard, swing for those fences.

The sweet ride starts Wednesday, and there's a new mix to these year's playoffs. Along with usual suspects Derek Jeter, David Ortiz and Lou Piniella, fresh faces abound this October.

Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley up the middle. Daisuke Matsuzaka starting. Jose Chamberlain relieving. Victor Martinez, Gary Matthews Jr. and Dustin Pedroia all set to make their postseason debuts.

Plus, for the first time in a while, there's no clear-cut favorite.

"Nobody lost 100. Nobody won 100.

So I think the whole league is a lot closer than maybe it used to be," Boston manager Terry Francona said Monday, surveying the AL landscape.

"I don't know that that's good for us trying to win games, but it's good for baseball. I think you've got four really good teams because to get through the American League, we beat each other up so much, that I think it's going to be really good baseball," he said.

And how's this for a new look? Given a choice of which teams to feature in prime time, first-year TV outlet TBS picked the Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs, rather than the New York Yankees.

It all begins Wednesday afternoon, with Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia hosting its first postseason game. The Phillies took advantage of the New York Mets' historic collapse to make their first

playoff appearance since 1993.

"Lo and behold, the National League East belongs to one team and one city, and that's the City of Brotherly Love, baby," Rollins said during a rally Monday at City Hall.

Rollins, Howard, Utley and the Phillies will play Colorado in the best-of-five opening round. The Rockies earned their spot Monday night, rallying for three runs in the 13th inning to beat Colorado 9-8 in the NL wild-card tiebreaker at Coors Field.

Cosmo Zambano and the Cubs visited Bob, Hudson and the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday night in the other NL series. Arizona won the West despite losing Randy Johnson, Orlando Hudson and Chad Tracy to

CSI cowgirls finish second at Utah State

Times-Herald

Former Gooding standout cowgirl Italy to Sheehan had a big weekend in Logan, Utah, finishing second in a tubing series. Sheehan, a former women's all-around standings at the Utah State University rodeo, held Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29.

Sheehan took second in both team roping and barrel racing to help the College of Southern Idaho cowgirls to a No. 2 overall finish at 330 points. Weber State University (Utah) was first with 565 points. The CSI cowboys finished fourth overall, while Utah Valley State University finished first with 665 points. Tyson Brown's 10.8-second steer wrestling time put him in second, and was the highest finish by a CSI cowboy in the event.

After two fall rodeos, the CSI cowgirls are second in the regional standings, while the cowboys are third overall. CSI cowboys Zack Elliott, Andrew Hummel and Tyson Brown are first in bull riding, tie-down roping and steer wrestling, respectively, after two events. Sheehan is first in barrel racing. The Golden Eagles are in action Thursday through Saturday at the Bannock

County Fairgrounds in Pocatello—for more-National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Rocky Mountain Region roping and riding.

NIRA Rocky Mountain Region Rodeo

Overall standings (through Oct. 31)
Men's team — 1. Utah Valley State 2,160 points; 2. Weber State 1,845; 3. Utah State 1,710; 4. Utah State Eastern 1,500; 5. Utah State Northern 1,320; 6. Utah State Southern 1,200.
Women's team — 1. Weber State 885; 2. CSI 765; 3. Utah State 645; 4. Utah State Eastern 525; 5. Utah State Northern 405; 6. Utah State Southern 285.
Saddle bronc — 1. J. Zach Elliott 1,875; 2. Corey Johnson 1,200.
Bulldogging — 1. Drew Hornum 320; 2. Tyson Brown 220; 3. Andrew Hummel 100; 4. Zack Elliott 100.
Team roping — 1. Utah Valley State 277 points; 2. Utah State 220; 3. Utah State Eastern 120; 4. Utah State Northern 100; 5. Utah State Southern 100.
Steer wrestling — 1. Tyson Brown 10.8 seconds; 2. Tyson Brown 11.0 seconds; 3. Tyson Brown 11.2 seconds; 4. Tyson Brown 11.4 seconds; 5. Tyson Brown 11.6 seconds; 6. Tyson Brown 11.8 seconds.
Cowboy cutting — 1. J. Zach Elliott 1,875; 2. Corey Johnson 1,200; 3. Tyson Brown 1,000; 4. Tyson Brown 800; 5. Tyson Brown 600; 6. Tyson Brown 400.

Utah State University Rodeo

Final results
Men's team — 1. Utah Valley State 2,160; 2. Weber State 1,845; 3. Utah State 1,710; 4. Utah State Eastern 1,500; 5. Utah State Northern 1,320; 6. Utah State Southern 1,200.
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Patriots beat Bengals to stay perfect

CINCINNATI (AP) — Tom Brady had three more touchdown passes. Sammy Morris had one of the best games of his career. The New England defense had its way.

Expect anything less? The Patriots remained one of the NFL's four unbeaten teams Monday night and so far, the best of all the bunch by beating the Cincinnati Bengals 34-13 with a performance that showed their versatility.

And, they're only just begun. New England (4-0) is off to its best start since 2004, when it won the Super Bowl for the third time in four years. An offense energized by the addition of receivers Randy Moss, Donte Stallworth and Wes Welker showed it can grind it out, too.

Especially against a team like the Bengals (1-3), who had trouble just getting a defense on the field — and counting to 11 while they were at it. Moss caught a pair of touchdown passes, and Morris ran for 117 yards, giving the Patriots more than enough to win the night when they didn't need a whole lot.

Cincinnati was missing middle line-backers Ahmad Brooks and Caleb Miller, leaving a big hole in one of the Bengals' worst defenses. When Len Marshall threw an Achilles' tendon in the first quarter, the Bengals moved rookie safety Chinedum Nduke into a line-backer's spot.



New England Patriots linebacker Mike Vrabel, left, scores against Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Deani Jones in the first quarter of an NFL football game Monday in Cincinnati.

The Patriots had more line-backers in their offenses on goal-line plays than the Bengals had in their defense on many plays. And one of them — Mike Vrabel — caught a 1-yard touchdown pass in a Super Bowl flashback.

Missing their top runner didn't slow the Patriots. Morris, an eighth-year journeyman playing for his third team, got to take center stage because Laurence

Maroney was out with a strained groin. He had the second 100-yard game of his career, including a 7-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-1 put the Patriots in control in the third quarter.

Morris' 49-yard run — the second longest of his career — set up Brady's yard touchdown pass to Vrabel, who has nine career catches, all on touchdowns. Two of them have come in the Patriots' Super Bowl wins.

Report: Schoeneweis received steroids from Florida pharmacy

NEW YORK (AP) — Relief pitcher Scott Schoeneweis received six shipments of steroids in 2003 and 2004 from the Florida pharmacy under investigation for illegal distribution of performance-enhancing drugs, ESPN.com reported Monday.

Schoeneweis, then with the Chicago White Sox and now with the New York Mets, was prescribed the steroids by Ramon Scruggs of the New Hope Health Center in Tustin, Calif., the Web site said. Scruggs also wrote prescriptions for Toronto third baseman Troy Glaus. The name of Schoeneweis, a survivor of testicular cancer, appears on packages sent to Comiskey Park in 2003 and 2004 by Signature Pharmacy. ESPN.com said, citing source in Florida close to the investigation, Schoeneweis spent \$1,160 and received testosterone and stanozolol, it said.

Scott Boras, Schoeneweis' agent, did not immediately

return a telephone call seeking comment.

The Daily News reported last month that St. Louis outfielder Rick Ankiel received human growth hormone from Signature in 2001, before baseball banned HGH. SI.com reported Toronto third baseman Troy Glaus received nandrolone and testosterone from Signature in 2003 and 2004, that Baltimore outfielder Jay Gibbons received Genotropin (a brand name for synthetic hGH), testosterone and human chorionic gonadotropin from Signature from 2003-05.

Ankiel said any drugs he received in 2004 were prescribed by a licensed physician to help him recover from reconstructive elbow surgery. Glaus and Gibbons have not addressed the accusations.

Signature is at the center of an investigation by the Albany county district attorney's office in New York.

