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IDWR sends more curtailment letters

Director warns well closures may be only way to avert a shortage

By Matt Christiansen
Times-News writer

Here we go again. The state water director will send out more than 2,700 letters this week to cities, school districts, industries and irrigators in Magic Valley, warning he may close their groundwater wells in the spring.

If the wells are closed by Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tutthill, the economic fallout could be devastating. Groundwater pumps are already scrambling to avert the crisis by securing water for more-senior users, who say pumps own them water under a deal between pumps and senior users called a mitigation plan.

Under the agreement and a state law that was recently



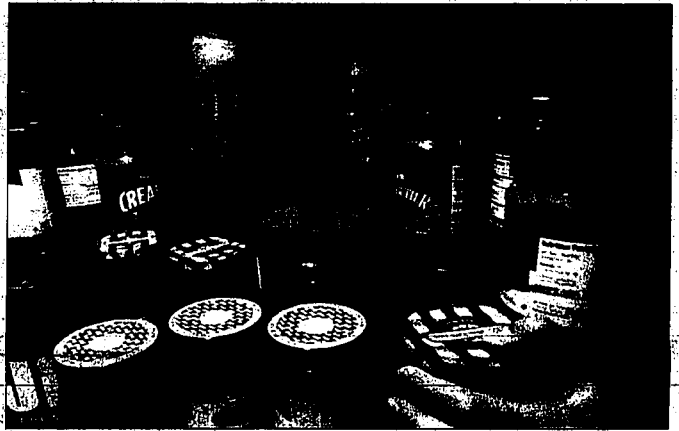
Inside
Outlook bleak for Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

upheld by the Idaho Supreme Court, Tutthill would have to shut down wells if the pumps don't secure the water.

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Feeding the valley

One peanut butter and jelly sandwich at a time



Sierra Norman, left, and Elena Coats wrap their arms around a pile of peanut butter and jelly they received during the food drive they are leading. The drive will last through Saturday.

Two Sawtooth Elementary students take part in Hunger Awareness Month

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

Best friends Sierra Norman and Elena Coats have a lot in common — they both have long hair sweeping across their backs, they are about the same height and they like to smile.

And at only 10 years old, these two fifth grade students at Sawtooth Elementary School are also taking a big stand together. They are facilitating a local campaign against hunger labeled "PB and J Day"

"I don't like thinking kids in Idaho go to bed hungry. It's sad," Norman said. Norman and Coats are focusing on more than just their own dreams of becoming a singer and a madame biologist.

They want to fill a 12-foot trailer with peanut butter and jelly, and give it to children in the state who are less fortunate.

The girls dropped off donation boxes at Twin Falls schools, as well as at Smith's Food and Drug Center and Abernethys Supermarket so people can give to the cause.

Donations will be gathered by Saturday. A larger "drop-off" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Albertsons.

Sawtooth Principal Randy Rutledge said he is proud of the girls.

"I like the fact that it's kid-driven. It's not adult-driven," Rutledge said.

"That to me is one of the neatest things. Kids taking the initiative," Rutledge said. "I couldn't be more proud of those little girls."

Norman said she got the idea for "PB and J Day" after reading an article at school

— she is enrolled in the Gifted/Talented Program. Coats' loving mother, Margie, said the initiative has also been done in Boise.

But this is the first year students at Sawtooth organized "PB and J Day," Rutledge said.

"That's one facet of education, giving back to the community. That's an important part," he said.

The girls said they want to help their community throughout their lives.

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First of 5 Army brigades to withdraw from Iraq

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Commanders in Iraq have decided to begin the draw-down of U.S. forces in volatile Diyala province, marking a turning point in the U.S. military mission. The Associated Press has learned.

Instead of replacing the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, which is returning to its home base at Fort Hood, Texas, in December, soldiers from another brigade in Spahuddin province next door will expand into Diyala, thereby broadening its area of responsibility, several officials said Tuesday.

In this way, the number of Army ground combat brigades in Iraq will fall from 20 to 19. This reflects President Bush's bid to begin reducing the American military force and shifting its role away from

Inside
McCain says he prays the U.S. doesn't go to war with Iran.

fighting the insurgency toward more support functions like training and advising Iraqi security forces.

The December move, which has not yet been announced by the Pentagon, was described to the AP by Col. Stephen Twitty, commander of the 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry, in a telephone interview Tuesday. It was confirmed by three other officials in Iraq, including Lt. Col. Michael Donnelly, chief

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Craig says he was entrapped

Few Twin Falls residents found watching Craig interview

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press writer

Idaho Sen. Larry Craig says he was entrapped in a sex sting at an airport men's room and was not aware of the bathroom's reputation as a spot to "cruise" for gay sex.

"Well I certainly am now," Craig told NBC's Matt Lauer in an interview broadcast Tuesday night. "Were you prior?" Lauer asked.

"Not at all," Craig responded. "I go to bathrooms to use bathrooms."

Of hundreds of Twin Falls residents near TV's Tuesday night, it was difficult to find anyone who was watching the interview.

During the 6 p.m. broadcast, Twin Falls residents munched cheeseburgers, drank beer, played video games, watched weather reports and the American League

Championship Series.

"You ask me, he's been talking too much for way too long," said David Sprong, 64, who answered the door at his Twin Falls home Tuesday evening.

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Luna's teacher pay plan gains favor

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna smiled Tuesday while promoting a proposed teacher pay plan, which already has an acronym and a \$60 million price tag.

"I'm excited about what we're proposing," Luna said during a Tuesday meeting with the Times-News editorial board.



Watch Tom Luna talk about the Idaho State Teacher Advancement and Recognition System at www.magicvalley.com. Visit the ISTARs site at www.sde.idaho.gov/istar

The program, dubbed Idaho State Teacher Advancement and Recognition System or ISTARs, would provide pay increases to teachers who raise student achievement on state assessment tests, work

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Thursday
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Cloudy with a shower or two possible Low 38
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Tomorrow: Generally cloudy with showers remaining possible Highs in the middle 50s

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

"Second-hand Jewel Sale" sponsored by Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in front lobby of the medical center, 677-6555.
Twin Falls Kiwanis Club October Feast, featuring a local German band (5 to 7:30 p.m.), 4:30 to 8 p.m., Turf Club, \$9 adults, \$25 family and \$6 senior citizens (before 6 p.m.), proceeds to support local youth projects, 933-2265.

BUSINESS

Mini-Cassia Service Providers Community Resource meeting, a no-host lunch with presentations by Dave Montgomery of Homestyles Direct and Brian Matsuoka of the College of Southern Idaho Small Business Development, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Connor's Cafe, Interstate exit 208 and Highway 27, Heyburn, bring business cards, flyers or brochures (optional), 678-9165 or 677-4872, ext. 2.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club 24th anniversary dance and potluck, members bring salads and desserts; club provides the rest, 7 p.m., Jerome Senior Center, all dancers welcome, 734-4647.
Empty Pockets Coin and Currency Club meeting, with video "Secrets of the Mint" for anyone with an interest in collecting coins or currency, 7:30 p.m., Paul City Hall meeting room, 678-3938.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 42 Shoshone St. N., 736-0468.
Sun Valley City Council, 3 p.m. City Hall, 81 Elk Horn Road, 622-4438.
Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-1117.
Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens, 326-4369.
Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-6636.

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 several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.

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

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Brief Share, "The Journey of grief was not meant to be walked alone," 8:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley. Child care available, 654-2500.

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 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of event.

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE



- Watch the Twin Falls City Council candidate forum.
• State Education Superintendent Tom Luna talks about a plan to increase teacher pay.

At Magicvalley.com

CORRECTIONS

Wrong person contacted for story on candidate
The correct Richard News for a story that ran in Monday's paper. The Times-News regrets the error.

MORNING BRIEFING AROUND THE NATION

IOWA

State Republicans set caucus date for Jan. 3

Iowa Republicans on Tuesday moved the date of their caucuses to Jan. 3, ensuring the earliest start to the presidential primary season.

The caucuses — a statewide gathering of party members who cast their votes in a series of precinct-level meetings — originally were scheduled for Jan. 14. But the 2008 political calendar has been in flux for months, since Florida and other states began pushing their vote forward to have a greater say in the nominating process.

"We were going to have to move to stay first, so we just did it," Chuck Laudner, executive director of the Iowa Republican Party, said after state GOP leaders approved the switch. "Moving into December was not an option, so we moved as close as we could without going over."

Iowa Democrats have yet to schedule their vote. But the party is weighing two options: voting on the same day as the state GOP or holding a separate vote on Jan. 5, which would split the caucuses for the first time since 1972. "We will decide our caucus date based ultimately on what is best for the people of Iowa and the Democratic Party," officials said in a written statement issued shortly after Republicans announced their move.

NEW YORK

Toyota stumbles in annual reliability survey

In a blow to the company that is poised to be the largest automaker in the world, Toyota Motor Corp. fell so far in Consumer Reports' annual reliability survey that the magazine will no longer automatically recommend the company's new cars and trucks to readers.

The Toyota brand slid from

first place last year to fifth place in the 2007 rankings, which were released Tuesday, and Honda replaced Toyota in the No. 1 spot.

What's more, "below average" ratings were given to two of Toyota's cars: the six-cylinder Camry sedan and four-wheel-drive Tundra pickup truck. The Lexus brand, which is owned by Toyota, dropped from fifth place to sixth, and the all-wheel-drive Lexus GS also received a "below average."

"To see one of the premium manufacturers have three vehicles fall below average in reliability is a big concern," said David Champion, head of auto testing for Consumer Reports. "They've always been average or better with all their products up to this point."

Although Japanese automakers continued to dominate, Champion noted that Ford Motor Co. made strides in quality, with 41 of 40 Ford, Lincoln and Mercury vehicles scoring average or better for predicted reliability.

WASHINGTON

Lawmakers hammer feds over Jena 6 case

Democratic lawmakers denounced federal authorities Tuesday for not intervening in the Jena Six case, citing racist noise-hungry incidents far beyond the small Louisiana town where a school attack garnered national attention.

The House Judiciary Committee held a hearing with federal officials and community activists examining the case of the six black teenagers charged with the beating of a white student. The incident happened after noises were hung from a tree on a high school campus there.

Democratic lawmakers, many of them black, blasted federal authorities for staying out of the local prosecutors' case against the six, particularly that of Mychal Bell, who is currently in jail after a judge decided he violated the terms of his probation for a previous conviction.

— compiled from wire reports

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Oct. 17 - 21 — The 17th annual Sun Valley Swing 'n Dixie Jazz Jamboree, featuring three dozen jazz bands, at various sites in Sun Valley and Ketchum, \$105 for entire festival; \$35 or \$40 daily, (877) 478-5277 or http://www.sunvalleyjazz.com.

Oct. 20 — Wendell's Snake River Community Players "Hello Dolly" vocal audition, noon to 4 p.m., Wendell High School auditorium, 536-2297.
Oct. 20 — Twin Falls Magichords, featuring Nexus, and local quartet Give and Take, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center, \$12, 733-1850 or carrieoc@pnt.org.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Oct. 19 — Twin Falls County Democrats Annual Chili Feed and Fundraiser, with special guests Larry LaRocco, candidate for U.S. Senate and State Sen. Clint Stennett, 6 p.m., Senior Citizen Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, donation: \$7.50 per person or \$20 per family, 402-1663.

Oct. 20 — Oktoberfest, sponsored by Rock Creek Community Church and the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, includes buffet dinner, music by the "Alpen Spielers Band," art-and-antique silent auctions and quilting room sale, 4 to 7 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone Street W., \$7 per person or \$20 family ticket (two adults with children under age 12), 734-5084 or 734-5268.

Oct. 20 — "Taking Care of Our Own" Andrew Pike Benefit Dinner, with live music by the College of Southern Idaho Jazz Ensemble and Muzio Braun, and sale of raffle tickets for 2007 Chevy Aveo, 5:30 p.m. cocktails and 6 p.m. dinner, Turf Club, Twin Falls, \$30 per person or \$50 per couple; \$10 raffle tickets, 733-5332.

Oct. 20 — Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, 4:30 to 7 p.m., War Memorial Hall, corner of Third-Avenue-West-and-Idaho Street, Gooding, \$5 for allyou-can-eat dinner, proceeds to Americanisms programs for schools and community, 934-4887.

BUSINESS

Oct. 20 — Hawaiian Tropic Little Miss and Mister pageant and International Model Search, for boys 10 years and younger and girls age 16 and younger, 4 to 5 p.m. registration, Magic Valley Mall, Twin Falls, (801) 461-5041 or www.humodelsearch.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Oct. 20 — Pioneer Button Club "brown bag" lunch and meeting, with ISSB Vice President Claire Wilkes on "Bakelite Buttons," noon to 3:30 p.m., Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., 423-6179.

Oct. 28 — The Friends of the Library meeting, meet new librarian Laura Bement and listen to guest speaker College of Southern Idaho professor and author Jim Gentry, speaking on "What the Middle East gave to the west culturally and historically," 7 p.m., Jerome Public Library, refreshments, 324-7613.

Oct. 28 — SIR, Sons in Retirement, all retired men are invited to attend, 1 p.m., Wayside Cafe, Heyburn, no dues, 436-4918.

Oct. 28 — Studio Eight Rug Hookers group, 1 to 4 p.m., 811 W. Eighth Ave., Jerome, 324-6605.

FAMILY

Oct. 28 - 20 — Kimberly Nurseries pumpkin patch, continuing through October with giant pyramid, straw maze, Treasure Island, train rides and Baskin-Robbins ice cream, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., pumpkins and other fall decorations available for purchase, 733-2717.

Oct. 20, 21 — B&D Produce of Filer corn maze and pumpkin patch, featuring games of mental and physical skills and prizes, 1 to 5 p.m., \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12, pumpkins available for purchase, school groups and tours by appointment, 326-4935.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Registration for Oct. 22, 23 AARP Driver Safety Class, for all ages, no AARP membership required or driving; insurance discount provided for participants age 55 and older; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., United Methodist Church, 908 Maple, Buhl, \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-9880 or 733-7004.

Oct. 18 — Medicare flu shots available, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ageless Senior Center, 310 N. Main, Kimberly, no cost with

Medicare card (or \$30 flu shots and \$40 pneumonia shots), 423-4338.

Oct. 18 — Free Community Diabetes Educational Seminar, includes carbohydrate information, meal planning, reading food labels, before-meal and after-meal testing and ACCU-CHEK blood glucose monitoring system demonstrations, Best Western Twin Falls, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost, educational gift provided, refreshments, 886-273-5461 to RSVP by today.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Oct. 20 — Community public meeting with Regional Director of the Humane Society of the United States Dave Paul on dog fighting and legislation, 6:30 p.m., KMMT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 736-2299.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Oct. 20 — Race Horse Pinocchio, with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd highest scorers, 7 p.m., Ageless Senior Center, 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, \$1 per player, bring treats, coffee provided, 423-4338.