Times-News

Gooding took Filer the distance and the Senators were able to steal a win on the road. Gooding won the match 3-2, outscoring Filer 25-22, 25-19, 15-25, 10-25, 15-12.

Jordan Braga was the main scoring threat for the Senators, recording 10 kills and 23 service points. Juniel Jensen had 22 assists, and Megan Pierson was a defensive stalwart with 33 digs for Gooding.

Emma Wiersma and Mackenzie Jasper were dominant at the net with 10 kills each, in conjunction with Katelyn Sigurdson and the Wildcats. Shelby Nutting stifled the Gooding attack with six blocks. Kayla and Kelsey Richards combined for 47 assists.

Head coach Ed Richards was most pleased with the performance of Erica Kober, who played "one of her best matches of the year." Kober racked up 37 digs, and had 35 perfect passes directed to the center.

Coach Richards mentioned the Wildcats "attacked the ball 159 times. We just did not finish as many times as we should have."

Gooding (4-1 conference) travels to Declo Wednesday. Filer (9-9, 2-4) travels to Kimberly on October 9th.

HANSEN 3, MURTAUGH 1

Hansen and Murtaugh played four close games, but the home team Huskies won the match 3-1. Scores were 25-13, 20-20, 25-27, 25-22. After a hard fought 20 kills and seven digs points, Megan Marovich recorded 16 service points, and Crystal Guerrero tallied 10 assists for the Huskies.

Head coach, Galen Stimpson attributed the win to a relaxed team effort. "We finally calmed down and played some ball, with out getting overly intense," commented Stimpson.

The Red Devils were led by Michelle Roseborough who knocked down 10 kills. JoAnna Randolph recorded four kills along with 11 assists. Taldia Baxter added two kills and four aces for Murtaugh.

Murtaugh (0-12, 0-11) plays Magic Valley Christian in Jerome. Hansen (5-9, 3-8) travels to Oakley today.

KIMBERLY 3, BUHL 0

Buhl was defeated by visiting Kimberly 3-0. The scores, in favor of the Bulldogs, were 25-18, 25-19, 25-15.

Kassie Newberry paced the Bulldogs offense with 13 kills, while Sarah Lentz anchored the defense with 18 digs.

Buhl coach Chrissy Walley noted that Kimberly kept the Indians on the defensive all night. "We played flat-footed. They came out attacking us and we could not get it back

on them," said Walley. Buhl (7-4, 4-3) plays Jerome and Burley in Jerome, on Wednesday.

CAREY 3, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2

Carey and the Community School battled the full five games, with the host Carey Panthers regrouping in the final set to win 3-2. The scores were: 25-20, 25-21, 25-15, 25-16, 15-26, favor of Carey.

Carey coach Kathy Whitworth said of her team's lapse in Games 3 and 4 that "We started thinking too much and stopped reacting." The Panther squad was able to clear their minds and regroup to take the final game and the victory.

Kayla Bailey paced the Panthers with 12 kills and three blocks. Kelsey Green added seven kills to the team tally. Donnie Olsen led the team with nine assists, followed by Shelby Hansen with seven assists.

Whitworth said her team played well in all facets of the game, and were aggressive at the net.

Carey (4-11, 2-4) competes against Richfield and Mackay tonight, in Richfield.

WENDILL 3, CAMAS COUNTY 0

Wendell picked up a non-conference home win as the Trojans defeated Camas County 25-16, 25-13, 25-13 on Monday.

We attacked the ball tonight—and played—more offense than defense," said Wendell coach Kelli Jasper. Wendell senior Jody Lund had a team-high seven kills and tied Courtney Stouder with 11 service points. Junior Amber Bowers was the leader at the service line with 16 service points. Senior setter Whitney Gimes dished out 12 assists.

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 3, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 1

A hustling Magic Valley Christian team and a few problems on the Lighthouse Christian defense resulted in the Conquerors picking up a road Magic Valley Southside win over the Lions. Lions, 25-22, 25-25, 25-24.

Josena Van Vliet led the Lions with 10 kills, followed by seniors Stacy Beukers with nine and Taylor Kirkwood added six. Lions senior setter Kayla Borchardt dished out 22 assists. At the service line, Kirkwood had a team-high four aces with Van Vliet adding three and Beukers two.

Sophomore Kristina Reitsma had a game-high 20 kills and six blocks for the Conquerors and junior Kayla Reitsma followed with five kills and 10 blocks. Senior Arienne Blahoff had 30 digs on defense and 16 service points. Lighthouse Christian (6-6, 6-5) is at Castleford and Magic Valley Christian (5-6)

hosts Murtaugh tonight.

CASTLEFORD 3, RAFT RIVER 2

A thrilling five-game match resulted in the host Wolves improving their Magic Valley Southside record to 9-2 as Castleford defeated the Raft River Trojans 25-18, 22-25, 21-25, 25-21, 15-13.

"It was two good, tough teams going at each other," said Castleford coach Oscar Flores. "It was fun and also a good challenge for us. Mentally the girls are tough and they refuse to give up."

The Wolves were led by sophomore Allison Rodgers with 13 kills followed by junior Rikki Higgins and senior Gabi Medina with five. Senior Rachel Rodgers and junior Amanda Elser each added four. Medina recorded 12 assists and junior Jenna Hageman dished out eight. On defense, Rachel Rodgers had six blocks and Elser had five. Senior Michelle Hill had seven digs. Medina had nine aces while Allison Rodgers picked up four.

Castleford (10-3) hosts Lighthouse Christian while Raft River hosts Hagerman tonight.

Boys soccer

COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2, FILER 1

The Community School Cutthroats edged the Filer Wildcats 2-1 Monday night in Keelham.

Filer finally gave the usually dominant Community School reason to worry. Filer held the Community School scoreless in the first half, as both teams went scoreless midway through the match. In the second half the Cutthroats managed a couple goals for a 2-0 lead. The Wildcats would slice the lead by half on a goal by Javier Lopez in the 63rd minute, but the Community School defense would allow no further damage, preserving their one-goal lead for the victory.

Filer coach Bill Sweet was enthused about his team's performance, saying the game was "as good as a win."

"It was an exciting game. We came out strong, and held them scoreless in the first half. The boys never let down, they played hard, and I am proud of their effort," said Sweet.

After a rare scoreless half, the Community School's offensive machine finally made headway two minutes into the second half on a Tanner Finnigan goal. Max Harris doubled the lead in the 54th minute for the Cutthroats.

Community School coach Richard Whitelaw acknowledged a marked improvement in Filer's play. "Filer has improved dramatically. They played with heart and determination, and should be proud of their effort," stated Whitelaw.

Whitelaw crowned Jackson Bates as his "Man of the Match," for his deter-

mined defensive play.

In its season finale, the Community School (13-0) travels to Bliss on Wednesday.

Filer (5-7-1) hosts Twin Falls Christian today. Filer's last game is Thursday, hosting Declo.

BLISS 6, GOODING 1

Bliss held a 3-0 lead at the half and went on to score three more goals after the break and held Gooding to a single score as the Bears won 6-1.

"This win avenges our loss to them earlier in the season," said Bliss Daniel Knapp. "We are getting things together and are looking to peak the right time at the end of the season."

Sophomores Alex Cortez and Cole Erkins each had a pair of goals for the Bears (7-4) while senior Dan Butler and freshman Luis Cortez tallied the other Bliss scores. Junior goalie Eric Rojas registered 18 saves in net for Bliss.

Bliss (7-4) hosts the Community School on Wednesday.

Gooding (7-4) travels to Buhl on Thursday.

Girls soccer

COMMUNITY SCHOOL 5, FILER 0

After being off for a week, the Community School was back in action on Monday as the Cutthroats defeated the visiting Filer Wildcats 5-0.

The Community School (13-1) led 3-0 at the half. "It was a solid game," said Community School coach Kelly Feldman. "After being off a week, it was nice to get some touches. Filer is doing a great job for a first-year team."

Senior forward Hannah Hennessy scored four goals for the Cutthroats with sophomores Erica Eshman picking up three assists on Hennessy's first three goals and Middle-Kate Currie passing to Hennessy for the fourth. Senior Jean Montgomery picked up fifth score with an assist by Filer's Curran.

The Community School is at Bliss on Wednesday. Filer travels to Declo on Thursday.

GOODING 2, BLISS 0

After no scoring by either team in the first half, Gooding had goals by seniors Tiffany Jackson and Jennifer Kople after the break to beat the host Bears 2-0 on Monday.

"We had tons of shots going everywhere but in the goal," said Gooding coach Chris Thompson. "And then we finally connected." Jackson scored on a hard shot in the corner of the goal and Kople was on the end of a pin-point pass by Jennifer Romero for her goal. Bliss hosts The Community School on Wednesday. Gooding (5-4-2) is at Buhl on Thursday.

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season-ending injuries. "Any time you play the Cuba, it can be a traveling circus," Arizona manager Bob Melvin said. "There is a lot of excitement."

The AL side was to open Wednesday night at Fenway Park with John Lackey and the Los Angeles Angels facing Josh Beckett and the Red Sox. St. Louis will start Game 2 for Boston and Curt Schilling will pitch Game 3 at Anaheim. The Red Sox held back Schilling to give him extra rest.

"We're trying to gear up for 2½ or three weeks of starts," Francona said.

Alex Rodriguez, Jeter, Chamberlain and the Yankees were to open Thursday at Cleveland. Chien-Ming Wang was set to start against Indians ace C.C. Sabathia.

Sizemore is hoping for a breakout series. A fan favorite at Jacobs Field is his all-out style, he's also popular for the way he tries to the ballpark — his classic, robin's egg blue car.

High school football schedules & scores at www.magicvalley.com/varsty

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders
 1. Jimmie Johnson, 5,000
 2. Jeff Gordon, 4,800
 3. Tony Stewart, 4,700
 4. Kevin Harvick, 4,600
 5. Matt Kenseth, 4,500
 6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 4,400
 7. Greg Biffel, 4,300
 8. Clint Bowyer, 4,200
 9. Mark Martin, 4,100
 10. Robby Gordon, 4,000
 11. Brian Vickers, 3,900
 12. David Reardon, 3,800
 13. Scott Speed, 3,700
 14. Mike Wallace, 3,600
 15. Casey Mears, 3,500
 16. Jeff Burton, 3,400
 17. Travis Kvapil, 3,300
 18. Mike Bliss, 3,200
 19. Tony Stewart, 3,100
 20. Greg Biffel, 3,000

BASEBALL

Team	W	L	Pct
Arizona	68	89	.433
Atlanta	81	76	.515
Baltimore	85	72	.541
Boston	79	88	.471
Braves	77	85	.476
California	73	89	.449
Chicago	72	89	.445
Cincinnati	78	84	.481
Cleveland	75	87	.462
Colorado	71	91	.437
Detroit	76	86	.468
Florida	72	89	.445
Houston	73	88	.449
Los Angeles	71	90	.441
Minnesota	70	91	.434
Montreal	72	89	.445
New York	73	88	.449
Pittsburgh	71	90	.441
San Diego	70	91	.434
Seattle	72	89	.445
St. Louis	71	90	.441
Texas	70	91	.434
Washington	71	90	.441

National League

Team	W	L	Pct
Arizona	59	73	.449
Atlanta	65	67	.493
Baltimore	67	65	.508
Boston	61	71	.461
Braves	60	72	.452
California	58	74	.439
Chicago	57	75	.432
Cincinnati	62	70	.468
Cleveland	59	73	.449
Colorado	56	76	.425
Detroit	61	71	.461
Florida	58	74	.439
Houston	57	75	.432
Los Angeles	56	76	.425
Minnesota	55	77	.417
Montreal	56	76	.425
New York	57	75	.432
Pittsburgh	56	76	.425
San Diego	55	77	.417
Seattle	56	76	.425
St. Louis	55	77	.417
Texas	54	78	.410
Washington	55	77	.417

NL West

Team	W	L	Pct
Arizona	59	73	.449
Atlanta	65	67	.493
Baltimore	67	65	.508
Boston	61	71	.461
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MLB Postseason

Team	W	L	Pct
Arizona	4	0	1.000
Atlanta	3	0	1.000
Baltimore	2	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
Braves	1	0	1.000
California	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
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GAME PLAN

LOCAL
HIGH SCHOOL
FLORIDA SOCCER
 Filer at Community School, 8 p.m.
 Gooding at Bliss, 6:30 p.m.
 Gooding at Bliss, 5 p.m.
Volleyball
 Murtagh at Hansen, 7 p.m.
 Ruffiker at Castleton, 7 p.m.
 Gooding at Filer, 7 p.m.
 Magic Valley Christian at Lighthouse Christian, Robert Stuart Junior High, 7 p.m.
 Camas County at Wendell, 7 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 ESPN2 - Marshall at Memphis, 12:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 - UFA Champions - League, Manchester United FC vs AS Roma at Manchester, England, 8 p.m.
 ESPN Classics League, VfB Stuttgart vs FC Barcelona, at Stuttgart, Germany (anytime TV).

PGA TOUR Money Leaders

Player	W	L	Pct
1. Tiger Woods	11	1	.917
2. Phil Mickel	10	1	.909
3. Ernie Els	9	1	.900
4. Vijay Prasad	8	1	.889
5. Sergio Garcia	7	1	.875
6. Adam Scott	6	1	.857
7. Matt Kuchar	5	1	.833
8. Bubba Watson	4	1	.800
9. Jason Day	3	1	.750
10. Matt Jones	2	1	.667

AP Top 25 Schedule

Team	W	L	Pct
1. Alabama	10	0	1.000
2. Oregon	9	0	.900
3. Michigan	8	0	.800
4. Texas	7	0	.700
5. Florida	6	0	.600
6. Oklahoma	5	0	.500
7. LSU	4	0	.400
8. Auburn	3	0	.300
9. Georgia	2	0	.200
10. Arkansas	1	0	.100

FOOTBALL

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3. Michigan	8	0	.800
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Tonight: Increasing clouds, mostly dry and breezy to windy. Lows in the middle 40s.

Tomorrow: Mild and breezy to windy with mid and high level clouds. Highs in the upper 60s, lows lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Increasing afternoon clouds and mid, October temperatures. Highs middle 60s.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy and breezy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Tomorrow: Mid/temperatures, breezy winds and partly to mostly cloudy skies. Highs upper 60s, lows lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Cold and breezy today with increasing clouds. By late today and tonight scattered rain and snow showers will begin as possible.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count.

MOON PHASES

Table with 4 columns: Oct 2, Oct 10, Oct 19, Oct 28. Includes moon phase icons.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Includes time and direction.

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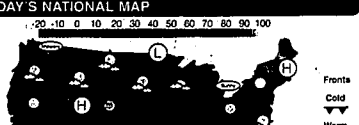
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGG DOLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. Includes a photo of Regg Dolekauff and a quote about the Cavaliers.

LeBron gets back to basketball's stage as Cavaliers open camp

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — LeBron James finished the 1980s get-up — the curly wig and skintight dancer's outfit. Play time's over for now.



Cleveland Cavaliers guard LeBron James spins a basketball on his fingers during Cavaliers media day, Monday in Independence, Ohio.

James slipped into his work clothes Monday and returned to the stage where he performs best. Fresh off his hyped stint hosting the season premiere of "Saturday Night Live," James got back on the basketball court at his old Cleveland Cavaliers' opened training camp with his eyes on winning an NBA title.

James understands the business side of things, but he also appreciates the value both players bring. "We don't make that run we had last year without Andy and Sasha," he said. "We need those two guys. I hope we can bring them in soon and not waste too much time."

Riley's voice dropped to barely a whisper when asked about O'Neal's personal turmoil Monday, saying "all you can do is support and do things the best you can." Some teammates said they approached O'Neal privately to offer whatever help they could.

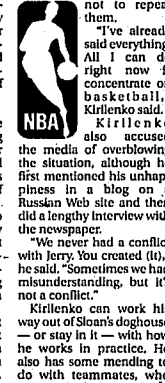
"Shaq is a professional," Heat guard Dwyane Wade said. "I think guys who have a lot to do with sports in their jobs use it to get away from anything that's going on personally in their lives. Basketball is kind of that way out. I'm sure when he comes in here, he'll be focused on what we're trying to do and he'll deal with everything else."