Oct. 20 — Antique beet and potato harvesting demonstration, sponsored by the Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers Association Branch No. 38 and the Idaho Mule and Draft Horses Association, 11 a.m., 700 W. 75 S. (one mile west, a quarter mile north of Paul stoplight), open to the public, no cost, 431-4341.

Oct. 19 — Magic Valley Model Railroad group, public is invited to bring and run their trains (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., Model Rail Road Building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, 404-2151.

MILITARY SUPPORT

Oct. 19 — Military Support Group meeting, Veterans Administration counselor Kurt Hagen will discuss PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and answer questions, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. meeting, Wendell City Hall, bring side dish or dessert to share (table service, drinks and chicken provided), 536-6159 or 536-6111.

OPEN HOUSE

Oct. 21 — Camas Prairie Railroad Open House, to celebrate 100 years of the Camas Prairie Railroad in Wolmer (now Craigmont), 1 to 4 p.m., Craigmont Community Hall, no cost, new book "High Line of the Camas Prairie Railroad" available for purchase, 924-5474.

SPORTS

Oct. 20 — Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot, a memorial shoot for James Moore with net proceeds going to the Free Youth Shooting Program at the club, 9 a.m. start time, 1.5 miles north of junction of I-84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 members and \$23 non-members, 733-6045.

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Luna

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In positions that are hard to fill, gain qualifications in multiple subject areas, and take on additional leadership duties.

The existing teacher pay system costs around \$72.2 million.

State officials said the program could cost \$40 million more per year, five years out.

The number of teachers who would participate in the program is a matter of speculation. The plan is designed in part to create higher paying jobs, reward performance, and entice qualified young teachers into the field.

"We have to find a solution to low teacher pay," Luna said.

With ISTARS a teacher could earn up to \$16,000 more per year, which is a 50 percent increase for a teacher currently making the minimum salary of \$31,000, according to information from Luna.

Idaho's current teacher

pay system is based on an educator's number of years in the classroom and number of college credits attained.

Luna said the new plan has been well received, and he said it could help schools meet Adequate Yearly Progress, or AYP, mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The state of Idaho did not make AYP last year.

Even if the Legislature does not support ISTARS, Luna said, he would not support taking tens of millions of dollars and placing it in today's existing salary scale.

Luna said he received 99.6 percent of the funding he asked for last year from the Legislature.

State Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, who co-chairs the Joint Finance-Appropriation Committee, said she does not know how far the Legislature will take it in the next session this year, or where funding for the initiative could come from.

"It is a lot of money," she said.

Bell also pointed out that the ISTARS acronym is already in use — Idaho Statewide Trial Court Automated Records System.

Jerome School District Superintendent Jim Cobble said he has not looked thoroughly at the proposition, but "on first blush," he said, it looks promising.

"It looks like it may have some real possibilities," Cobble said, without analyzing its "side effects."

"I don't want to downplay it, or build it up, but I think like a step in the right direction," Cobble said.

Idaho Gov. C.L. Butch Otter spoke with Luna about teacher pay when they both lived in Washington D.C., Luna said Tuesday.

"Fortunately, his (Otter's) wife is a teacher and not a prison guard," Luna said.

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Curtail

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He said it's not too late for pumps to escape curtailment, but a poor water year and a department hearing in November could derail their efforts.

"They have a potential to be curtailed," said Tuthill, who will send the warning letters this week to give pumps time to find more water.

The most recent wave of letters come on the heels of a contentious spring and summer for water users. Tuthill threatened to curtail wells this spring when pumps couldn't block the closures, but the order was lifted by a judge. With just hours left before the wells were scheduled to close, the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators that represents the pumps secured more water, and the crisis was averted.

But groundwater pumps are in trouble again.

Under the mitigation agreement, the pumps owe 20 percent more water by next spring, and some say it will take a miracle to come up with that much.

Idaho has experienced drought conditions in recent years. Last year's snowpack was the lowest in more than two decades at some snow-

measuring stations.

It will take an above-average snowpack to help groundwater pumps, according to IDWR.

A department hearing related to the mitigation plan, scheduled for Nov. 28, could also affect pumps' chances at escaping curtailment.

Former state Chief Justice Gerald F. Schroeder will weigh arguments and evidence from the pumps and senior users to decide just how much water pumps owe.

Meanwhile, Tuthill continues to hope he won't have to shut off wells.

"State law provides latitude for water users to make deals among themselves that provide a better solution to curtailment," Tuthill said, "and we encourage these efforts."

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Craig

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Craig's interview of Craig lasted an hour.

Craig said it was a "tough call" when he decided not to tell his wife or children about the arrest.

"I didn't want to embarrass my wife, kids, Idaho and my friends," Craig said. "I should have told my wife. I should have told my kids. I should have told counsel."

Suzanne Craig said that when her husband told her the story was about to break, "I felt like the floor was falling out from under me. And I felt almost like I was going down a drain for a few moments."

Sen. Craig, a three-term Republican, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct in August after he was accused of soliciting sex in a bathroom at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in June.

After the matter became public, Craig tried to withdraw his plea. But a judge in Minneapolis refused, saying "Craig's plea was accurate, voluntary and intelligent, and ... supported by the evidence."

On Monday, Craig appealed that ruling to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Craig says he is not gay, and in the NBC interview he and

his wife said their marriage was based on love. Asked by his wife whether theirs was a marriage of convenience to cover "a gay lifestyle," Suzanne Craig responded, "I would never do that ... that's almost like selling your soul for something."

"I love this woman very, very much," Larry Craig said in the interview, taped at the couple's home in suburban Eagle. "And the day I found her fell in love, deeply in love. And that's lasted — we're heading toward our 25th anniversary."

In a separate interview with KTVB in Boise, Craig defended his decision to remain in office, suggested he was the victim of police profiling and again blamed an extensive newspaper investigation into his sexual background for his decision to ultimately plead guilty.

The Idaho Statesman, the state's biggest newspaper, spent 10 months interviewing his sexual partners, digging into his wife's divorce records and their children's adoptive records. The newspaper did not publish the story until Craig's arrest and guilty plea surfaced in other media.

But Craig has said his con-

cerns about the story caused him to panic and plead guilty to the misdemeanor.

"I believe, and I think Suzanne believes ... that this action, if it became public ... would trigger that story. Well, the action did trigger that story. The story that had already been written and was sitting in a file of that newspaper (and) was out for the public to see," he said.

"Did I feel pressure? Well, yes just a little bit. We'd been through a 10-month, unprecedented investigation looking into our private lives."

Vicki S. Gowder, editor and vice president of The Statesman, said the paper "did not report a story based on a rumor by a blogger, as did at least four other Idaho media and several national media last fall. Instead, our reporter spent about five months pursuing the truth. He did not have to spread the rumor; it was widely known."

Craig said his arrest was the work of "an overaggressive police officer following a flawed policy and techniques designed to intimidate suspects."

He also said his decision to remain in office stems from his fighter instinct and dedication to serving his city. His

current term ends in early 2009. He said he will not seek re-election.

Still, for some Twin Falls residents, Craig is already old news, and instead of watching the senator's television of his life, had their TVs tuned elsewhere.

About four dozen College of Southern Idaho students ate dinner with the dining hall's TV mute and programmed to The Weather Channel.

Elsewhere in town, establishments played the Cleveland Indians-Boston Red Sox game. A Bosnian business owner apologized for not carrying the interview, saying he doesn't have cable. A couple of people chuckled as if watching the interview was a ridiculous idea. Some people said they were not politically-minded.

Most found the interview trite. Craig's denials overdrive, the coverage repetitive, and the issue depressing. Inside the homes of several residents, the sound of sitcoms, movies and sports could be heard.

But no Larry Craig.

Times-News writer Cass Friedman and Associated Press writer Todd Doark contributed to this report.

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Iraq

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spokesman for the commanding general of U.S. forces in northern Iraq, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon.

The idea is to avoid vacating a contested area, like Diyala, which is northeast of Baghdad, while beginning Bush's announced reduction of at least 21,500 troops, of which 17,000 were sent to the Baghdad area last spring.

The shift in Diyala in December could be a model for follow-on reductions next year, with a redividing of the U.S. lines of responsibility so that a departing brigade has its battle space consumed by a remaining brigade. At the same time, Iraqi security forces would assume greater responsibility.

Diyala province is a bat-

tered landscape of warring tribes, fertile valleys and pockets of al-Qaida fighters. The sectarian and tribal character are wide. Commanders cited signs of substantial progress in the months since thousands of U.S. and Iraqi forces stormed the provincial capital of Baquba in June.

The unit leaving in December, the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry, has been in Iraq since October 2006. When it leaves, the 4th Stryker Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division, now in Salahuddin province, will add Diyala to its area of responsibility.

Donnelly said that even though the number of combat brigades in Iraq will drop by one with the departure of the 3rd Brigade of the 1st

Cavalry, the total number of soldiers in northern Iraq will remain almost constant. That is because later in December a unit arriving from Fort Hood — the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment — has substantially more soldiers than the unit it will replace.

It is not yet clear how the rest of the five-brigade reduction will be carried

out: "the cuts are to be completed by July 2008, under a plan recommended by Gen. David Petraeus, the top commander in Iraq, and announced by Bush in September.

It probably will include some fresh reductions in the western province of Anbar, where insurgent violence has declined substantially this year.

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Dalai Lama brushes off Chinese anger at U.S. celebrations in his honor

By Foster King
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Dalai Lama, after meeting privately Tuesday with President Bush, brushed off China's furious reaction to U.S. celebrations this week in his honor.

"That always happens," the exiled spiritual leader of the Tibetan Buddhists said with a laugh, speaking to reporters gathered outside his downtown Washington hotel.

The White House defended the meeting in the president's residence and dismissed Beijing's warning that talks and the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to him on Wednesday would damage relations between the United States and China.

The Dalai Lama is hailed in much of the world as a figure of moral authority, but Beijing reviles the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and claims he seeks to destroy China's sovereignty by pushing for independence for Tibet, where the Dalai Lama is considered a god-king.

When asked if he had a message for Chinese President Hu Jintao, the Dalai Lama playfully patted a reporter on the cheek and said, "You are not a representative of Hu Jintao."

He said that during their meeting, he explained to Bush what was happening in Tibet and said he thanked the president for "showing his concern about Tibet."

"We know each other, and we have developed. I think, a very close friendship — something like a reunion of one family," the Dalai Lama said, speaking of Bush.

The Dalai Lama says he wants "real autonomy," not independence, for Tibet. But China demonizes the spiritual leader and believes the United States is honoring a separatist.



The Dalai Lama speaks with reporters outside his hotel after a visit to the White House and meeting with President Bush, Tuesday in Washington.

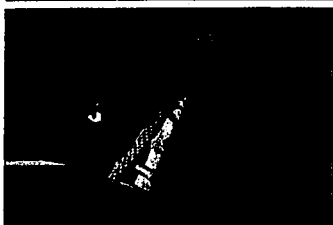
Bush and U.S. lawmakers on Wednesday will present the Dalai Lama, who has lived with followers in exile in India since they fled Chinese soldiers in Tibet in 1959, with the prestigious congressional honor. China has reacted

with anger. "We solemnly demand that the U.S. cancel the extremely wrong arrangements," said Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi. "It seriously violates the norm of international relations and seriously wounded the feelings of the Chinese people and interfered with China's internal affairs."

Presidential spokesman Tony Fratto said: "We understand the concerns of the Chinese."

But he also said Bush always has attended congressional award presentation ceremonies, has met with the Dalai Lama several times before and had no reason not to meet with him again.

No media access was allowed to Bush's meeting with the Dalai Lama in the private residence section of the White House.



Republican Presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., gestures during an Associated Press newsmaker interview, Tuesday in Washington.

McCain says he prays the U.S. doesn't go to war with Iran

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidate John McCain said Tuesday he prays every night the United States doesn't go to war with Iran, and he blamed Russia and China for standing in the way of a diplomatic solution.

"I don't think it's inevitable that we're in a conflict with Iran," McCain said in an interview with The Associated Press. "But I certainly see it as one scenario that could, and I emphasize could, take place if we are not effective in persuading Iran to drop its nuclear ambitions or in enlisting reluctant nations to back punitive sanctions, McCain said.

"There's a whole lot of things we can do before we seriously consider the military option," he emphasized. But he added: "I still say there's only one thing worse than military action against Iran and that is a nuclear-armed Iran."

The Arizona senator talked at length — and in detail — about everything from climate change to Social Security to Democrats serving in the White House if he's elected. But much of his hourlong interview with AP reporters and editors was devoted to foreign policy.

"I keep praying every night that we will avoid a conflict with Iran," he said. McCain said it was likely — even probable — that diplomatic pressure and nonmilitary measures could be effective.

With sharp words, he accused both Russia and China of causing gridlock in the U.N. Security Council and hindering the world body's ability to sanction Iran or address pressing matters in Darfur, Burma and other trouble spots.

If elected, he said he would form a league of democracies to circumvent the Security Council and enact tough sanction against Iran and other problem countries.

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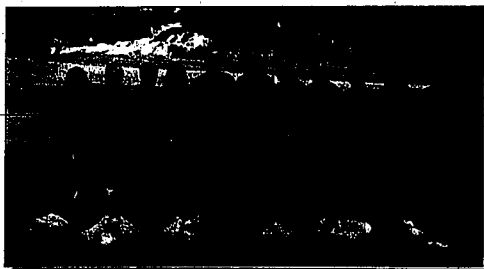
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Drug company ties rampant at U.S. med schools, survey finds

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Nearly two-thirds of academic leaders surveyed at U.S. medical schools and teaching hospitals indicate financial ties to industry, illustrating how pervasive these relationships have become, researchers say.

Serving as paid consultants or accepting industry money for free meals and drinks were among the most common practices reported by the heads of academic departments. Drug companies and makers of medical devices often use these connections to influence doctors to use products that aren't necessarily in the patient's best interest, said Eric Campbell, the study's lead author. He is a researcher at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

Since academic department heads set the tone for appropriate conduct at their institutions, their actions signal to medical students and others that it is appropriate behavior, Campbell said. The survey went to all 125 accredited medical schools and the nation's 15 largest teaching hospitals. About two-thirds of the department heads responded. The study gave no specific examples, nor did it name any institutions.

Many studies have examined doctor ties to drug companies. Campbell co-authored research last year that found company ties were common among hospital review boards that oversee experiments on patients.

The new study shows that drug companies "are involved in every aspect of medical care," Campbell said.

Overall, 60 percent of department heads reported some type of personal financial relationship with industry. More than one-quarter — 27 percent — said they had recently served as a paid consultant. The same percentage reported serving on a company scientific advisory board, and 21 percent who headed departments of medical specialties closely related to patient care said they had served on speakers' bureaus for industry.

"This results appear on Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. I expect him to be confirmed," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy of Vermont, who will preside over the hearings. "I want him to succeed."

"I don't know of a single He said it makes sense to reach out to academic heads because they have the most expertise.

U.S. deaths from deadly drug-resistant staph may surpass AIDS deaths, experts say

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — More than 90,000 Americans get potentially deadly infections each year from a drug-resistant staph "superbug," the government reported Tuesday in its first overall estimate of invasive disease caused by the germ.

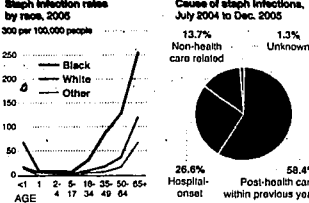
Deaths tied to these infections may exceed those caused by AIDS, said one public health expert commenting on the new study. The report shows just how far one form of the staph germ has spread beyond its traditional hospital setting.

The overall incidence rate was about 32 invasive infections per 100,000 people. That's an "astounding" figure, said an editorial in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, which published the study.

Most drug-resistant staph cases are mild skin infections.

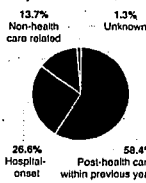
Most staph cases health care-related

The overall 2005 incidence rate for the drug-resistant staph "superbug" was about 32 invasive infections per 100,000 people. The disease was highest among the elderly, and blacks were affected at twice the rate of whites.



SOURCE: Journal of the American Medical Association

But this study focused on invasive infections — those that enter the bloodstream or destroy flesh and can turn deadly. Researchers found that only about one-quarter involved hospitalized patients. However, more than half were in the health care system — people who had recently had surgery or were on kidney dialysis, for example. Open wounds and exposure to



AP

Virginia teen dies after being hospitalized with 'superbug'

BEDFORD, Va. (AP) — A high school student who was hospitalized for more than a week with an antibiotic-resistant staph infection has died, and officials shut down 21 schools for cleaning to keep the illness from spreading.

Ashton Bonds, 17, a senior at Staunton River High School, died Monday after being diagnosed with methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, his mother said. "I want people to know how sick it made my son," Veronica Bonds said.

Staph infections, including the serious MRSA strain, have spread through schools nationwide in recent weeks, according to health and education officials.

MRSA is a strain of staph bacteria that does not respond to penicillin and related antibiotics but can be treated with other drugs. The infection can be spread by skin-to-skin contact or sharing an item used

by an infected person, particularly one with an open wound.

Bedford Superintendent James Blevins said at a news conference Tuesday that the schools will be closed for cleaning Wednesday.

Many of the infections are being spread in gyms and locker rooms, where athletes — perhaps suffering from cuts or abrasions — share sports equipment. Ashton Bonds played football last year but was not playing this season.

medical equipment are major ways the bug spreads.

In recent years, the resistant germ has become more common in hospitals and it has been spreading through prisons, gyms and locker rooms, and in poor urban neighborhoods.

The new study offers the broadest look yet at the pervasiveness of the most severe infections caused by the bug, called methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA. These bacteria can be carried by healthy people, living on their skin or in their noses. An invasive form of the disease is being blamed for the death Monday of a 17-year-old Virginia high school senior. Doctors said the germ had spread to his kidneys, liver, lungs and muscles around his heart.

The researchers' estimates are extrapolated from 2005 surveillance data from nine mostly urban regions considered representative of the country. There were 5,287 invasive infections reported that year in people living in those regions, which would translate to an estimated 94,360 cases nationally, the researchers said.

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Mukasey tells Senate Dems he would run an independent Justice Department

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Attorney General-designate Michael Mukasey told Senate Democrats Tuesday exactly what they want to hear during his confirmation hearings: That he'd be willing to say "no" to the White House and review the administration's eavesdropping and interrogation techniques.

Two of the administration's most ardent critics emerged from the meetings on the eve of Mukasey's confirmation hearings showering praise on the nominee and predicting easy and quick Senate approval. "I expect him to be confirmed," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy of Vermont, who will preside over the hearings. "I want him to succeed."

"I don't know of a single Democrat — (on the panel) inclined not to support him," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., chimed in later in the day. Those are striking statements of support from majority Democrats hostile to the administration on most everything else up for debate. Other non-fans of the White House, from Democratic Leader Harry Reid on down, have endorsed Bush's choice to take over a Justice Department left leaderless and demoralized after a series of difficulties under Alberto Gonzales.

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EDITORIAL

School chief's market-based reforms a bold step forward

Idaho public schools chief Tom Luna wonders why Idaho education "has to be 45th or 46th at doing everything."
But if the merit pay proposal that he introduced this week gets through the Legislature, the state could indeed go to the head of the class. Luna is pitching a \$59 million teacher-pay proposal that calls for raises of as much as \$15,600 for those who teach in-demand subjects, boost their qualifications — and agree to forego job security that Luna and other Republicans blame for dimming the quality of Idaho education.

The superintendent would offer teachers two options. They could keep existing contracts giving them due-process rights such the right to challenge a firing. Those who choose this track would be eligible for as much as \$6,000 in pay hikes — on top of base salaries from \$31,000 to \$49,000 — if their students show growth or proficiency on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. A new track, however, could mean an additional \$9,600 for those teachers willing to trade what Luna calls "tenure" for contracts akin to those of school principals, who work under contract but enjoy fewer job protections. Added pay in this track would also hinge on teachers getting certified in multiple subjects and teaching civically engaged in rural schools — and assuming duties such as mentoring others.

"The key difference is, they can choose," the superintendent told the Times-News editorial board on Tuesday.

In our view, that fact makes this idea a winner. As it stands, the only way for a classroom teacher in Idaho to advance beyond a certain pay level is to become an administrator. Under the current system, teachers essentially price themselves out of the classroom.

Under Luna's plan, the best teachers would be rewarded for what they do best — teaching.

Idaho has more than 14,500 public school teachers. The Idaho Education Association, the statewide teachers union, which has steadfastly opposed merit pay, has about 13,000 members. Luna forecast Tuesday that as many as 40 percent of teachers could opt for the new employment track in its first year.

That may be optimistic. But the IEA's longstanding insistence that every teacher statewide should get the same treatment is an idea whose time has passed.

Luna argues persuasively that any compensation system that doesn't reward achievement rewards mediocrity.

That should find resonance in the Legislature, where sentiment for merit-based pay reform is strong. But if by his plan, they're making a commitment for the long run — regardless of what the economy does over the next few years.

Luna hopes his "career ladder" proposal will help address state education shortcomings, including the oft-cited statistic that only about 40 percent of Idaho's high school graduates go on to college — among the lowest rates in the nation.

And for the third-fastest-growing state in the nation, that's just not good enough.

Idaho teachers are Idahoans first. Most are hard-working and genuinely care about the health of the state and the quality of our schools. They should reject the solutions of the past and give Luna's proposition an honest hearing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If Twin Falls airport art upssets you, take the bus

It sure is interesting what people complain about these days, like in the letters to the editor, and then they want the whole Magic Valley to know what they think. Sometimes silence is golden.

The most recent was the mural at the Twin Falls airport and the artist (Gary Stone) who created it. One

article was about the tax dollars paying for this work.

If they are so worried how our tax dollars are being used, then they should look at the Twin Falls Highway Department and not at Gary Stone. He is just living the American dream, doing what he likes and is good at and getting paid for it.

If this art at the airport is so disturbing, take the bus. ROB NOH Rogerson

It is wiser to build a new center than repair old one

I'd like to direct this note to the residents of Jerome regarding the bond issue for a new senior center in Jerome.

As most of you are aware, we are in dire need of a new senior center that meets the needs of our community. Some of those who brought us this fare — the old one. The cost of making the present center meet code is

not feasible and would be throwing good money after bad. IT IS WISER TO BUILD A NEW CENTER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

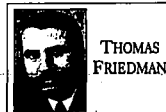
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The new proposed senior center can meet the needs of all our community. Architectural plans can be reviewed at the old railroad depot at 212 First Ave. E., presently used as the center. This old structure is of historic significance and can be used by the IFARM.

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the good food, camaraderie, good music, pool, cards or bingo. The price is right! The site for the new center is the 400 block on North Lincoln. It's ready and waiting.

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THOMAS FRIEDMAN

Gore lost the presidency, but in the dignity and grace with which he gave up his legal fight, he united America. Then, faced with what to do with the rest of his life, he took up a personal crusade to combat climate change, even though the odds were stacked against him, his soapbox was small, his audiences were measured in hundreds, and his critics were legion. But Gore stuck with it and over time has played a central role in building a global consensus for action on this issue.

"No matter what happens, sooner or later change in leadership is revealed," said David Rotkopf, author of the coming "Superclass: The Global Power Elite and the World They Are Making." "Gore lost the election and had to figure out what to do with the rest of his life. He took the initiative to get the country and the world to focus on a common threat — climate change. Bush won the election and for the first year really didn't know what to do with it. When, on 9/11, we and the world were suddenly faced with a common threat — terrorism and a Qaida — the whole world was ready to get behind him, but time and again he just divided us at home and abroad."

Indeed, Bush, rather than taking all that unity and using it to rebuild America for the 21st century, took all that unity and used it to push the narrow agenda of his "base." He used all that unity to take a far-right agenda on taxes and social issues that was going nowhere on 9/10 and drive it into a 9/12 world. Never has so much national unity — which could have been used to develop a real energy policy, reverse our coming Social Security deficit, assemble a lasting coalition to deal with Afghanistan and Iraq, may be even get a national health care program — been used to build so little. That is what historians will note most about Bush's tenure — the sheer wasted opportunity of it all.

Yes, Iraq was always going to be hugely difficult, but the potential payoff of erecting a decent, democratizing government in the heart of the Arab world was also enormous. Yet Bush, in his signature issue, never mobilized the country, never pushed the bad guys "right off us," as Bill Maher put it. By least pushing through a real energy policy to reduce the resources of the very people we were



fighting. He thought the could change the world with 50.1 percent of the country, and he couldn't.

Gore, even without the presidency, used all the modern tools of communication, the Internet, video and globalization to reach out and galvanize a global movement. Rotkopf said, "Bush took the greatest platform in the world and dug himself a policy grave."

Now Bush is a spent force and Gore is, apparently, not running. So we still need a president who can unify the country around meaningful action on energy and climate. Most of the Democratic candidates mouth the right words, but I don't sense much real passion. Most of the Republican candidates seem to be brain-dead on the energy/climate challenge. And it is amazing to me how flat-out not as some conservatives, like Rush Limbaugh, can be on this issue.

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Al Gore has been justly honored for highlighting — like no one else — the climate challenge. But we still need a vision, a strategy, an army and a commander in the White House who can inspire young and old — not only to meet that challenge but to see in it the opportunity to make America a better, stronger and more productive nation. This is our crucible moment.

Thomas L. Friedman is a columnist for the New York Times

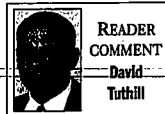
Curtailment crisis could return next summer

This week I am sending letters to more than 2,700 junior water rights-holders who draw from southern Idaho's Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. They include irrigators, cities, school districts, commercial users and a wide variety of others.

The letters warn of a possible curtailment of their water next spring, but that crisis may not have to occur.

In previous years, available water supplies supplemented by plans for mitigating or making up for use by junior water rights-holders was sufficient to prevent curtailment to senior water users' legal demands.

Last winter's low snowpack forced me, by law, to proceed with the curtailment process in the middle of this year's growing season. It was a difficult situation that came only after a March ruling by the Idaho Supreme Court on how the Idaho Department of



READER COMMENT David Tutthill

Water Resources operates, and the continued stalemate between junior and senior water-rights holders who were brought to the table by Gov. Otter in April to discuss a solution. Those curtailment orders eventually were put on hold when mitigation plans were submitted.

For next spring, I am providing junior water rights-holders as much advance notice as possible. The water year began on Oct. 1.

Between now and April 1 we will monitor the snowpack. If the projected runoff is 105 percent of normal and the reservoirs fill, no curtailments will be necessary in response

to the senior water users' call for the Snake River. If the projected runoff is inadequate then curtailments likely will be necessary.

However, the calls in the Thousand Springs area are not as dependent on the snowpack. The outcome of those calls is more directly related to a hearing scheduled for Nov. 28. We should know more by early next year, and there is a chance that curtailments — or mitigation that meets the demand for water — could be required to protect senior water rights.

Most reservoirs in the upper Snake River basin have been drained by drought. Carryover water storage from a normal water year in 2006 barely supplied water users through this past spring and summer. As we head into the next growing season, there might not be water available for mitigation efforts, and large-scale curtailments might be the only option to

satisfy the water calls. However, state law provides wide latitude for water users to make deals among themselves that provide a better solution and we encourage these efforts.

During the coming months Idaho needs to address our water situation with a sustained and broad-based effort to seek both short-term and long-term solutions. Unfortunately, what's happening in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer is not unique — we face similar problems in many aquifers throughout the state.

Gov. Otter and the Idaho Legislature have pledged their support to assist in finding and implementing solutions. Let's work together to ensure that Idaho optimizes this valuable resource for all our needs.

David Tutthill is director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

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For one congresswoman, integrity has a Pryce

A few weeks ago, I interviewed Deborah Pryce, the Republican congresswoman. In her Washington office, there was a dog propped up against a window sill, and I wanted to ask her if it had belonged to her daughter, who died of cancer at age 9 in 1999. But that question seemed a trespass on something out of bounds, so I asked about her re-election campaign in 2006.

Her Ohio House race had been one of the toughest in the entire country, and when I brought it up, I expected her to talk about the vicious ads that had been run against her.

Instead, she talked about



DAVID BROOKS

the ads that she had put on the air against her opponent. "I was appalled by what I had to do," she said. In close races, the national parties send teams of professionals to take over campaigns, and the candidates who resist their efforts generally lose.

When Pryce spoke about the direct-mail letters that went out under her name,

she did so with a look of disgust. She said that her friends kept coming to her to complain about the TV ads she was running against her opponent. Finally, her own mother told her she was ashamed of the ads.

The truth is, Pryce's opponents did worse. But it was her own ads that she kept dwelling on, and as she spoke, I could see that she'd been fighting the war that the best politicians fight — the war within herself to preserve her own humanity.

Politics, as you know, is a tainted profession. Professional politicians cannot serve their country if they do not win their races, and to

do that they must grapple with a vast array of forces that try to remold and destroy who they are.

There are consultants who try to turn them into repackaged clones. There are party whips demanding total loyalty. There is a culture of overkillism that strangles private life and private thinking. There are journalists who define them based on a few ideological labels.

And then there is the soul-destroying act of campaigning itself. Active campaigners are compelled to embrace the ideology of Meism.

They spend their days talking endlessly about Me. When they meet donors, they

want to know if they are giving to Me or against Me. When they meet advisers and fellow pols, they want to know, do they support Me or not Me. When they think about strategy, it's about better ways to present Me. When they craft positions, they want to know, what does this say about Me?

No normal person can withstand the onslaught of egotism and come out unscathed.