Bryant shows up, says he's ready to play in SEATTLE, Calif. — Where's Kobe? There was some uncertainty regarding Kobe Bryant's presence at media day Monday, and it increased after the entire Los Angeles Lakers roster except Bryant hit the floor for preseason promos and interviews shortly after the scheduled 10 a.m. start.

As it turned out, there was no mystery. He's running late. He had a doctor's appointment this morning," said Bryant's spokeswoman, Catherine Sebring, who lent a bit of intrigue last week by declining comment when asked about Bryant's plans. Sure enough, with all eyes on the training room door, Bryant emerged at 10:30, and all was right in the Lakers' world — at least for the time being.

Jazz forward Kirilenko avoids talk about last month's trade demand

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Andrei Kirilenko and Jerry Sloan set down Monday for the first time since the disgruntled forward announced he was frustrated with the coach's gruff and demanding style. Guesses who won? Kirilenko had to face reporters after the meeting and tried his best to steer the conversation toward training camp, which opens Tuesday in Boise.



Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko is seen during a practice session.

"I would do about what it takes to win. I would go out on State Street and give him a big hug or whatever you want to go do," Sloan said. "He had some things to say, and I don't have a problem with that." Sloan is entering his 20th season coaching the Jazz and he's seen unhappy players before. But he also noted he wasn't going to turn over the offense to please Kirilenko — or any other player.

One of the most outspoken was point guard Deron Williams, who questioned Kirilenko's work ethic after Kirilenko's interview was published in Russia. "Williams said as long as Kirilenko focuses on the team, he wasn't going to hold a grudge. "He's my teammate," Williams said. "I think it's definitely a start. We won't know until we step out there on the court and see how everything goes."

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Testing the taste of SUMMER

Watermelon trials part of 'Living on the Land' program

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

FILER — Cold, juicy, sweet, red?
— Yes, red, when it comes to watermelon. That's one of the results of a watermelon trial held this summer at B & G Produce in Filer — yellow slices just aren't as popular.

"I don't think people had ever seen yellow watermelon before," said Stephen Love, consumer horticultural specialist for the University of Idaho.

He noted that the yellow melon could find a niche market in the future, like yellow tomatoes and yellow bell peppers have, but it would take a dedicated marketer to develop that niche.

"What it would take is for someone to say, 'Let's turn this into a market,' until it starts to get a name," he said. "Somebody would have to take the time to do it."

As for space: Growing a niche variety of vegetable or fruit doesn't take as much land as might be expected, Love noted. A gardener with a plot as small as 20 feet by 30 feet could effectively grow varieties, using knowledge from this year's test trials like the watermelon trial in Filer. Other vegetables tested this year include tomatoes, peppers, cantaloupes, cucumbers, carrots and spinach.

"What we were doing is trying to conduct some vegetable variety trials so people have some information on which to base variety-growing decisions in this small-acreage situation," he said. The trials were funded federally as part of a "Living on the Land" program that offers classes to those who wish to grow on small properties.

At B & G, where varieties of vegetables from pumpkins to cucumbers are available for customers to pick out of the fields, acreage wasn't the problem. Watermelons simply aren't easy to grow.

"They're one of the harder things to raise," said Georgia Blastock, owner of the farm. The Constitution variety, for example, took at least four tries to germinate — but it was worth it. "It tastes about the best," said Greg Blastock, Georgia's son, who described how he started the seeds indoors before transferring the plants to two different areas of B & G's farmland.

Participation in the watermelon project was how the Blastocks fulfilled one of the requirements to get back to the master gardener program as part of earning their "advanced master gardener" titles. They weren't paid for their participation, but they were allowed to sell the remaining watermelons once the taste tests were complete.

Two of the varieties they grew were familiar — Crimson Sweet and Sweet Beauty are long-time customer favorites at B & G. They turned out to be favorites of the testers, too.



Georgia Blastock owns B&G Produce, which offers to pick vegetables including watermelons, squash and cucumbers. West of Twin Falls on Pole Line Road, the farm features a corn maze through the end of October.

Crimson Sweet earned a 7.3 of 10 on taste and an 8.1 on appearance, while Sweet Beauty garnered a 6.6 on taste and a 7.7 on appearance. Tasters were asked whether they would buy that watermelon, and only Constitution equaled Crimson Sweet in popularity. The New Queen and Sweet Beauty varieties also scored high on the



In August, visitors to B & G Produce were asked to taste 10 varieties of watermelon, judging appearance and taste. The results have been tallied, and Crimson Sweet and Constitution came out on top.

purchase question.

Least popular were the New Orchid, Cathay Belle, Black Tail Mount and Early Moonbeam. Of these, only Black Tail Mount isn't yellow. Neither the Blastocks nor Love were sure how well the yellow watermelon would do in a blindfolded taste test, when appearance wasn't a factor. But Greg Blastock noted, "The taste has to do with genetics."

The Blastocks hope the results of their watermelon trials will provide valuable information to future growers.

"Hopefully, it'll help somebody down the road if they're interested," Greg said.

Ariel Hansen can be reached at ariel.hansen@lee.net or 735-3376.

Want to take part?

To be part of next year's "Living on the Land" variety trials, contact Stephen Love at the University of Idaho office in Aberdeen, 397-4151. Love will compile details on which vegetable and melon varieties received the best test results. Seeds for those varieties are available via catalog or the Internet.

he said.

Big cabbage, even bigger heart

Boy donates monster vegetable to feed the hungry

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — What do you do with a cabbage that weighs almost as much as you do?

You could take it to the fair and hope for a prize, or, if you're like 9-year-old Gabe Easterling of Twin Falls, you could opt to feed the hungry.

Feed them lots and lots and lots of cabbage. You have absolutely got to love a kid that thinks in those terms," said Barbara Reynolds, outgoing social services director for The Salvation Army in Twin Falls. "I love that, that he thought about others first."

On the last day of third grade last spring, all the students — in Beverly Taylor's third-grade class at Harrison



Gabe Easterling, 9, of Twin Falls, grew a cabbage so big it took a dolly to move it from the car to The Salvation Army's kitchens.

Elementary School were given tiny cabbage seedlings. Including Easterling, who took his seedling to his great-grandparents' Kimberly home to plant in their garden.

Every Sunday, Easterling and his family would make the drive to see Grandma and Grandpa and to check on the cabbage.

The car door would open and away they would go to

see what the cabbage had done," said Joanne Dean, Easterling's great-grandmother.

On Aug. 17, they decided the cabbage was big enough, and the cows on the other side of the fence were eyeing it hungrily.

Dean offered her great-grandson a few choices of what to do with the enormous vegetable.

"I didn't want to take it to

the fair, because I didn't want it to go bad," Easterling said. Eating it himself was out, because "I don't like cabbage."

So The Salvation Army it was.

The cabbage, weighing in at about 50 pounds, was enough to feed 150 people. That's a lot of lunches for the 50 to 60 hungry folks who show up there each day.

"Coleslaw, oh my gosh, like days' worth," Reynolds said. Giant vegetables aren't new at The Salvation Army, but giant cabbage is. "Every once in a while, someone will bring in a 40- to 50-pound squash. Sometimes they bring us pumpkins you could fit a small child in, but I've never had something like a cabbage before."

No one is quite sure how the cabbage became a behemoth, except that it was advertised as being a "giant" variety, Easterling said.

So-is he hooked on gardening now? Not really. "It takes too long."

Garden symposium offers diverse landscapes, practical guidance

For the Times-News

Earl Andrew believes variety is the spice of life. And when it comes to tree varieties, Andrew, city forester for Heyburn, is an expert.

If you plant trees in your yard that aren't identical to those next door, your neighborhood will be more eye-catching and less pest-catching, he says. "By choosing a greater variety of trees, you get more disease resistance, greater eye appeal and interest, and a healthier urban forest."

Andrew will be a featured speaker for the third annual South Idaho Garden Symposium on Nov. 3 in Burley. He'll share his recommendations for underused trees — including oaks, red-buds and magnolias — that merit south-central Idahoans' attention. He'll

share his concerns about Colorado blue spruces, whose beauty is succumbing to epidemics of needlecast, and green ashes, which are falling prey to borers.

The symposium, "The Magic of Gardening — All Around the Garden," is hosted by the Mini-Cassia and Magic Valley master gardeners and the University of Idaho Extension.

Other speakers include Dave Klesig of the College of Southern Idaho's horticulture department, who will discuss the training and pruning of woody ornamentals, and Paul Holmes of R&J Camera Shop in Burley, who will describe the techniques of garden photography. Ryan Mutchow of Windors's Greenhouses and Nursery in Twin Falls will talk about

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Chickens not just for the farmyard but the backyard, too

By Grant Slater
Associated Press writer

COLLEYVILLE, Texas — The leaves shiver, the branches quake and 9-year-old Sophia Genco bounds out of the bushes, clucking at the top of her lungs while sprinting after a flock of scurrying chickens.

She isn't chasing down dinner. She's just playing with one of the family pets.

The Gencos are among a growing number of urban and suburban families keeping chickens in their backyards. While the birds don't cuddle like kittens or play like puppies, owners say they offer a soothing presence in the yard and an endless supply of organic eggs.

"Nothing calms you more than sitting out in the yard watching your chickens peck around for bugs and carry on conversations with each other," said Carla Allen, who keeps chickens on her ranch in San Marcos.

There are no firm numbers available to illustrate the growth because it's hard to define who's keeping chickens for pets and who's keeping them to eat, said Bob Vetter, president of the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association. Veterinarians, who trade group tracks trends in the pet market, said there is evidence to suggest the organic trend is fueling a pet chicken underground, especially in middle America.

Backyard Poultry magazine was resurrected about a year and a half after being halted in the 1980s. Readership in the Medford, Wis.-based publication has skyrocketed compared with its publisher's other two animal magazines — sheep Magazine and Dairy Goat Journal.

Publisher Dave Belanger said Backyard Poultry's more than 50,000 subscribers exceeded his expectations tenfold.

Bud Wood, president of the Murray McMurray Hatchery in Webster City, Iowa, said he's amazed at the number of calls he's gotten from urban residents.

"The biggest growth I see is the organic group that want to know where their eggs are from," he said. "A lot of urban people fall into that family."

That's the case for Natalie Genco, who lives in Colleyville, a Dallas suburb.



Sophia Genco, 9, chases one of her family's pet chickens at her family's home in Colleyville, Texas. Despite living in a suburb nestled in the Dallas-Fort Worth cityscape, the Gencos' zoning allows them to keep some livestock, they said.

The mother of four said eggs from the family's chickens taste better than the store-bought variety and that her children have fun looking for them.

"It's like Easter every day," Sophia said. Each of the family's nine hens lays an egg every day, providing up to 63 eggs a week. The chickens eat grasshoppers and mosquitoes that thrive in the humid summer weather, an added benefit, Natalie Genco said.

Traci Torres helped start mypetchicken.com in November to capitalize on chicken hobbyists. Through

On the Net:

Backyard Poultry magazine:
<http://www.backyardpoultry-mag.com/>

the site, she sells chicks three at a time to pet owners. More traditional hatcheries sell and ship the chicks 25 to a box.

"We are in the business of making it easy for people who don't know what they are doing," said Torres, who co-owns the Web site and hatchery.

The site also sells chicken paraphernalia. There's a pre-fabricated chicken coop and

pen, the "Eggu," for \$570 and high-quality chicken netting for \$169. The chicks themselves go for \$2 or \$3.

At Wood's 90-year-old Iowa hatchery, business has been booming, and his clientele has shifted from the Future Farmers of America crowd toward organically inclined young professionals. His hatchery ships 2 million birds a year to owners of small farms, rural clients and urban residents.

Wood's customers have to order a minimum of 25 chicks, but he often sees urban customers teaming up and splitting the order among a few households.

Many urban pet owners have to deal with municipal codes that don't always welcome chickens. In New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, legal to own birds with limited

restrictions, but they're banned in some other cities.

"I've had calls from Lexington, Ky., Vancouver, British Columbia, towns in Alaska; many places are try-

ing to get the city to permit chickens," said Karen Lueden, executive director of Seattle Tith, an organization devoted to urban gardening and food production.

Sarah Hempel Irani, 29, of Frederick, Md., started a blog named the Urban Chicken Underground aimed at lifting the city's chicken ban.

"People think they're loud and smelly, but my chickens would be a lot quieter and tider than what people think," she said.

She said after seven years living in Frederick, she wanted to return to a time when chickens were a part of her life. To make her case, she is researching the benefits of pet chickens and plans to make a bullet-point presentation before the city council.

"Number five on the list? 'Chickens are fun and cute!'"

The Gencos don't have to worry about violating zoning laws. Their 2-acre property allows for limitless chickens, a few goats and a couple of horses.

There's one other problem: Their lone red-combed rooster crows at all hours of the day. But they have a solution.

"We say 'off our neighbors with eggs,'" Genco said. "They love them."

Associated Press writer Colin Fry in Madison, Wis., contributed to this report.



Coleto Genco, 13, strokes one of her family's pet chickens.

Set the blade high when mowing seedling grass

The Washington Post

If you have over-seeded your lawn, replace the blade on your mower. Grass seedlings can be ripped and

rugged by a blunt blade. When the seedlings are approximately four inches high, cut the grass with the mower at its highest setting.

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controlling garden problems organically and using water gardens and containers in garden designs.

The daylong symposium is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Morey's Event Center and Steakhouse, 219 E. Third N. In Burley. Registration is

\$35 by Oct. 26 and \$40 thereafter; lunch is included. The event also offers a seed exchange, door prizes, silent auction and garden-melody singing quartet.

To register, contact the Jerome County Extension office at 324-7578 or jerome@uidaho.edu.

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DEBBIE PUGA/Photo by Steve Heston/Staff Photo

Debbie Puga demonstrates her massage technique on her husband's horse in June, at their home in Coeur d'Alene. Earlier this year, she graduated from a 60-hour course at Western Montana School of Equine Massage. Puga started Equine Bodywork as a way to make a vacation of her pastime.

Sun the key to even growth

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q: On one side of the house the plants are growing beautifully, but on the other they are not growing at all. What could be the problem?

A: Most likely, the exposure to sunlight is not quite the same. If there is much less light on one side of the house than the other, the list of plants you can grow is entirely different. Typically, west- and south-facing beds are sunnier than east- and north-facing ones, though it could be that a west-facing border is completely shaded by trees or buildings. To assess this, you need to check both areas over the course of a sunny day.

Differences in drainage might also explain the prob-

lem. While the top of the soil may appear to be the same, the moisture levels of the subsoil may be entirely different, with one area well drained and the other wet. If the light conditions appear to be the same, investigate the soil moisture levels.

A single downspout can cause waterlogging and, conversely, an overhang or eave may act as a huge umbrella in a rainstorm, depriving plant roots of moisture. You should also take a shovel and dig fairly deeply to gauge soil conditions.

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Getting to the root of the problem — carefully

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q: I'd like to check the expansion of the roots growing from my maple tree. Could I cut the roots at the drip line without killing the tree, and would this slow the growth of the tree?

A: I don't recommend this. One of the myths about trees is that the roots stop at the edge of the canopy. Most trees have roots that reach far beyond the drip line. Roots are opportunistic, and, like water, they seek the path of least resistance. If your soil is compacted, roots may be forced to grow very close to the top of the soil, and as the roots grow in girth with time, they end up mostly exposed, particularly if erosion removes some of the soil.

By cutting the roots, you might compromise the tree's ability to anchor itself against a storm. At a minimum, the cutting might lead to decline in the tree.

Perhaps the maple is not the right tree for the site. Consider removing the maple and planting a tree with more desirable characteristics. Maples are notorious for having surface roots. Consider deeper-rooted alternatives such as Japanese scholar tree, zelkova and white oak.