And so there are two kinds of politicians: Those who become creatures of the process, and those who, like Pryce, resist and retain the capacity to be appalled by what they must do.

The more interesting and impressive politicians struggle to preserve their personal integrity. Many of these who struggle hardest have suffered a personal trauma, like the death of a child or time in a POW camp, which has created a private space that they refuse to sacrifice to politics.

Pryce has retained that honest, inner voice, and she has decided to retire after this term. It's not as rewarding, being in the minority, she says, and with the new longer workweek, it's harder to get home to her adopted daughter...

David Brooks is a columnist for the New York Times.

How I took Danielle out of the ball park

Of all the reasons to be intimidated by former Los Angeles Dodger Kirk Gibson — two World Series rings, a National League MVP award, the century record piloting a Class 206, a nomination this year to the college football Hall of Fame — I hadn't thought of the most obvious one: He's a scary dude. At 6-foot-3, with a shaved head, Gibson looks like a man who laughs rarely and pummets often. Several people warned me that he doesn't take kindly to journalists and to approach him carefully. Especially because I was asking for his help with something really, really stupid.

For this year's playoffs, Major League Baseball created a Web site — october.com — where baseball fans can post short videos about their favorite playoff moments.

I immediately decided to name it Gibson's 1988 World Series triumph for my video. Even though I was a Yankees fan, even though I was at an age when failing with girls was more important than baseball, I knew Gibson's home run was the best baseball moment I would ever witness.

Too hurt to play, Gibson nonetheless emerged from



JOEL STEIN

the trainer's room in the ninth inning of Game 1. There were two out, a man on, and the Dodgers were trailing the Oakland Athletics, 4-3. Gibson somehow hobbled to the plate on his two bum legs to pinch-hit, and with a 3-2 count, smacked the winning home run off of the game's best closer, Dennis Eckersley. It was as if Gibson had summoned up the superhuman strength that allows people to lift a car off a child.

I carefully weighed whether my interpretation of this moment should be free of Gibson's influence, or whether I should allow him into my process. At which point I realized I'd been living in Los Angeles for too long already.

I went to Dodger Stadium the morning before a game against the Arizona Diamondbacks; Gibson is their bench coach.

As far as re-enacting that

famous hit, Gibson said he couldn't do it himself, even though he has seen the clip of it thousands of times — in fact, he had caught it on the tube the day before. Still, he gave me some pointers. He warned me against my original choice to show a lot of pain, which he clearly thought was wrong. I was to bang on the inside of both of my feet with the bat, even though I thought that was a bad idea for anyone with destroyed knees. He confided: "I took a real ugly swing and the ball went out. I'm totally capable of taking a real ugly swing."

I went out to a ball field and found a softball player named Danielle, who agreed to pitch for a re-enactment. I told her not to freak out when I swung wildly and then limped around the bases like a madman.

Feeling stupid but kind of happy that Major League Baseball gave me an excuse to feel 8 years old again and pretend to be a famous baseball player, I hit the ball and over-estimated. Maybe Danielle is just a great batting practice pitcher, but I crushed the ball in a way I never have, sending it so

far back that in a real game it clearly would have been easily caught by the center fielder. My fist pumps were real. And when Gibson was like, in person, did not matter at all.

Joel Stein is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kimberly needs more space for new students

Kimberly School patrons: Please support the school bond Thursday. The \$10.25 million bond will build:

- An elementary school room addition to the fourth and fifth grade round building.
- A middle school classroom addition and a multi-purpose cafeteria and commons.
- High school classrooms and relocation of the agriculture and technology programs to the high school campus.
- Complete safety infrastructure (sidewalks and parking improvements), and
- An all-weather track surface at the football field.

Why do we need this? Dozens of new subdivisions inside and outside the city limits are filling with new people. Our classrooms are full, especially at the elementary. The lunchroom, which serves grades K-eight, is beyond bursting capacity. The middle school is absolutely full. Several high school teachers use a cart to hold their materials because they have no classroom. We need more space to accommodate these new students.

What are our options? Increased property taxes in the district have allowed the school board to lower the bond levy rate 15 percent from \$3.42 per thousand to \$2.89 per thousand of assessed value, a savings of nearly \$40 annually on a \$150,000 home.

Kimberly schools are absolutely the best — small class sizes, parent involvement, personal relationships.

This bond is an opportunity to continue that tradition. Please help by supporting the bond Thursday. Vote at the high school this Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

DAVE FULLMER
Kimberly
(Editor's note: Dave Fullmer is the chairman of the Kimberly School Board.)

New senior center: An idea whose time has come

When our community was first settled 100 years ago, it wasn't long before they built churches and schools. Numerous churches and schools have been constructed during the first century.

Is it time now to build a new senior citizen center? I believe it is.

Please share your opinion by voting Nov. 6.

LAVAR BUTTARS
Jerome

Why does no one mention Democratic perverts?

There are sexual perverts in every race, party and religion. The only difference is Republicans eat their own and Democrats just keep showing their down our throats by electing them over and over.

How many times did they keep electing D.C. pimp Barney Frank, swimmer Ted Kennedy and now they want to put Bill Clinton back in the White House so he can continue to chase skirts all over the D.C. area.

When Obama's father died, he left three wives and five children. Where in America is that lifestyle legal?

Why do those who talk about gays never mention all the Democratic perverts? Why does the drive-by media give Democrats a free pass?

The biggest lie being told is that Democrats are for the poor. That is not true. The IRS reported this summer about who gave the most time and money to charities like Scouts, YMCA, Red Cross, etc. The Democrats' blue states did not even make the top 25, not

even the two richest — California, New York. Idaho, one of the poorest states, was high at third in giving.

The Democrats want to tax and spend our money because Ted Kennedy, Peter Lewis, Theresa Kerry, George Soros, John and Nancy Pelosi bank their millions and billions in off-shore banks. Ted has \$500 million in banks in the Fiji Islands, so he only pays income taxes on his Senate wages. He even acknowledged it but was upset the man who wrote the book could find that on a computer.

Why can Democrats think that tating the poor people who use tobacco (75 percent in the lowest income under \$20,000 a year) to pay for family medical insurance of those earning up to \$82,000 a year. We are on Social Security, earning very little (mine is \$500 a month and free Medicare for both of us is over \$600 a month, counting our supplement and Humana!)

Are Democrats nuts or what? People earning \$82,000 can't handle \$200 for each child? Give me a break!

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Andrew Pike was serving his country in Iraq when he was shot and critically injured by a sniper while he was on patrol. He survived his life threatening injuries, but was left paralyzed from the waist down. Andrew has returned to the Magic Valley where he was raised, and wants to build a house in this community he calls home. We are raising money to help Andrew make his home fully wheelchair accessible so he can maintain his independence while raising a family.

Benefit Dinner to be held at the community center at the Turl Club on Saturday, October 20th at 8:30.

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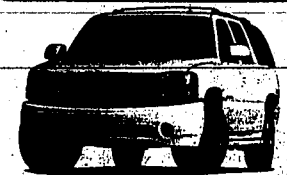


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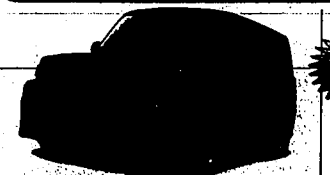


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Wolverines best Burley twice for Great Basin title

By Zach Kyle
For the Times-News

BURLEY — After sweeping a loser-out match against Jerome, the Wood River Wolverines won consecutive five-game matches against the Burley Bobcats to win the Great Basin Conference West district championship and a trip to the Class 4A state tournament.

The Wolverines went home tired. In the first match against Burley, they beat the Bobcats in four games, 25-24, 22-25, 25-12, 25-22. The championship match went five hotly-contested games before the Wolverines won by scores of 13-25, 25-23, 23-25, 27-25, 15-25.

How intense was the matchup? Adding the scores for all nine games with Burley, Wood River won only 201-194, less than a point per game.

Hannah Ward led Wood River with 33 kills and eight blocks in the two

matches, while Hannah Gove finished with 24 kills. For Burley, Caiti Parish finished with 30 kills, and Alex Haynie had 24 kills. Kassl Kerbs had 40 digs on the night and Kaitelin Robins had 57 assists.

Wood River coach Tim Richards said his team wasn't going to let exhaustion get the better of them.

"That's a tough thing we just did. They made us play a double final, nine games. That's like three matches on the same night. You wouldn't ask a football team to do that. We said, 'We're going to show our heart. We're not going to get down just because we have to play a long time. We're going to show our heart.'"

Richards said the tenacity Burley displayed against the Wolverines will give them a good chance to win their loser-out playoff game for a chance to go to state.

"Both sides played very well," he said. "Burley gave you all you wanted.

That's a token of the coach. (Timothy Green) built this program over the past years. They're going to go into the play-in game and give whoever it is a tough time. They play great defense."

Green said the games were mentally tiring.

"We knew Wood River was going to come to play. It was a bloodbath from the beginning. Both sides suffered a lot of emotional stress tonight."

Despite the loss, Green was pleased how her vastly undersized roster competed with Wood River's height. "Anytime you come up against a front line that's six feet tall and our kids play as well as they did, I'm thrilled," she said. "A few balls didn't go our way and that's the way it goes sometimes. They played well."

Wood River beat Jerome 25-14, 25-20, 25-18. The Wolverines play at Century at 7 p.m., Thursday to determine seeding in the state tournament.



Wood River's Hannah Ward hits the ball against Jerome's Jordann Hollifield (10) and Jordan Barnham (4) Tuesday night in Burley. The Wolverines swept the match.



Hagerman's Christine celebrates after scoring a point during the Pirates' match against Raft River Tuesday afternoon in Hansen during the Magic Valley Conference Tournament championship match. Hagerman won in three games.

Rockies streak into first World Series

By Eddie Peis
Associated Press writer

DENVER — It's October in Colorado. The Broncos are playing. Snow showers are in the forecast. The leaves are turning red and yellow and brown.

The dominant color in the Mile High City these days, though, is purple. It's "Rocktober" in Colorado.

The Rockies, crazy as it sounds, are in the World Series. No Curse of the Bambino. No Wrigley Field goat. Just pure Rockies magic.

Sad-sack losers almost all their 15 seasons of existence, the Rockies have won 21 of 22 games and seven in a row in the playoffs.

Suddenly, it's cool to wear a black and purple Rockies cap around town. First baseman Todd Helton is a bigger star than the Broncos quarterback, Jay Cutler.

"I didn't see this happening," Colorado fan Jeff Zebrowski said before the



Colorado Rockies first baseman Todd Helton (17), left, celebrates with Troy Tulowitzki (2) after Helton made the last out to win Game 4 of the National League Championship Series against the Arizona Diamondbacks Monday in Denver.

Rockies defeated Arizona on Monday night to win the National League pennant and make it to baseball's biggest stage. "Maybe two or

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PIRATES PLUNDER SOUTHSIDE

Unbeaten Hagerman sails past Raft River for title

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

HANSEN — Not a chance. The upstart Raft River Trojans came into Tuesday night's Class 1A Magic Valley Southside Conference Tournament championship with designs of upending top-seeded and unbeaten Hagerman. A 25-7, 25-15, 25-10 loss later, the Trojans had designs of keeping their season alive as the 20-0 Pirates took their fourth consecutive conference title and claimed a spot in next week's state tournament in Lewiston.

The Pirates capped Raft River's championship hopes early, building a 13-3 advantage after junior outside hitter Breccia Mangum connected on four of her match-high nine aces over a five-play span. While Mangum put down eight first-game kills, it was Hagerman's error-free team focus that led to the lopsided win. The Pirates committed only two attacking errors and one setting error in the first game.

"These guys can tell you what my motto is: It's a game of errors, and the team that makes the least wins," Pirates head coach Luanne Axelson said. "We

really strive to get the ball up and get it over the net.

Mangum's mix of power and precision on the outside led to a match-high 12 kills for the Hagerman star, while sophomore Amanda Regnier added five kills and two blocks.

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ing. Hagerman combined for 25 kills to offset the Trojans' team total of 13. With senior Christine Regnier serving as the team's No. 3 offensive weapon at three kills and four aces Friday, the Hagerman setters continued to ply their trade in comfort.

"I can set it to anyone," Chaucence Axelson said. "I feel comfortable that everyone can finish, that everyone I set the ball to is going to score."

The Trojans were led by senior setter and outside hitter Nicole Harper, who finished with seven kills and one block. Only two other Raft River players — Keely Ward and Meg Wickel — finished

with more than one kill. Chelzee Nye tallied two blocks, while Whitney

Holtman added a pair of aces. The Pirates will play Magic Valley Northside Conference champion Richfield at 7:30 p.m., Thursday in Hansen for the top state seed out of District IV. While this efficient team hasn't been challenged often this season, Hagerman is looking forward to playing the state's best, including perennial northern Idaho power Genesee.

"We know that we haven't had very many tough matches, but we know it's going to be different at state," Mangum said. "We always have intense practices so it's not like we play to our lowest level. We're always at a high intensity and trying to play our hardest."

RAFT RIVER 3, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 0
The Trojans stayed alive, making second place in the tournament with a 25-15, 25-21, 25-5 victory over fourth-seeded Lighthouse Christian. Harper came up with a match-high 14 kills to go with three aces, and helped her team finish out the tournament by serving up 15

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Rest or rust? Rockies facing 8-day layoff

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press writer

DENVER — So, now what for the Colorado Rockies?

The Rockies swept through their playoff bracket with such speed that their reward was a record eight-day wait for the World Series, by far the longest layoff in history.

Having won 21 of 22 games, Todd Helton and his teammates hope they don't lose their momentum or this mojo. Still, that's sure to be the question over the next week — rest or rust?

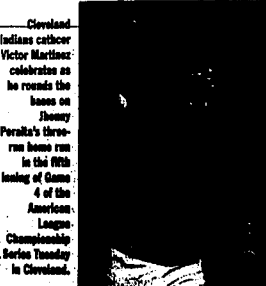
The World Series starts Oct. 24, when Cleveland or Boston hosts the Rockies, the charmed champions of the

National League. Colorado has won 10 in a row overall, with sweeps of Philadelphia in the opening round of the playoffs and Arizona in the NL championship series.

"We'll probably scrimmage ourselves," outfielder Ryan Spillburgh said. "And it'll be the first time in a while we'll lose."

A day after finishing off the Diamondbacks 6-4 in Game 4 at Coors Field, the Rockies took Tuesday off to relax — and, quite possibly, to recuperate from the celebration that followed their first NL pennant in the franchise's 15-year history.

"There's nothing wrong
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Cleveland Indians catcher Victor Martinez celebrates as he rounds the bases on Thursday. Porvika's three-run home run in the fifth inning of Game 4 of the American League Championship Series Tuesday in Cleveland.