Soak before fertilizing

The Washington Post

Avoid fertilizing drought-stressed plants. Granular feeds can damage dry roots. Give wilted perennials, shrubs and trees a thorough soaking and then a one- to two-inch layer of organic mulch.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY Given to each of the owners or claimants of the Section 1062 parcels described first, if the assessment of the King Hill District for the year 2004 and the assessments in years prior thereto, together with two percent (2%) penalty and 12 percent (12%) interest per annum, redemption fees, and the cost of publication are not paid prior to 2:30 P.M. on the 31st day of December 2007, that the owner of such District parcel is due to the District as provided in Chapter 7 Title 40 of the Idaho Code. Time for payment of the assessments will expire with the close of office hours for 2007 which is 1:00 P.M. on the 31st day of December 2007. Land for which the District has delinquent taxes for which assessments remain unpaid, for the year 2004 and prior years and the names of the persons who the taxes are assessed are as follows:

- Every Owner
Name to Which Assessed By District
Name to Which Assessed By County Assessor
Description of Land
- 057
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Tony West
Lots 1 Block 24
Hessman Acres
Greene Ferry, ID
082
 - Tom Hopkins
Tom Hopkins
Lots 1-3 Block 21
Hessman Acres
Greene Ferry, ID

Each of you are hereby notified the tax deed will be taken by the King Hill Madison District on the first day of January 2008, for all of the lands hereinafter listed if assessed for the year 2004 and prior years are not paid as hereinbefore stated. The office of such District and its mailing address are PO Box 408, King Hill, ID 83333.

Secretary Treasurer of King Hill Madison District
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Twin Falls 11 West Center located at 1027 Kimberly Court, Twin Falls, ID 83301 notified the following customers storing storage units containing "Flammable items and flammable goods" can be sold to satisfy the unit and their debt due. The auction will be at the same location Oct. 4, 2007 on or after 11:00 AM. The following notices will be sold unless notified that is satisfied.

- Unit 124 James Hamilton, 213 S.W. Ave., West, Twin Falls, ID 83301
- Unit 110-111 & 112 Michael Bergman, 3825 Glen Ave, Apt #702, Salisbury, MD 21084 or 302-277-8676, Twin Falls, ID 83301
- Units 148-149 Todd St. John, 23323 Hwy 30, Ft. Collins, CO 80538 or 959 Pleasanton, California, ID 83301
- Unit 211 Anita Stutz, 218 S.W. Ave., West, ID 83301 or 327 Harrison 452, Twin Falls, ID 83301 or 350 Grandview 457, Twin Falls, ID 83301
- Unit 113 Ashley McGrath, 443 N.W. St. Apt #100, Astoria, OR 97103 or 59041 Logan Rd., Astoria, OR 97103 or 115 West Union, Elgin, ID 83301 or 456 Park, Hazelton, ID 83335.

PUBLISH September 24 and October 2, 2007

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FOURD White male, black & white, found in front of St. Dominic's Hospital in Jerome 324-8943 or 339-2943

FOURD Red Healer, male, found on 300 W. and 500 S., near Highway 201 Call 339-3152

FOURD Yellow on South Lincoln, 1051 S. Lincoln 339-4894 to identify.

LOST Boyer Collie w/d & white, approx. 1 1/2 yrs old weighs approx. 40 lbs. black leather collar w/white head w/cockie B. 824. Lost from 1-3 Ranch on Judop, NY. Reward: 423-4399

LOST cat, gray with gold eyes. Answers to "Lenny" Emerson & Sager Factory in Fruit. Reward: 676-9025

LOST Collie, 10-colored eyes, answers to "Julian", about 6 years old, some to see. Reward: 1-800-424-4242. Elizabeth & Nicolas. Call 339-733-8899 or 208-883-8993

LOST dog (Pomeranian) for sale about a foot high, black & white, short hair. Unavailable, will call. 339-324-2847

LOST girl cat doc. between Highway and River. Grey in color. West Point Road. Call 339-832-4624.

LOST Lab mix dogs (3) 1/2 year old, black & white, short hair. One is black, white, & black. Reward: 339-481-4526.

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LOST Golden retriever, 1/2 year old, black & white, short hair. Reward: 339-481-4526.

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EASY #84
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page C-18.

NEWSPAPER PRESS APPRENTICE

The Times-News has a career opportunity for an entry-level worker with a desire to learn a 12-week Ultratech press. Great opportunity to learn a trade as a press operator. Starting pay is \$1025 per hour with opportunities for advancement and pay increases as you learn the trade.

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The Times-News is looking for an individual with computer graphic design experience and skills to work in our Twin Falls office.

The successful candidate will design advertisements on tight deadlines, and generate ad letters and campaigns with the sales team. The applicant must possess the ability to maintain quality control of ad production from start to finish. Confirmed applicants will have an Associate Degree in Computer Applications, Computer Graphics, Graphic Arts or the equivalent in experience. Experience with Macintosh computers using Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, and Photoshop, strong typing and design skills are essential.

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Semi Driver needed for beets and corn.
Call 208-431-4939

ELECTRICIAN
Cassia School District #151 is accepting applications for a full time, 40 hr/wk. Apprentice Electrician/Electrical current Idaho State Commercial Driver's License, electrician. License with at least 2nd year Apprenticeship, ability to lift 50 lbs. Salary based on district salary schedule. Apply online at www.ad151.k12.id.us

FARM
Tractor Operators needed to work nights raking & baling hay. Willing to train. Call 208-324-7148

GENERAL
Local fertilizer plant is looking for someone that can be responsible for the day to day operations. Requires a CDL with a Hazard Endorsement. Position is full-time with benefits. Send resume to Valley Agronomist P.O. Box 190 Kimberly, ID 83241 or e-mail to rustyn@valleywidecorp.com

PAINTER
Painter to paint photo backdrops. Artistic eye is helpful, will train. Full time part-time. Apply 9-4, Silver Lake 2675 Eldridge Ave Twin Falls, ID 83301

WAREHOUSE
Furniture Warehouse/Delivery Driver. Must be able to lift 100 lbs. Must have valid drivers license. Pre-employment drug test. Apply in person at 140 4th Ave W Twin Falls

DENTAL
Dental Assistant needed full-time or part time. Certification or experience needed. Bilingual a plus. Fax resume to 208-324-7640 or call 324-7007

RECEPTIONIST
Front office Receptionist needed. Basic computer skills required. Resume to 208-733-0438 c/o Gina

EDUCATION
401 School Instruction
431 School Instruction
433 School Instruction

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Filer School District announces an opening for a PT (3 hr/week) Paraprofessional Aide who has met State guidelines for Paraprofessional status. The required method of applying is a formal application (available at Filer District Office), resume, and teacher recommendation. This position will be open until filled. To apply contact Sandra Roberts, Filer School District, 326-5961

Classified Private Party Ads
Requires pre-payment prior to publication. Major credit/debit cards, and cash accepted. 733-9331 ext. 2 Times-News

GENERAL
Full-time Presser-Mon-Fri, 9-5. Benefits, but will train. Apply in person at Bobbi's 228 Shoshone St E

GENERAL
Visitor Services & Maintenance Aide, City of Rocks National Preserve, some weekends required. Call 208-224-5519 ext. 103 or fax resumes to 208-824-5583

RESTAURANT
Now accepting applications for Cashier, Host & Wait Person. Mandarin House 735 Blue Lakes Blvd Twin Falls

WAREHOUSE
Job involves inventory, shipping, receiving and assembly. Client West, Twin Falls, Idaho. Call 732-6077

FIRST CHOICE HOME CARE
CNA/NA PT Great work with dedicated patient care. Call 208-736-7280 ask for Roseanna.

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High school Employment Specialist/Job Coach Applicant must have great social skills & bilingual is preferred. Mail resume to 417 Filer Ave. E. or call 734-9965 for more info.

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Big profits usually mean big risks. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Better Business Bureau for free information about avoiding investment scams. Write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580 or call the National Fraud Information Center 1-800-876-7060

EDUCATION
South Central Head Start accepting applications for Family Educator II in Shoshone (bilingual required), \$10.07-10.85 per hour and benefits. Job descriptions and applications available at 808 Washington ST N, Twin Falls or any SC Head Start Center. Close October 8, 2007. EOE

REMEMBER
That birthday as you placed some time in the Times-News? Now it's time to come back up your picture. Stop by the Customer Service Dept today!

TWIN FALLS
Hiring for Housekeepers Part-time and Full-time Competitive Wages Benefits
Call Trish or Daniel 208-734-4264 or apply in person at Twin Falls Care Center 674 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, Idaho

RESTAURANT
Part-time Nighttime worker for the following positions: Line Cooks, Bus Persons, & Dishwashers. Call 208-734-4154 between 9-12 P.M. for appointment.

RESTAURANT
Subway now hiring All Shifts for new location in Jerome. Subways & Twin Falls Blue Lakes Subway

SECURITY
Security Officers Needed immediately for local area. Call Mon-Fri 9am-5pm 800-319-9198 or 208-734-8229

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MECHANIC
All Express Inc. Mechanic needed to do full & short services and minor repair on new car models & trailers. Experience and own tools required. Please call 208-678-4625 x111

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SALES PROFESSIONAL
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CATTLE
 150 Angus Females, 45 Angus Bulls, 10 Hereford Bulls, 200 Brood Comm. Heifers. Sell Nov. 1st at Spring Cove Ranch, Seltco, Idaho. Featuring Spring Cove Ranch, Seltco, Idaho, Cattle Co. Triple L Angus & Triple H Herefords. For catalogs call 208-325-4332.

CATTLE
 Full black Angus pair, Fall calves. 1st calf heifers. 208-431-9558 or 431-3072.

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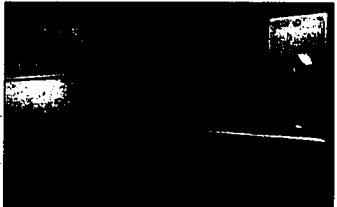


Troy Allred, general manager for Valley Door in Jerome, looks over reclaimed wood Friday afternoon in the workshop area of the door company.

Jerome company makes custom-designed doors

By Erica Littlefield
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — At Valley Door's production facility in Jerome, things are in full swing. The company manufactures custom-designed wood doors, and general manager Troy Allred said their busiest time of year is from September to March. Allred said that no matter what time of year it is, their goal is to work with clients to create doors that merge design and functionality.



Light bounces off a custom made door at Valley Door in Jerome. The door handle is also custom made by local company Sun Valley Bronze.

"It has to blend together the design aspects they're looking for with the job we're trying to do, which is creating a decorative barrier against the weather," said Allred. Owner Roger Bergdahl purchased Valley Door 10 years ago when it was based in Filer, Bergdahl, who has been in the home construction business for more than 30 years, said he was familiar with the Valley Door before buying it. "Having been part of the building industry, we really liked the doors they made," said Bergdahl.

All of the doors made at Valley Door are custom designed, which can be a labor-intensive process. It starts when a contractor, architect or interior designer brings in designs and basic specifications for a project. From those designs Allred creates what he calls a production document, which is a detailed plan for building the project. Allred, who has been with Valley Door for nine years, said customers usually have a very specific idea of what they want.

"The people are very discerning," said Allred. "They have traveled the globe and they've seen what they like, whether it's in Italy, France, or Zimbabwe, and they want some element from these places." About 80 percent of the doors they produce are for upscale homes in the Sun Valley area. They have also built doors and shipped them to customers in places like Seattle, San Francisco, and even as far away as Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Valley Door uses a variety of different woods in their products — reclaimed wood, Allred said, woods such as reclaimed Douglas fir and reclaimed white oak are becoming more common not only in doors, but in molding, cabinets, and flooring as well.

Since then, the business has grown considerably. The main office and showroom are located in Ketchum, and the production facility moved into a new building in Jerome

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The cost of a project and the time it takes to complete it depend on how complex it is and the materials used. Allred said that an interior door can cost anywhere from \$475 to \$1,050. Entry systems, which are more elaborate exterior doors that also include panels of glass called sidelights, can cost anywhere from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The most expensive entry system they created cost \$18,000 and the more detailed projects can take 70 to 80 man hours.

Valley Door currently has work scheduled through the first week in December and they already have major projects scheduled to start in February that will keep them busy through May. Many of the doors the company produces are larger than normal doors. Allred said that while the average door is 6 feet 8 inches tall, most doors made at Valley Door are about 7 feet 6 inches tall. One of the tallest doors they shipped out was 15 feet tall.

"Some of the residences in the Sun Valley area are fairly big, complex projects," said Allred. "Everything is on a very grandiose scale."

Success favors size

Dairies expand operations to stay competitive

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent



Cows at Lekker Farm in Filer.

At Lekker farms of Filer the goal is to grow the herd to maximize productivity, efficiency and profit. "It just makes sense," said Edley Lekkerkerk, owner of Lekker farms. "The barn is a double 14 parallel and I already have the equipment and the employees to do it, I just can't afford to buy all the cows right away."

Simply put, dairymen around the valley like Lekkerkerk are taking advantage of economies of scale, said University of Idaho Twin Falls County Extension Crops Educator Steven Hines. He explained that dairies all pay fixed costs for things like tractors, waste management tools, buildings and other equipment. But dairymen get more bang for their buck when those costs are spread out over more pounds of milk produced.

"For example, one man can farm 200 acres as efficiently as 20 acres — he still needs a tractor and such on the smaller acreage but he is going to get more in return when he farms 200 acres," Hines said. "It's the same reason we have Wal-Mart or Target. In the end consumers get a price break."

Lekkerkerk relocated his family from Chino, California in 2006, starting with just 400 cows. Today he has 500 cows in production and hopes to top out the herd's size at 830 within the next couple of years.

He has been periodically adding to the farm's herd by purchasing milking cows, and he has contracted for his heifer calves to be custom raised until they are ready for milk production. In September the oldest heifers were bred and if all goes well those animals will be integrated into production after their calves are born next Spring.

"Once we are running at capacity we can fine tune things to maximize individual production," Lekkerkerk said.

Idaho, ranked as number "Dairies in Southern Idaho are major contributors to the overall economy and are forecasted to continue to grow."

Did you know?

In 2006, Idaho surpassed Pennsylvania to become the nation's No. 4 milk-producing state. The state's 690 licensed farms produced 12,045 million pounds of milk. Idaho cows are efficient: producing an average 22,326 yearly pounds of milk compared to the nation's top three milk-producing states of California (21,815 pounds), Wisconsin (18,824 pounds) and New York (18,879 pounds). Only cows in Colorado (23,155 pounds), Washington (23,055) and Arizona (22,855 pounds) produced more.

Source: February 2007 United States Department of Agriculture Milk Production Report

four nationally, has 488,000 cows. Over 344,000, or 72 percent, of those animals are found in the Magic Valley.

According to Idaho State Department of Agriculture statistics in 2006 the average farm had 707 cows. Dairy farms are even bigger in the Magic Valley, averaging 1,018 cows.

In 2001, the state had an average herd size of 366 cows. It's hard to imagine that 1970 dairies averaged just 17 cows. "Dairies in Southern Idaho are major contributors to the overall economy and are forecasted to continue to grow. Larger dairies have more total expenditures and have a better chance at being in business long-term." Hines said. "The little guys just can't compete as well."

— Steven Hines, University of Idaho Twin Falls County Extension Crops Educator

Intermountain Gas rates reduced

Times-News

Downward pressure on natural gas prices and the company's hedging practices led to a second consecutive reduction in the Intermountain Gas Company's annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA), which was approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on Monday.

Residential customers using natural gas for both space and water heating should notice about a \$6 reduction in monthly bills and customers using natural gas for just space heating will have an average \$4 monthly reduction. Commercial customers will experience an average \$29 per month reduction. Industrial customers who use Intermountain's delivery service, but do not buy natural gas from the company, will see about a 9.4 percent increase in delivery costs.

High-interest student loans could undo economy

Explosion in debts hindering graduates' ability to spend

By Harry Gordon
Associated Press writer

The near doubling in the cost of a college degree the past decade has produced an explosion in high-priced student loans that could haunt the U.S. economy for years.