Wahoo! Indians move to cusp of World Series with 7-3 victory

By Tomi Winters
Associated Press writer

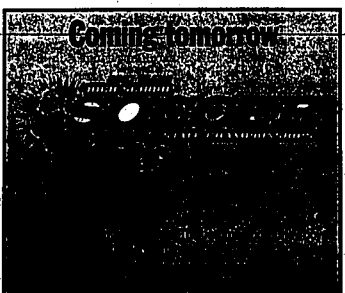
CLEVELAND — Led by a throwback pitcher who looks as if he stepped out of their 1948 team photo, the Cleveland Indians moved one win from another crack at winning an elusive World Series title.

Pumping his arms with an old-school windup, Paul Byrd blanked Boston long snout and Casey Blake homered to start Cleveland's

seven-run rampage in the fifth inning as the Indians beat the Red Sox 7-3 Tuesday night for a 3-1 lead in the AL championship series.

"We want to put them away here," Byrd said as Indians fans kept cheering. After the final out: "That's a great team; over them. They can really come back and win, three. We're taking absolutely nothing for granted. We'll enjoy the win for now, but we want to put them.

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Cleveland Indians pitcher Paul Byrd (24) strikes out Boston long snout Casey Blake (1) during the fifth inning of Game 4 of the American League Championship Series Tuesday in Cleveland.

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Kimberly defeats Gooding in SCIC semis

By Diane Phillips Times-News writer

GOODING — Kimberly has made a pair of hour-long bus rides to Gooding for the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament...

will now be held at Kimberly. The Bulldogs will face the winners of the Filiz and Gooding match for the championship...

Senior Tausha Sutherland had three aces. "The match was so intense," said McKay. "I'm so proud of our team. I think we can do it again in the championship game..."

defense with 24 dig- s. "I've always been defensive," said Pierson. "I learned two to use my height (5 feet, 2 inches) and quickness to my advantage..."

CANYON CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Valley sweeps Wendell

By Bradley Guire Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Valley's in, while Wendell and Glens Ferry will battle again. With a first-round bye in the Canyon Conference tournament, the Valley Vikings needed only one win Tuesday to make today's championship match...



Valley's Katie Hall, left, celebrates with Jamie Cashora after scoring a point against Wendell Tuesday night at Valley High School.

"We make a good game out of every match with valley. We need to block more so we can play more offense than defense," Wendell coach Kell Jasper said. "The Trojans beat Glens Ferry 25-15, 25-19, 25-9 in the early match for the right to face Valley. Lund again beat the Trojans with five kills."

time with a Class 2A state tournament berth on the line. In the Valley camp, there's mixed emotion about playing the same team over and over. "It'll be easier," Camelle Sizmore said. "We're used to how they play, and we have confidence."

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away at home in front of these great fans." The Indians, who knocked out the New York Yankees and their monstrous payroll in the first round of the playoffs, now have the free-swinging Red Sox on the ropes. Even three straight homers couldn't rally Boston...

by the Chicago Cubs, those lovable losers whose futility now extends to 99 years this fall after an early October fame out. These Indians are burning brightly. "The scene switched in a blink," Boston second baseman Dustin Pedroia said.

RICHFIELD 3, SHOSHONE 0 Richfield picked a nice night to play its very best. The Tigers cruised past Shoshone 25-11, 25-17, 25-7 to win the Magic Valley Northside title Tuesday night in Dietrich...

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straight plays. Nye added three blocks and two kills while Haley Hutchinson added eight digs in a match that didn't get underway until after 9 p.m. "Our girls said, 'Hey, we've got three blocks and we've got to shake it off,'" Trojans head coach Cami Shumann said of Raft River's previous loss to Hagerman. "They knew they didn't want to come into the district tournament on that bubble, playing for the fifth seed. I was proud of them shaking that off and coming out strong."

Thursday in Hansen. LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 3, CASTLEFORD 2 The Lighthouse Christian Lions kept their season alive with a scrappy 25-15, 25-22, 23-25, 21-25, 15-12 victory over second-seeded Castleford to advance to the tournament's second-place match. The Lions seemed to run out of gas against Raft River, however. "I have to give it to Lighthouse Christian," Shumann said. "They're a scrappy team and they fought hard."

Streak

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three years from now, but not now. We're too young as a team." As fantastic and unlikely as it may seem to that handful of long-suffering season-ticket holders who watched their team veer from early success to unbecoming circus act to essentially irrelevant, it carries an even more poignant meaning in a city that cruelly flirted with baseball for decades only to have its heart broken again and again. Today, the thought of the one-time purveyors of the unwelcome, four-hour, 12-11 slog of live in the World Series sounds every bit as outlandish and tantalizing as

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BUSY WEEKEND AT HIGH DESERT SPEEDWAY

John Hovsdenn of Wendell raced to first-place in the Super Pro Class at High Desert Speedway in Coaling this past Saturday, while Gary Meyers won the division on Sunday. Below are results.

High Desert Speedway Super Pro Class 1. John Hovsdenn, Wendell; 2. Gary... 2nd Class 1. Tracy Stewart, Twin Falls; 2. Don Speer...

Layoff

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with a break," reliever Matt Herges said. "I'm tired to end the series quickly." The Rockies will reconvene at Coors Field for a workout Wednesday afternoon and will take Thursday off. "But will this long playoff leave the Rockies, losers of just one game since Sept. 16, out of sync?" "They asked us the same question as the last layoff," Helton said of the four-day break — that separated Colorado's playoff sweeps. "We're going to relax and enjoy this for a while and then we're going to refocus again on what we have to play."

the idea 30 years ago that Major League Baseball would someday land in Denver. But Denver finally did get its team. And now the city stands one step from the next baseball milestone in what has been an emotional, memory-filled ride for any native who also happens to be a sports fan. Yes, Denver has always been a football town — a city that attached itself to the NFL and made itself one of its self-esteem and hope to heroes wearing orange and blue. There probably will never be a feeling like the one that crucially flared with baseball for decades, only to have its heart broken again and again. Today, the thought of the one-time purveyors of the unwelcome, four-hour, 12-11 slog of live in the World Series sounds every bit as outlandish and tantalizing as

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LeBron James looms large in Shanghai for NBA and Nike

SHANGHAI, China — LeBron James looms large in Shanghai.

His banners over a basket in billboards around the city leading to today's NBA exhibition game between his Cleveland Cavaliers and the Orlando Magic and another game Saturday in the former Portuguese territory of Macau.

"For me, growing up, I never thought about having a billboard anywhere," James said Tuesday, slipping off a white NBA headband and replacing it with a Cleveland Indians cap. "You see them (billboards) locally, and then you start seeing them a little bit nationwide. And now worldwide. It's like, wow, it's like extra credit."

It's unbelievable. You would never think that you could ever see your face somewhere else where you don't even live."

James' shoe sponsor conducted a Shanghai art gallery into a LeBron James showroom. Dubbed the "LBJ Museum," the promotion this week includes a freshly shucked basketball court, aimed at pitching James in China, where 300 million people — the population of the United States — play basketball.

Nike also unveiled the latest version of James' signature shoe on Tuesday. It's the second time it's picked China ahead of the U.S. to show off James' newest footwear. The "limited edition"



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James gestures during practice Tuesday in Shanghai, China.

shoe was selling Tuesday for almost \$300. Nike's newest TV spot fea-

turing James also kicked off this week in China, several weeks ahead of his U.S. premiere.

James is a hot property in basketball's most dynamic marketplace. And the NBA and Nike know it, both looking toward next year's Beijing Olympics, where James would surely capture world attention if he leads the beleaguered American basketball team to a gold medal.

Several hundred Chinese reporters and photographers showed up for Tuesday's practice at the Lu Wan Stadium. They engulfed James at the far end of the floor when he stopped shooting. He squatted on a long-sliding bench, back against the

wall, and stared up to answer questions, cutting deep furrows across his forehead.

"Every time I'm here it's the same response: It's great, the fans love us, the kids are great," James said.

Bryant misses practice, denies empty locker

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant sat out practice for the third straight day Tuesday, then denied a report that he had cleaned out his locker — a story carried by several local news outlets.

Bryant spoke for less than two minutes in the parking lot of the team's practice facility. Previously, he had said

very little to reporters since July Buss stated last week in Honolulu that he "would certainly listen" to trade offers for the NBA center leader.

"I don't know who to Mitch and Mr. Buss about that," Bryant replied when asked if he had played his final game for the Lakers, referring to general manager Mitch Kubiak and the team's owner.

"I'm just getting ready, if I'm here, I'm ready to strap it up," Bryant asked to be traded 4 1/2 months ago, then avoided speaking about the Lakers until the beginning of training camp Oct. 1, when he talked more positively, saying he was looking forward to the season.

— The Associated Press

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Padraig Harrington in front at PGA Grand Slam in Bermuda

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda — Someone forgot to tell Padraig Harrington this is supposed to be a working vacation.

The PGA Grand Slam of Golf felt much more like work Tuesday, with the British Open champion grinding to a halt to keep control of his game that he barely noticed the turquoise coastline below the Mid-Ocean Club on his way to a 3-under 67 and a one-shot lead.

"I was struggling with my game, so my head was very much down," Harrington said. "I saw a lot of it of the course, but I wasn't really seeing it. It was very much a workmanlike day. Every shot was a bit worried. It was a tough day out there for me, and luckily, the puts were dropping and it kept me right in there."

U.S. Open champion Angel Cabrera nearly caught him until his 15-foot eagle putt came up short on the 18th hole, giving him a 68.

Masters champion Zach Johnson and Jim Furyk each had a 71 in rounds that looked nothing alike. Johnson had to play a short out to someone's backyard on the second hole and was over through five holes until playing bogey-free the rest of the way. Furyk, the replacement for Tiger Woods, was 15 pars and very few putts and was only glad he wasn't farther behind.

only 6,666 yards, still offered a stern test with swirling breezes, hidden pins and greens so pure the players at times got too aggressive.

TENNIS Tickets for Davis Cup matches in Portland sell within 30 minutes

PORTLAND, Ore. — Although the Davis Cup hasn't been played in the United States for 15 years, enthusiasm for the international tennis event apparently hasn't diminished.

The sellout seems to work counter to the idea Davis Cup popularity may have waned because the U.S. had not won it for the past 12 years.

"There's a real buzz around the country — to tennis fans in particular — that this is a big deal," said Patrick McEnroe, who oversees the U.S. team that includes Andy Roddick, James Blake and the top-ranked doubles team of Bob and Mike Bryan.

Sports Shorts

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T.F. adult hoops meetings planned

TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for Twin Falls Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues will be held Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office (136 Maxwell Ave.).

T.F. ladies hall fall banquet

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Fall Awards banquet will be Oct. 25 with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7. The cost

Bruins golf team benefit planned

TWIN FALLS — A benefit for the Twin Falls High School golf team will be held Sunday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

CSI hosts Inaugural Fall Fest

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Athletic Department will host its inaugural Fall Fest at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

Merchants at 1 p.m.

Merchants at 1 p.m. in the third-place games for grades 5-6, while Team ESS will face Kiviana at 3 p.m. in the Midtown Bowl trophy tute game.

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Commodities slide as dollar rebounds

Decline occurs as fall harvest is completed

By Lauren Viganan
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Commodities slumped Tuesday as investors shied away from riskier investments amid a downturn in the stock market and a rise in the dollar.

Silver, copper, corn and wheat prices weakened as the stronger dollar rendered commodities more expensive to overseas buyers, curbing some demand.

That has some concerned because farmers have only recently harvested several fall crops, such as corn, wheat, potatoes and other grains.

Commodities are priced in dollars and, as a result, demand has a link to the dollar's strength against other currencies. As the dollar has plunged in recent months, that relationship has grown increasingly important as foreign buyers look for everything from agricultural products to industrial metals. But when the dollar rebounds, demand can temporarily evaporate.

Copper for December delivery dropped 4.5 cents to settle at \$3.61 a pound on the New York Mercantile

Exchange, while silver futures slipped 19.7 cents to end at \$13.658 an ounce.

The decline in the metals market also mirrored Wall Street's retreat on Tuesday, as investors pulled back from riskier investments following Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's comments that a housing slump will probably be a "significant drag" on economic growth into next year.

MF Global analyst Edward Meir said in a report. "For the time being, modest declines in U.S. equity markets should not unhinge the advance in commodities, but if the selling is to pick up steam in a big way, commodities will most likely get swept up in the downdraft."

The Dow Jones Industrial average fell 71.86, or 0.51 percent, to 13,012.94. Broader stock indicators also finished lower.

The U.S. dollar had a modest recovery after trading near its all-time lows versus the euro on Monday. The 13-nation euro bought \$1.416 late Tuesday, off its peak \$1.4282 from Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, the greenback's bounce took its toll on the agriculture market, where corn, soybean and wheat prices slid.

December corn fell 1.5 cents to close at \$3.605 a bushel, while November soybeans dropped 9.5 cents to \$9.775 a bushel. December wheat lost 5 cents to settle at \$8.285 a bushel.

Supervalu posts 12 percent rise in 2nd-quarter profit

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Grocery chain operator Supervalu Inc. said Tuesday earnings rose 12 percent in its fiscal 2008 second quarter as lower costs offset a 5 percent drop in sales. The company also reaffirmed its outlook for the full year.

Net income for the quarter ended Sept. 8 grew to \$148 million, or 68 cents per share, from \$132 million, or 61 cents per share, a year ago.

Excluding costs related to its \$1.1 billion acquisition of Albertsons' retail properties in June 2006, the company earned 74 cents per share in the latest quarter, compared with 65 cents a year earlier, including acquisition and stock option costs.

Sales slipped to \$10.16 billion from \$10.67 billion last year, as the latest period

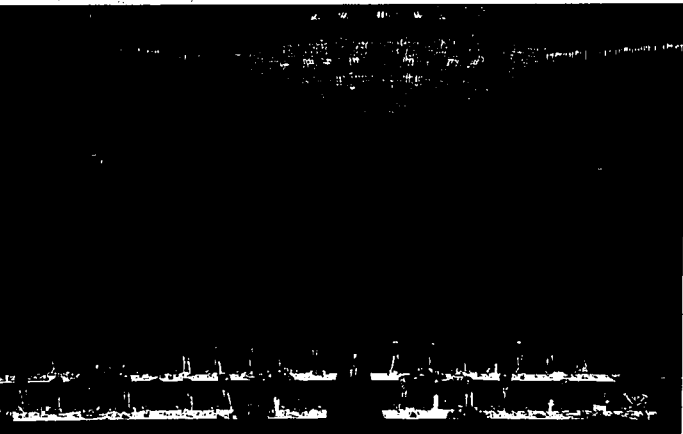
included 12 weeks of combined results, compared with 13 weeks in the second quarter of fiscal 2007. This discrepancy reduced sales in the 2008 quarter by about \$450 million.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial were expecting profit of 68 cents per share on higher sales of \$10.38 billion. The earnings estimates typically exclude one-time items.

The company also reaffirmed its outlook for fiscal 2008, calling for earnings excluding items of \$2.93 to \$3.03 per share and net sales of about \$44 billion. Including costs, profit is expected to range between \$2.73 and \$2.83 per share.

Analysts are predicting profit, including acquisition and stock option costs, of \$2.77 per share on revenue of \$44.46 billion.

'Significant drag'



Federal Reserve System Chairman Ben Bernanke, center, addresses a dinner meeting of the Economic Club of New York Monday evening in New York.

Bernanke says housing slump will be drag on economy, says Wall Street recovery will take time

By Jeanine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A deepening housing slump probably will be a "significant drag" on economic growth into next year and it will take time for Wall Street to fully recover from a painful credit crisis, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned Monday.

Bernanke once again pledged to "act as needed" to help financial markets which have suffered through several months of turbulence — function smoothly and to keep the economy and inflation on an even keel.

"Conditions in financial markets have shown some improvement since the worst of the storm in mid-August, but a full recovery of market functioning is likely to take time, and we may well see some setbacks," Bernanke said in a speech to the New York Economic Club. A copy of his remarks was made available in Washington.

It was Bernanke's most extensive assessment of the

country's current economic situation since the August turmoil unhinged Wall Street.

The ultimate implications of the credit crunch on the broader economy, however, remain "uncertain," the Fed chief said.

Against that backdrop, Bernanke said the central bank will be closely watching the economy's vital signs in determining the Fed's next move. He didn't specifically commit to cutting rates again, but rather kept his options open.

Economists have mixed opinions on whether the Fed will lower interest rates at their next meeting, Oct. 30-31. Some insist the odds are lessening that the Fed will need to slice rates; Others, however, think rates will move lower.

"The Fed appears to be in a watch mode at the present time," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America's Investment Strategies Group.

To help cushion the economy from the ill effects of the credit crunch and housing slump, the Fed on

Sept. 18 slashed a key short-term interest rate by one-half percentage point to 4.75 percent. It marks the first rate cut in more than four years. It also reflected the most aggressive action taken by the Fed to curb fallout from the credit crisis, which intensified in August.

Since that September meeting, the housing slump — the worst in 16 years — has gotten deeper, Bernanke said.

"The further contraction in housing is likely to be a significant drag on growth in the current quarter and through early next year," he said.

"However, it remains too early to assess the extent to which household and business spending will be affected by the weakness in housing and the tightening in credit conditions," he added.

Spending by businesses and individuals is an important ingredient to keeping the economic expansion — which began in late 2001 — from fizzling out.

Developments affecting

the job market and income growth also will be watched closely. "The labor market has shown some signs of cooling, but these are quite tentative so far, and real income is still growing at a solid pace," Bernanke observed.

The benefits of a mostly sturdy employment climate have helped cushion some of the negative effects that the housing slump, weaker home values and a credit crunch have had on consumers.

Job creation rebounded in September, with employers boosting payrolls by 110,000, the most in four months. Wages grew solidly. The unemployment rate did creep up to 4.7 percent last month but that rate is still considered low by historical standards.

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House approves 4-year extension of moratorium on taxing the Internet

By John Dumar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The House on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved a four-year extension of a moratorium on state and local taxes on Internet access, despite widespread support in both parties for a permanent ban.

The tax ban, first passed in 1998, is set to expire on Nov. 1. The extension exempts some states that approve taxes prior to the original enactment.

The vote was 405-2.

"This bill is pro consumer, pro innovation and pro technology," said Rep. Mel Watt, D-N.C., one of the bill's sponsors.

The bill to extend the tax break fell short of the permanent exemption that many lawmakers favor. A bill to make the moratorium permanent has 238 House co-sponsors, more than a majority.

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, said a permanent tax would ensure that business-

es would continue to invest in the Internet and keep access affordable for users. He charged that by limiting the House to consideration of a temporary extension, Democratic leaders "want to leave the door open to taxing the Internet in the future."

Watt, however, argued that a temporary ban was the right way to go both for political and practical reasons.

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The bill is HR 3678.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wind interconnection agreements approved

State regulators approved agreements between Idaho Power Co. and two wind projects in Elmore County. The agreements are interconnection agreements that divide the costs for transmission upgrades between the project developers and Idaho Power and its customers.

The projects, called Bennett Creek and Hot Springs, include 24 wind turbines with a total output of 39.6 megawatts. Construction is expected to be complete by March 15, 2008.

Interested parties may petition the commission for reconsideration by no later than Nov. 5.

Petitions can be delivered to the commission at 472 W. Washington St. in Boise, mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID, 83720-0074, or

faxed to 208-334-3762.

Idaho Women's Financial Conferences to be held in Boise, Coeur d'Alene

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Finance will sponsor the upcoming conference entitled "Smart Women, Smart Money — Idaho Women's Financial Conference," which will be held in both Boise and Coeur d'Alene.

This year's conferences are free because of donations from business communities in Boise and Coeur d'Alene.

The conference will include interactive workshops, free financial education materials as well as resources for continuing education credits for CPAs and teachers.

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Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of scattered showers. Highs in the middle 50s.
Tonight: Generally cloudy and chilly with a shower or two peaking by 10 p.m. Low: 30s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and still cool with a continued chance of a few showers. Highs lower 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered showers possible with mostly cloudy skies. Highs low to mid 50s.
Tonight: Cloudy with a shower or two possible. Low: 30s.
Tomorrow: Generally cloudy with showers remaining possible. Highs in the middle 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. A generous flow of moisture and periodic disturbances will maintain a chance for occasional rain and snow showers at times. Friday looks to hold the better chance for rain.

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for Boise, Northern Utah, and Twin Falls. Includes text: 'BOISE Mostly cloudy and cool through Friday. There will be a chance for showers at times. Friday looks to hold the better chance for rain.'

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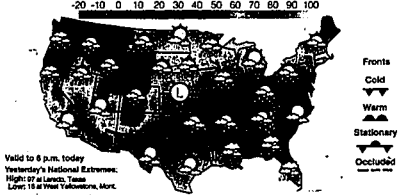
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



BREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. Text: 'I don't want to be someone who micromanages, watches over people's shoulders,' Osborne said. 'If they want to stay away, I'll stay away.'

Osborne to returns as Nebraska's interim athletic director

LINCOLN, Neb. — The future of Nebraska football is in the hands of its patriarch. Hall of Fame coach Tom Osborne returned to Nebraska on Tuesday as interim athletic director, a day after the firing of Steve Pederson.
The 70-year-old Osborne will determine whether Bill Callahan stays or goes as Nebraska coach, but he won't make the decision until after the season.
'I don't want to be someone who micromanages, watches over people's shoulders,' Osborne said. 'If they want to stay away, I'll stay away.'



Tom Osborne speaks during a news conference in Lincoln, Neb., Tuesday. He will serve as Nebraska's interim athletic director.

loss to Oklahoma State, didn't seem as panicked as some of the Huskers' fans about the team's play.
'It's worth pointing out that we're 4-3. We've won more than we've lost,' he said.
'There are other programs — some pretty good programs — that haven't won more than one game. But we'd like the intensity level to pick up to what we're accustomed to.'
Osborne met with university chancellor Harvey Perlman on Tuesday morning to discuss the job, and Osborne agreed to serve until the chancellor hires a permanent athletic director.
Osborne said he took the job because he cares about Nebraska athletics. He'll stay on as long as it takes Perlman to hire a permanent athletic director, and his pay will be based on a \$250,000 annual salary.
'He'll be the lowest paid athletic director in the Big 12,' Perlman quipped.
Perlman said Osborne would be given 'full authority' to make decisions about

football and other athletic matters.
'I'm counting on him to do what needs to be done to move our program forward and make progress here,' Perlman said.
Callahan said earlier Tuesday that he has no plan to resign. If Callahan is fired, the university would be forced to buy out his contract for more than \$3 million.
Callahan was not available after the team's practice to comment on Osborne's hiring.
During his weekly news conference earlier in the day, Callahan said his confidence in his own abilities hasn't been shaken.
'I know in my heart of hearts I'm doing an excellent job, a good job,' Callahan said.
He said his self-evaluation was based on more than the wins and losses.
'It's everything that has to do with organization, preparation, game-planning, direction of the staff, direction of the whole, entire program. I

have no hesitation about that,' he said. 'There are so many things we've done in a positive nature. I'm confident we've done some great things here.'
Since leaving coaching, Osborne has served three terms in Congress, made an unsuccessful gubernatorial run, taught in the university's business school and worked as a consultant for local college athletic departments.
Though his name is on Nebraska's athletic department headquarters, he has been mostly dissociated from the Cornhuskers' program since Callahan became coach in January 2004.
The belated Osborne is seen as someone who can unify a fractured fan and donor base.
Notre Dame to start Sharpley at QB vs. USC
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Even Sharpley will start at quarterback for Notre Dame against No. 13 Southern California, making the junior

the third starting signal-caller for the Fighting Irish this season.
Coach Charlie Weis said he decided to let Sharpley make his first career start for the Irish (1-6) because the junior has been steadily improving. Also, freshman Jimmy Clausen, who has been starting, is banged up. He's been sacked 23 times.
'I think Evan this week gives us the best chance of winning,' Weis said Tuesday.
Asked whether the move was permanent, Weis said: 'It's a permanent switch for the USC game.'
Sharpley has been the No. 2 quarterback for all seven games this season. Demetrius Jones started the season-opener and transferred to Cincinnati after losing the job. Clausen, the first Notre Dame quarterback in at least 56 years to start his second game as a freshman, started the next six.
Sharpley has led the Fighting Irish to four of his seven offensive touchdowns.
— The Associated Press

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Designing the cat's meow

By **Ariel Hansen**
Times-News writer

If your architect thought like a cat, what would your home look like? It would probably have lots of high perches, places to climb and hide, and nothing that can't be scratched. In every corner and in front of every window would be soft, warm spots to sleep.

Most homeowners, even the most dedicated of cat lovers, aren't willing to make their living spaces into that feline ideal. But there are plenty of simple things cat owners can do to make fluffy more comfortable and contented at home — and a happy kitty is a happy owner.

"They're companions, and it's a relationship," said Dr. Cory Alexander, a Twin Falls psychiatrist who has three cats indoors and one that lives outside. "It just gives you a warm, fuzzy feeling when they're happy. It doesn't matter how old you are, pets really are good for your mental health."



Think like a cat

The most important thing to do when designing a space for your cat is to consider how cats live in the wild. Their instincts compel them to hunt, flee from predators, protect territory and mate, and those instincts are alive in domestic cats.

Undesirable mating behaviors can be suppressed through spaying or neutering, something most veterinarians and shelter operators recommend.

Though they have common requirements — food, water, litter box, play — individual cats are as unique in personality as humans, and what they want in their environments differs.

"You really have to get the personality of your cat down before you modify your home," said Trisha Howley, operations manager at PetSmart in Twin Falls. "The possibilities are endless."

Some cats may fear strangers and need places to hide and feel safe when visitors come to their homes. Alexander's cats like the security of her cabinets, and she keeps the lowest shelves clear of groceries for them to curl up in. "They love that enclosed-space feel," she said.

Other cats may seek out high shelves to watch the world from, leaping from the back of the couch to a bookshelf with little regard for fragile knickknacks.

"They like to be really high, so if you have things that are breakable, it's best to find other places to put those," Howley said. Some cats may deliberately swat items off high shelves to get their owners' attention — try setting aside more time to play with your cat if he does this. Consider using closed curio cabinets for fragile items.

"You can create high places for your cat, whether that's a tall cat tree or a favorite spot on a shelf. If you are willing to go to an extreme, build long shelves a few feet below the ceiling, with steps to get there. Or take cat trees literally — a trunk and branches in the corner of a room would make an ideal cat playground.

"All the perches and the cat trees and the tracks along the walls address the fact they like to be up high," said Tamara Connelly, owner of The Home Witch, a pet-sitting business in Twin Falls. In the wild, high spots give cats a good vantage point to stalk prey, while protecting them from becoming a meal for a larger predator. "In a multiple-cat house, I look for the perches to be close enough to each other for the cats to interact with each other."

How to make your home appealing to Kitty

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Nap and play

Cats love to sleep, especially in a warm place, so homeowners with narrow windowsills might consider buying cat perches, which attach to the sill and offer a wide, cushioned space.

"In the fall I always make sure the shades are up," Alexander said. This lets more warm light in to create toasty nap spots. The type of shades makes a difference, too. Horizontal metal blinds are easy to get tangled in, and Connelly said she has seen cats bite down on the metal, get their teeth stuck and panic. She advises vertical blinds or wooden slat blinds. Again, cat behavior may dictate decor.

"If your cat likes to climb the curtains, your best option is not to have curtains," Connelly said. "They love to watch what's going on outside."

Because cats aren't concerned about your privacy, they'd probably like curtain-free windows. It would let them see more, tracking wildlife and the mailman. "One of the main things they do outside is be curious," said veterinary technician Chani Christensen, an instructor



at the College of Southern Idaho. Because a home environment is not as stimulating as the outdoors, what is important is "just being able to give them new experiences, new things to play with or investigate."

Try a variety of toys to figure out what your cat likes best, and consider trading the less popular toys with friends who have cats. And don't forget that mundane items can make the best toys — a receipt, a paper bag, a piece of string, a ball of foil.

"You can spend so much money on cat toys, and their favorite toys are things that don't cost anything," Connelly said with a laugh. Just keep an eye on your cat to ensure these items aren't swallowed or otherwise dangerous.

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Kit-Cat Klock keeps on ticking

The Washington Post

At age 75, the Kit-Cat Klock keeps on ticking. Skaky times a minute, the eyeballs roll and the tail wags side to side.

Made by the California Clock Co. near Los Angeles, the whimsical time-piece, which debuted during the Depression, comes in classic black or red plastic, plus newer shades of orange, turquoise and pink.

There is now also a Lady Kit-Cat. Company President Woody Young credits lifetime sales of "well over 10 million" clocks to the feline's "dismaying smile. I've had people say they talk to Kit-Cat because with its eyes and tail moving, it gives the sense of being alive; you feel like it's got a heart beating. This is something you don't get from a regular clock."

Standard models, including those heralding the 75th anniversary, are \$49.99. Blinged-up with Austrian crystals, they cost \$69.99. At www.kit-cat.com, you can check out all the kooky iterations.

Saturday is sew sweet

Times-News

Perhaps it's time to take home design into your own hands.

Sewing and crafting enthusiasts may attend Sewing Expo 2007 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday in the atrium of the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The Idaho Small Business Development Center, in conjunction with the seventh anniversary of Twin Falls business Stitchin' Time, will sponsor sewing and crafting exhibits, quilts, wearable art, home decor and scrapbooking displays.

The event features vendors and crafters, free workshops and door prizes.

The grand prize is a Pfaff 300E embroidery machine. Admission is \$3 per person.



Chef Penny Molline, center, teaches culinary arts at Davis Applied Technology College and at Salt Lake Community College.