While scholarship, grant money and government-backed student loans — whose interest rates are capped — have taken up some of the slack, many families and individual students have turned to

private loans, which carry fees and interest rates that are often variable and up to 20 percent.

Many in the next generation of workers will be so debt-burdened they will have to delay home purchases, limit vacations, even eat out less to pay loans off on time.

Kristin Cole, 30, who graduated from Michigan State University's law school and lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., owes \$150,000 in private and government-backed student loans. Her monthly payment of \$660, which consumes a quarter of her take-home pay, is scheduled to jump to \$800 in a year or so, confounding her with stark financial choices.

"I could never buy a house. I

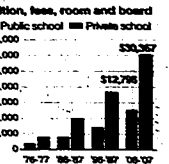
can't travel. I can't do anything," she said. "I feel like a prisoner."

More than \$17 billion in private student loans were issued last year, up from \$4 billion a year in 2001. Outstanding student borrowing jumped from \$38 billion in 1995 to \$85 billion last year, according to experts and lawmakers.

Rocketing tuition fees made borrowing that much more appealing. Consumer prices on average rose less than 29 percent over the past 10 years while tuition, fees, and room and board at four-year public colleges and universities soared 79 percent to \$12,796 a year and 65 percent to \$30,367 a year at private institutions.

College loans

As college tuition rises in the past decade, so did the volume of student loans. Federally backed loans account for most of the volume, but private loans grew at a much faster rate.



SOURCE: The College Board, Institute for Higher Education Policy

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	25.99	▼ .14	Dell Inc.	27.95	▲ .35
Lithia Mo.	18.11	▲ 1.05	Micron	11.35	▲ .25

Idacorp	33.52	▲ .78	Supervalu	36.62	▼ 2.39
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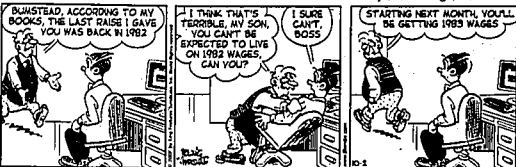
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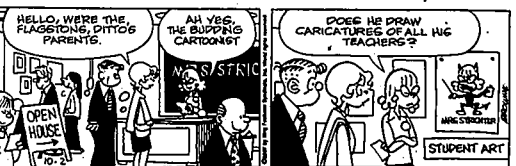
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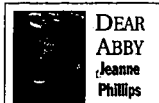
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Children accept dad's decision to put mom in nursing home

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to "Caring for Claire, Wis." (Aug. 2), who is resistant to her children's suggestions to move into a smaller home.



cancer within the year. However, I am grateful for their final year together was calm and peaceful. —THANKFUL IN NORTH CAROLINA

I am 89 years old and, three years ago, lost my wife of more than 52 years. She was a diabetic, and our doctors had explained how her health would gradually decline.

generated is an indication of how many families are being faced with similar decisions. Read on:

About a year before her death, she had reached the point where she sat in a recliner most of the day and needed a walker to get around, but soon I had to help her with every step. As she became weaker, I was no longer able to provide proper care for her, and the last three or four months of her life were spent in a nursing home. There she received the kind of care that I was unable to provide.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I became aware that our parents were having problems coping with their large home and needed more helpful suggestions. All were met with hostility, anger and fear. We discovered later that the problems we perceived were real and almost disastrous.

My children didn't want my wife in a nursing home and offered financial help to obtain at-home care. Still, it was my decision to put her in a place where I felt she would receive the care she needed. My children accepted my decision with love and understanding.

I urge Grace's family to persist in their efforts to assist Grace and her husband, backing off and leaving them alone — and only in a last resort. —CAREGIVER IN BATH, PA.

Grace, be thankful your children love you enough that they want to help. Accept the fact that one day you and your husband will need the help. Embrace them with a loving and thankful heart. —TOM IN SEFFNER, FLA.

DEAR TOM: I commend you for having the courage and foresight to make the difficult decision of placing your wife in a nursing home. The avalanche of responses that Grace's letter

DEAR ABBY: I am a trained dementia/Alzheimer's caregiver. Grace's change in personality, inability to accept the reality of her husband's condition and the "letting go" of previous household standards are red flags! Please advise her family members — and all relatives of elderly people — to be aware of the subtle signs of the onset of Alzheimer's.

DEAR ABBY: Grace said she "doesn't want to be a burden on her children." I believe we all share her sentiments. However, the "trick" is recognizing the differences between our desire to be independent and the reality that we are not. The time we are no longer able to see the difference due to diminished capacity or stubbornness is when we can become a real burden on our children.

All this was hidden from us for fear that we would "make" them move. After they finally admitted their difficulties, we were able to help them choose an assisted living facility where they could be comfortable and happy.

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow's column will offer a different perspective. —STRUGGLING WITH AN ELDERLY PARENT IN CALIFORNIA

Our mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's shortly after the move, and Dad died from

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2007. There are 90 days left in the year.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was first published in nine newspapers.

safety precautions did not meet American standards.

Today's highlight:

On Oct. 2, 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was the first black appointed to the nation's highest court.

In 1957, the World War II drama "The Bridge on the River Kwai," directed by David Lean, premiered in Britain. (The film opened in the United States the following December.)

Five years ago: A resident of Silver Spring, Md., was shot and killed by a sniper in a store parking lot in Wheaton, Md., the next day. Five people in the Washington, D.C., area were shot dead, setting off a frantic manhunt. (John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were later arrested for 10 killings and three woundings; Muhammad has been sentenced to death. Malvo to life in prison.) The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled unanimously the Democratic Party could replace Sen. Robert Torricelli on the November ballot with former Sen. Frank Lautenberg.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y.

In 1975, President Ford welcomed Japan's Emperor Hirohito to the United States.

One year ago: An armed milk driver took a group of girls hostage in an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., killing five of the girls and wounding five others before being killed. (The girls were Americans Andrew Z. Fire and Craig C. Mello won the Nobel Prize in medicine. Access Tamara Dobson died in Baltimore, Md., at age 53.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers defeated a Mexican cavalry near the Guadalupe River.

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson died at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 59 after battling AIDS.

Two years ago: President Clinton proposed sending inspectors to farms around the world to ensure that foreign-grown fruits and vegetables were safe for American consumption. The president also said he would ask Congress to empower the Food and Drug Administration to ban produce from countries whose

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Country singer-musician Leon Rausch (Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys) is 80. Former Dodgers shortstop Maury Wills is 75. Movie critic Rex Reed is 83. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 62. Cajun/country singer Jo-El Sonnier is 61. Actor Avery Brooks is 59. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 58. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis), Mike & the Mechanics) is 57. Singer-actor Sting is 56. Actress Lorraine Bracco is 53. Country musician Greg Jennings (Beastie Boys) is 53. Rock singer Phil Oakley (The Human League) is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer

Freddie Jackson is 49. Singer-producer Robbie Nevil is 49. Rock musician Bud Gaugh (Sublime, Eyes Adrift) is 46. Folk-country singer Gillian Welch is 40. Country singer Kelly Willis is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dion Aron (Ain't Yet) is 37. Access-talk show host Kelly Ripa is 37. Singer Tiffany is 36. Rock singer Lene Nyström is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer LaTocha Scott (Oscape) is 34.

Two golfers get aces on the same hole

YORK, Pa. (AP) — It's a good golf game when someone gets a hole-in-one. But what about when two people get aces — in the same game?



Bill Maslowski and Carl Workinger got their hole-in-ones in a three-hole game with Steve Fals at York County's Grandview Golf Course at about 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

"I've never witnessed anything like this before," Maslowski said. "I never even heard of it. Two holes-in-one on the same hole — wow!"

According to a Golf Digest study, the odds of two players in the same foursome aching the same hole are 17 million to 1.

Maslowski got his ace first, using a 5-iron on the 152-yard fourth hole. Fals hit second, but missed the green. Workinger then used a 6-iron to hit his ball into the cup.

THOUGHT

"It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."

— W. Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1963)

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