Learn French techniques to elevate your cooking

Times-News

Paris-educated pastry chef and Utah culinary arts instructor Penny Molline will teach "Classic French for the American Kitchen" in Twin Falls next week.

The cooking class is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 24 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. Cost is \$35.

Molline will share simple yet elusive French techniques to bring your dishes to a higher level. Rudy's said, and the techniques can be applied to a myriad of other dishes.

The class menu: Salade Verte with Vinaigrette; Coq Au Vin; and Mousseline Au Chocolat.

After attending an American Culinary

Federation-accredited program in Salt Lake City, Molline took pastry classes at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris.

She worked in Salt Lake City restaurants and was executive pastry chef at the only fine restaurant inside the media center during the 2002 Winter Olympics.

To sign up for the class: 733-5477.

From panic to party: Whipping up a gourmet gathering

By Anne McCloskey
The Washington Post

Be warned: Hosting a dinner party is loaded with expectations. A Saturday night invitation says: This dinner will be gourmet. It will not be a box of spaghetti. There will be wit and wine, and everyone will go home happy they spent the high point of their weekend at your house.

But who has time for such fuss? Instead, toss the pressure. Slough off the expectations. And reach into your freezer for your secret weapon: the pastry sheet.

This frozen baking staple just may revolutionize the way you cook for friends, whether for a Saturday night extravaganza or a last-minute weekday get-together. With just a handful of other ingredients, pastry sheets can be transformed into savory entree tarts or individual pastries that practically make themselves — a few prep moves, and they're in the oven while your guests tuck into their first glasses of wine.

(I've also gone with Plan B and served that spaghetti. But then I slide a dessert pastry in the oven when we sit down for the main course, anticipating a lip-smacking finale that elevates any meal.)

Toss a simple salad, do a side dish and — voila! — you have a dinner party all set to go (just add wit).

Years ago, my father gave me one of the most marvelous little books out there, great for any and a reputed English translation of Edouard de Pomiane's "French Cooking in Ten Minutes" (Farrar Straus and Giroux, \$11). OK, so it was published in 1930 and includes a recipe for deep-fried smelt. But it's got just the right attitude. When entertaining, for example, de Pomiane calls for a "course that can cook without your being there to watch it." Tart, anyone?

De Pomiane is also my inspiration for not being a measuring or timing fanatic. One recipe instructs the reader to "sprinkle the onion (the sauce) now and again. When you feel a burning sensation ... stir quickly for another fifteen seconds or so. Your sauce is ready!" Now that's the kind of cooking — and it's the kind best suited for a dinner party.

Recently, I called a few friends to see who was up for a last-minute meal at my place on a Wednesday. Channing de Pomiane, I took my time walking home from work, dug some pastry sheets out of the freezer, and — boom! — dinner was ready to hang out when the first guest knocked. And that's what's important to remember: Your friends are there for you, not just for the fabulous food.

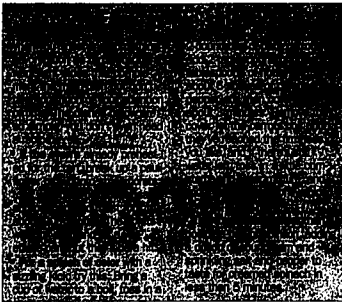
Master a few recipes that are versatile, easy to make and guaranteed to impress your guests, and you've figured out the key to hosting the No-Stress Dinner Party — one that's even good enough for a Saturday night.

ZUCCHINI, GRUYERE AND SUN-DRIED TOMATO TART

Makes 4 to 6 main-course servings

Inspired by a recipe belonging to my high school exchange family in Toulouse, France.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 to 6 medium zucchini, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- Two 9- to 10-inch frozen puff pastry sheets (1-pound package), thawed and opened flat
- 6 to 8 ounces (3/4 to 1 cup) Gruyere cheese, grated
- 3/4 cup oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained and cut into very thin strips (may substitute sun-dried tomat-



atoes that have been reconstituted in hot water for 10 minutes, then cut into very thin strips)

- 2 tablespoons herbes de Provence (add another tablespoon if using fresh herbs)
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a large, unrimmed baking sheet or line with parchment paper (split the ingredients between two baking sheets if yours isn't large enough).

In a large skillet over medium heat, heat the olive oil. Add the sliced zucchini and salt, and stir to combine. Cook the zucchini for 6 to 8 minutes or until it has browned slightly. Transfer to a colander to drain, discarding any excess liquid.

Place the thawed puff pastry sheets on the baking sheet(s). Sprinkle about half of the Gruyere over the pastry, and then distribute the cooked zucchini evenly, leaving a 1-inch margin on all sides. Sprinkle with herbes de Provence and the remaining cheese, keeping inside the margin. Bake for 15 minutes.

Distribute the strips of sun-dried tomatoes on top of the tart, return to the oven and bake for 5 minutes or until the pastry has browned on the edges.

Transfer to a serving platter, season with salt and pepper to taste, and serve immediately.

ONION AND GOAT CHEESE TARTLETS

Makes six 4 1/2-inch tarts

Based on a recipe from "The Way We Cook" by Sheryl Julian and Julie Riven (Houghton Mifflin, 2003).

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 large white or yellow onion (about 2 1/2 cups), cut into thin circles
- One 9- to 10-inch frozen puff pastry sheet, thawed and opened flat
- 2 to 3 ounces crumbled goat cheese (with or without herbs)
- 2 tablespoons herbes de Provence
- 4 strips cooked and crumbled bacon (optional)
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 400



A tart made with zucchini, gruyere cheese and sun-dried tomatoes is perfect for last-minute entertaining.

- 1/4 cup light brown sugar, plus extra for topping
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon, plus extra for topping
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese (optional)

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a large, unrimmed baking sheet, or line with parchment paper (split the ingredients between two baking sheets if yours isn't large enough). Place the pastry sheets on the baking sheet(s).

Sprinkle the pastry with 1 tablespoon sugar. Place the apples in overlapping layers on the pastry sheets, leaving a 1-inch margin on all sides. Sprinkle with the light brown sugar and bake for 15 minutes or until the pastry is puffed.

Sprinkle with the cheddar cheese, if using, and with the remaining cinnamon and brown sugar (try to get some on the puffed pastry), and bake for 5 minutes or until the pastry has browned on the edges.

Transfer to a platter and serve immediately.



CHOCOLATE WALNUT CINNAMON PUFFS

Makes 4 servings

Based on the Chocolate Bundles recipe at www.puffpastry.com.

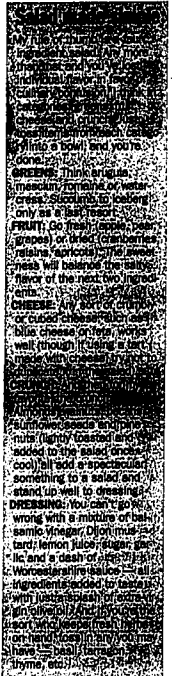
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons cinnamon
- One 9- to 10-inch frozen puff pastry sheet, thawed and opened flat
- 8 ounces (3/4 cup) semi-sweet chocolate baking

- morsels or chunks
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
- Water

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a large, unrimmed baking sheet (or ovenproof glass baking dish), or line with parchment paper. Combine the sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl. Set aside.

Cut the thawed pastry sheet into four equal pieces and place on the baking sheet. Divide the chocolate and walnuts evenly among the pastry pieces and sprinkle with half of the cinnamon-sugar mixture. Use a little water to wet each edge, and fold the 4 corners of each pastry to the center to enclose the filling; twist or squeeze tightly to seal.

Bake for 10 minutes, then sprinkle the remaining cinnamon sugar over the puffs, and bake for 5 minutes or until golden brown. Cool slightly and serve warm.



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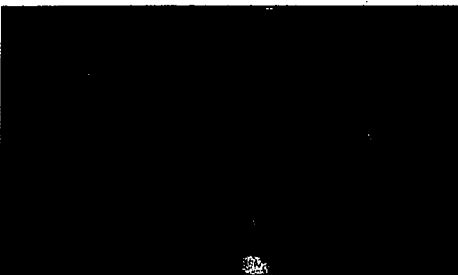
Hazardous home?

Your home is a safer place for your cat than the outdoors; indoor cats have significantly longer average life spans than exclusively outdoor cats, Howley said. There are dangers, though.

Some cats will chew electrical cords, or stick a claw into the tempting holes of a wall socket. "Cats are just as curious as kids. They poke their little paws into things," Howley said. She suggests spraying catnip on places you want them to use, like scratching posts and toys, and Feliway (a natural pheromone spray) or bitter on places you'd rather they avoid, like furniture and counters.

Some toys, especially string, can be life-threatening if swallowed. "That can be quite a problem; they typically have to have surgery," Christensen said. Keep all chemicals and drugs out of the cat's reach, and watch that even apparently innocuous medications like Tylenol or Advil don't drop on the floor where the cat could eat them. "Just a couple of pills could really harm a cat."

Be aware that some plants are poisonous to cats, including many bulbs, clematis, roseary pea, castor bean, foxglove,



bleeding heart, rhubarb, wisteria, azaleas and jasmine. Consult your veterinarian about the plants in your home or yard if you have concerns. "The general rule is to keep them away from any houseplant, just to be sure," Christensen said. Connelly said she has had problems keeping her cats out of her plants — because they want to dig in them, not eat them. Her best solution? Pine cones. "They don't even know the soil's down there if you cover it with pine cones," Connelly said. If you have a pet door to let your cat in and out, consider closing it at night or opting for a version with an infrared or magnetic collar that allows only your cat to operate the door. With an unsecured door, Connelly said, "neighborhood cats may be coming in to eat your cat's food and check out your cat's digs."

Don't forget the basics

Toys and cat trees are wonderful, but remember cats' basic needs. Other than safety, they need food and water that's regular and fresh, and a clean place to eliminate their waste.

For multiple cats, use multiple litter boxes, Connelly suggested. "If you only have one, they might do some thinking outside the box."

This may be for sanitary or territorial reasons, so place the boxes in different parts of the home.

Alexander scoops her cats' box twice a day and vacuums floors and furniture frequently, so her guests often don't know they're in a home with so many cats. "You can really have a house that doesn't smell like cat urine or like cats at all," she said. "I have a lot of friends who are allergic, and I want them to

feel comfortable in my house, too."

For fresh water, consider using a pet fountain, which recirculates water and oxygenates it to replicate a running stream.

Or set out lots of small dishes of water around the home, and refill them every day to keep them appealing to your cat. "They like lots of sources of fresh water," Connelly said.

"The last basic? Your love and your care."

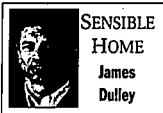
"When we started breeding cats and dogs as our companions, we took on responsibility for their physical and mental well-being," Connelly said. "We need to pay attention."

In return, your cat will love you back. *Ariel Hansen may be reached at 735-3376 or ariel.hansen@ea.net.*

Resist the urge to light up the night at your home

DEAR JIM: There were some break-ins in my neighborhood this past year, so want to install some outdoor security lighting which can also be used when entertaining. What are my options and which are most efficient?

— Ann J.



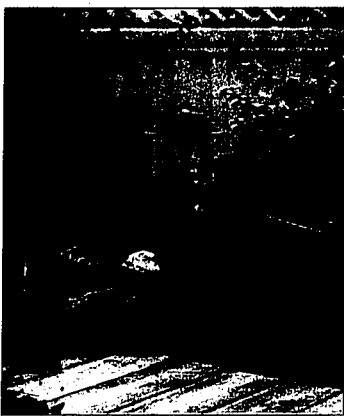
SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

DEAR ANN: Increasing outdoor lighting is one method to reduce the possibility of nighttime break-ins, but it should be used in moderation.

Outdoor lighting consumes huge amounts of electricity, contributes to global warming and creates problems for wildlife. Also, outdoor lighting makes it more difficult to see the stars at night.

The keys to energy and environmentally efficient outdoor lighting are selecting the proper type of bulb, light fixture design and shortest on-time period. Using just two 150-watt floodlights at night can increase your electric bills by up to \$100 per year. With fixed floodlights, would-be thieves can often figure a way to get around them.

In areas where you will not need the lighting for entertaining, install motion-sensing fixtures on add-on motion-sensing switches. This greatly reduces the amount of on-time and increases the bulb life. Since the light is not on when the intruder arrives, he does not know to avoid it until it switches on from his movement. This generally scares



A ball die cast metal landscaping light brightens a large area to double as a security light. The large-diameter top limits light pollution of the night sky.

him away. For areas where you want the outdoor lighting for both security and entertaining, select fixtures which direct the lighting downward in the specific areas needed. The minimizes light pollution in the night sky and may allow you to use lower wattages

bulbs to save electricity.

Add-on shields are available for existing floodlights you already have.

As you would indoors, use fluorescent tubes and CFLs (compact fluorescent lights) outdoors. These are four times more energy efficient than standard incandescent

bulbs and last 10 times longer. The light quality is similar.

Some CFLs may not perform properly in very cold temperatures. If you find this to be a problem, use halogen bulbs. These are not as efficient as CFLs, but they are still 15 percent better than standard incandescent bulbs. Halogen bulbs produce a very white light which is excellent when entertaining and it may enhance the appearance of your landscaping.

Although they are substantially more expensive to install, LPS (low pressure sodium) outdoor lighting fixtures are most efficient. They use less than 15 percent as much electricity as incandescent bulbs. The only drawbacks are they take

a short time to heat up and come to full brightness and the light is a monochromatic yellow. They will make you look like a corpse.

Some of the newest fixtures use clusters of white LEDs (light-emitting diodes). These are actually solid state devices which are extremely efficient and last almost forever. The light output is limited so they are best for lighting a specific small area.

The following companies

offer efficient outdoor lighting: Adjusta-Post, (800) 321-2132, www.adjustapost.com; Hadco, (800) 331-4185, www.hadcollighting.com; Idaho Wood, (800) 635-1100, www.idahowood.com; Kim Lighting, (620) 968-5866, www.kimlighting.com; and RAB Lighting, (888) 722-1000, www.rabweb.com.

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Blinds: Wood is good, but you can settle for metal

By Mary Ellen Slayter
The Washington Post

Sometimes curtains just aren't enough.

If you need to block light from a window that is taller than it is wide, the usual choice is horizontal blinds. Material is the primary driver of price; options include premium hardwoods, a blend of hardwoods and composite materials, or aluminum. Other aspects that can add to the cost include ultraviolet light protection, soundproofing and additional childproofing features. Some manufacturers offer a greater choice of colors.

Janeen Braddock, office manager for Shade & Shutter Shack in Washington, said that when people walk into her showroom, the first question she asks is where the window covering is going. After that, she figures out people's priorities, whether they are aesthetic or a matter of how much light to let in. "In other cases, price is more important, like for a rental."

Here's a look at what you can get for your money. All prices are estimated for a window 36 inches wide by 60 inches tall.

The bargain

Aluminum mini-blinds are popular with those who are on the tightest budgets. You can pick up Hunter Douglas' house brand of one-inch blinds for \$33.

Made of six-gauge aluminum, these blinds are lightweight, sturdy and scratch-resistant. They'll block the light, but don't expect any big



Premium wood blinds, such as these Country Woods by Hunter Douglas, are more attractive and provide better insulation and soundproofing than metal or plastic.

energy savings.

The basics

If you've got a little more to spend, consider blinds made of faux wood or vinyl. The artificial material resists warping, cracking and splitting. That's particularly valuable in humid rooms such as bathrooms. All the major blind manufacturers offer these blinds, which provide a bit of insulation and soundproofing. They're also easier to clean than aluminum. Ball's

two-inch faux wood blinds run about \$50. Hunter Douglas' Everwood CountrySide line sells for about \$150.

The upgrade

The next step up includes blends of relatively inexpensive woods, usually basswood. For example, Ball's two-inch basswood blinds are available stained or painted for about \$100. Next Day Blinds offers a version for \$122.

The splurge

Prices jump considerably when you go for what many people consider the most attractive option: premium wood. For example, Hunter Douglas' Country Woods blinds are made of ash, oak, cherry or Brazilian cherry, and can be painted or stained. They come with a tailored wood valance to cover the headrail. Options include decorative fabric tapes, a no-holes option to block out more light and get tighter clo-



Relatively inexpensive wood blinds, such as these from Next Day Blinds, can be made of stain-grade basswood.

sure (and thus better insulation) and a cordless system to raise and lower the blinds without a string for safety. Prices for premium wood blinds range from \$225 to \$400, approaching the cost of shutters.

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Vicksburg has bright, traditional layout

By Associated Designs

The three banks of multi-paned windows that sparkle across the Vicksburg's front facade run a lively counterpoint to the stately brick veneer. Sidelights and a high-arched transom frame the door and brighten the entry.

This neoclassical home is an update of a traditional, ranch-style plan. Living spaces are all on one level, with the exception of a long bonus room that extends over the garage. Formal rooms are at the front, a large informal gathering space is at the rear, and bedrooms are on the right.

Passing under the arched brick opening, you step into the naturally illuminated, high-ceilinged entry. Wide openings on the right and left lead into the living room and dining room, respectively. A built-in hutch/buffet in the dining room cuts diagonally across one corner.

Both dining and living rooms also have wide openings that link them to a transacting hallway. One end of the passage leads to the bedrooms, while the opposite end offers access to the garage. A computer alcove is on the left of the short passageway to the kitchen, and

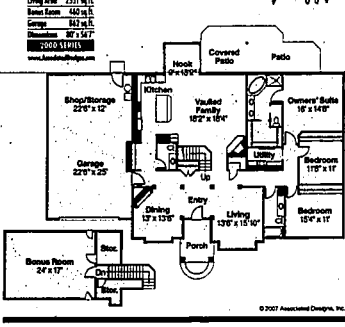
a powder room is to the right.

The long kitchen boasts a generously sized work island rimmed by an eating bar. This whole space is wide open to the vaulted and skylit family room, as well as a sunny nook, windwowed on three sides. Sliding glass doors there open onto a partially covered patio. Flames in the family room's gas fireplace provide warmth and color on dark days and nights.

A skylight brightens the owners' bathroom, which also boasts a spa tub, roomy shower, dual vanity, and private toilet. Natural light washes down into the Vicksburg's third bathroom through yet another large skylight.

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Backer boards: Don't go green

By Gary Dymalski
Newsday

At a cozy social gathering recently, one of the other guests, a home-improvement contractor, and I were talking a little shop. He's been successful for years at small jobs, remodeling kitchens and bathrooms, mostly at the occasional transformation from basement into rec room.

In fact, his work is held in high regard in his neck of the woods.

But I found myself strongly at odds with one of his standard remodeling techniques. When retilling shower and tub walls, this contractor stands by the outdated practice of using moisture-resistant drywall commonly called "greenboard" — as a backer board for tile.

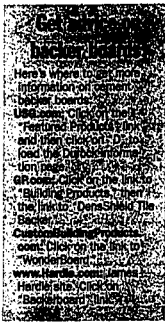
The contractor was adamant: "Greenboard is fine," he told me. "It's done right." His technique included a skim coat of mastic, or tile adhesive, on the greenboard. This mastic skim coat creates a seal on the surface of the greenboard, he explained. After a 24-hour drying period, the tile can be set with mastic over the skim coat.

This was an acceptable way of installing tile on water-bearing walls more than two decades ago. But the advancement of cement backer boards, such as Durock, Wonderboard and Hardibacker, has made the technique obsolete. Or at least it should have.

No way should greenboard ever be used as a backer board on water-bearing walls. I used Hardibacker in my last two bathroom projects, and it was excellent. In previous tiling jobs, I've used both Durock and Wonderboard, and they also proved excellent results.

But don't just take my word for it. Neither the National Tile Contractors Association, a Chicago-based trade group, nor the major manufacturers of drywall recommends greenboard for water-bearing walls. In fact, in January the International Residential Code, which most building departments nationwide follow to set local construction requirements, no longer approved greenboard as a tile backer board. Instead, the IRC updated its codes: it now approves only cement backer boards as a substrate for tile in water-bearing areas.

So why would any contractor want to violate this code? First, it's probably a lack of knowledge. He's likely been installing shower walls the same way for 20 years. It's a snap; he can do it in his sleep. And, in small bathroom remodels, a local



building permit often is not required.

Finally, some will say using cement backer boards is more labor intensive; they are heavier, harder to score and cost a little more, too. But that's a laugh. Cement backer boards are heavier, but, basically, they are installed just like greenboard — anchored to studs with screws — and, like greenboard, their joints need to be taped and sealed with a compound. As for more expensive, on the average, it probably cost about \$20 more per bathroom to use a cement backer board instead of greenboard.

But what nixes me most is that this contractor is using greenboard despite the stand of drywall manufacturers. Two leading manufacturers, Atlanta-based G-P Gypsum Corp. and USG Corp. of Chicago, have been saying for years that their greenboard products should not be used on water-bearing walls.

The reason is that greenboard's outer face, when exposed to moisture, will rot. And we all know that water can easily breach any tile installation. No matter how good the insulation, the chances are high that water is going to get behind the tile, whether through grout or a small crack on the tile surface. When this happens the tile literally can be peeled off the wall. That doesn't happen with cement backer boards.

Here's the bottom line: If you are planning a bathroom remodeling job, demand that your tile contractor use a cement backer board as a substrate on the water-bearing areas (around the tub or shower pan).

Greenboard can be used as a backer board on other walls in the room, such as the hallway that surrounds the toilet.

If the contractor wants to use greenboard, tell him to take a hike.

How to preserve nutrients

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

Q: Do you know if there is an appreciable loss of nutrients when you salt vegetables such as cabbage and drain off the moisture that is released? I sent that question to the USDA's "Ask an Expert" months ago and never got a reply.

A: Interesting question. Assuming you're referring to the process some cooks use to prep cabbage for slaw recipes, we contacted W. Curtis Byrdwell, a chemist in the food composition and methods laboratory of the Beltsville (Md.) Human Nutrition Research Center, an Institute of Agricultural Research Service (the research branch of the USDA).

He says the method you describe would not result in an appreciable loss of nutrients, because you're not subjecting the cabbage to heat. There would be a small loss of vitamin C and minerals, but less than if the cabbage were steamed.

Generally, steaming will preserve more nutrients

than boiling, and using less water for boiling will help retain more nutrients and minerals than using a great amount of water, Byrdwell says. Nutrients that suffer the greatest losses from boiling or blanching are vitamin C, vitamin A and folic acid.

Making a quick and carb-alicious dinner

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

The phrase "no-cook sauce" holds great appeal on a weeknight — even if pasta must be boiled on the stove. In this recipe, using store-bought garlic croissants is a quick way to inject more flavor into the dish, but the croissants are easy to make: simply toast bread you have on hand: Cut a large clove of garlic in half and rub it on both sides of 3 large, crustless slices of 3/4-inch-thick bread. Cut into cubes and drizzle all sides with olive oil. Toast in a large, dry nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, shaking the skillet often, for 5 to 7 minutes, until the bread is crisp and golden brown. Then process according to the croissant directions below.

If you're lucky, you'll have enough rigatoni left over for a cold pasta breakfast. Serve with a crisp green salad. Adapted from Glada De Laurentiis's "Everyday Pasta" (Clarkson Potter, 2007).

RIGATONI WITH RED BELL PEPPER, ALMONDS AND BREAD CRUMBS

4 to 6 servings

1 to 2 large red bell peppers (may omit steps and use 1 cup store-bought roasted peppers)
1 pound rigatoni or similarly shaped tubular pasta
1/4 cup slivered almonds
5 ounces store-bought garlic-flavored croissants
3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, warmed, or to taste

Char the bell pepper over the flame of a gas stove top or under a broiler. Let the pepper become blistered and charred on one side, then rotate it until most of the skin is charred. Place the charred pepper in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let it steam/soften for 15 minutes while you prepare the pasta and bread crumbs.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions (10 to 14 minutes), stirring occasionally, until tender but firm to the bite. Drain and transfer to a large bowl; cover loosely to keep warm.

While the pasta is cooking, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spread the almonds on a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 8 to 10 minutes, shaking the pan occasionally. Transfer to the bowl of a food processor.

Add the croissants and pulse until the mixture is finely chopped to the consistency of bread crumbs (you should have about 2 3/4 cups total). Add the mixture to the warm pasta and toss to combine.

Remove and discard the charred skin, stem and seeds from the bell pepper and cut the pepper into thin strips. Add to the pasta, then add the oil to taste, tossing to coat evenly. Serve warm.

NUTRITION — Per serving (based on 6): 662 calories, 15 g protein, 76 g carbohydrates, 36 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 276 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber.



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Brush up on your fish

By Erica Marcus
Newsday

"Fish Forever" (Wiley, \$24.95) is an indispensable resource for the home cook who loves seafood but worries about overfishing and contaminants.

Paul Johnson, owner of the Monterey Fish Market in California's East Bay, provides an overview of 70 different species, pinpointing today's least-

endangered, least-contaminated, best-tasting fish, from anchovies to weakfish.

He discusses fishing practices and fish farming, putting environmental concerns in perspective.

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Remembering the pantry

Newsday

"The Pantry: Its History and Modern Uses," by Catherine Selberling Pond (Gibbs Smith, 112 pp., \$16.95).

Deeply hued, close-up photos and intelligent text fill this small book. Pond examines pantries great and small in homes across the country to show how to achieve order and beauty while creating utilitarian spaces.

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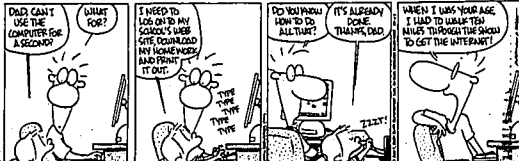
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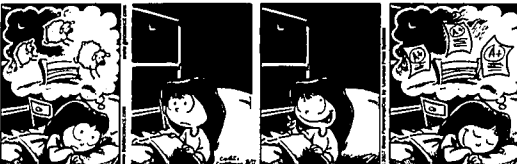
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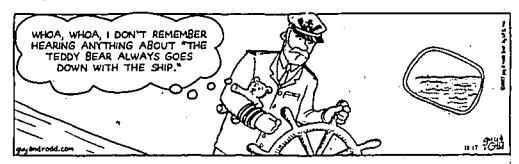
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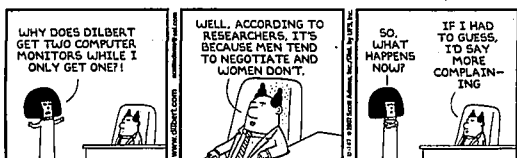
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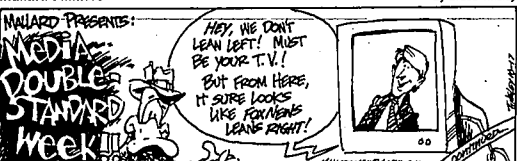
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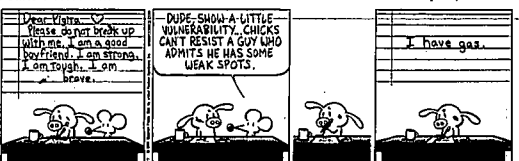
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Exercise mind and body, Pisces

IF OCT. 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Some people develop prestigious reputations, others build business sense. You, however, will be blessed by both by in March. Dream big, because by spring all your wildest ones can come true. Aim for making important changes in March when you will be guaranteed peace and tranquility with any romantic relationships as well as be successful with your career aspirations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do a good deed: As the wise old owls always say, actions speak louder than words. Feedback from others may vary from positive to negative, so be guided by only the highest principles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be a Curious George. You may not be aware of the motivations of others who make inquiries about personal matters. It isn't the answer, but the reason the question is asked that is important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Inquiring minds want to know. You won't be satisfied with only the surface appearance. You prefer to peel off layers and delve deeply into a subject so that you know it inside out.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Successful persuasion requires adequate knowledge. If you are truly committed to a business proposal, community event or a friendship, demonstrate your sincerity by learning more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make powerful overtures. Take the first steps to settle issues that revolve around tournaments or any other subject that created problems in the past. You may need to investigate cause and effect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Glory in your strengths. After some deep soul searching, you may realize that you have just as many talents as faults. Have confidence in the gifts that allow you to develop further.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on constructive activities. You will find that you will make the most of the day by building up others rather than tearing them down. Make plans for the future and set wheels in motion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep the lines of communication open. Your secretive side hates to make disclosures or admissions, but frankness could prevent privacy could be good for you.

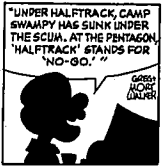
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make a pledge to keep all your promises without fail in the future. Others will appreciate your sincerity even if they tend to analyze and dissect your reasons for making this resolution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Talk it over. Get advice from wise and more experienced heads. Expert guidance can prevent mistakes and gathering helpful information will make it easier to choose optimum timing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be a cheerleader. Remain upbeat, supportive, and set a good example for others. You will find that the people who don't appreciate your optimism aren't really worth knowing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Exercise both mind and body equally. Your favorite someone may be immersed in intense mental gymnastics and needs change of pace. Plan a suitable break that balances out the day.

Beetle Bailey



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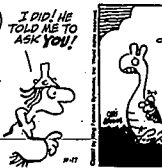
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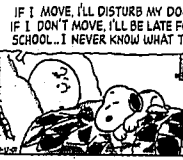
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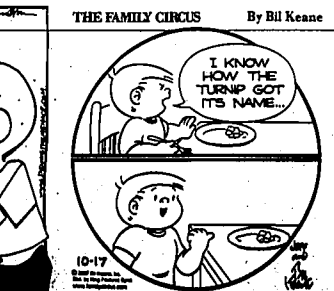
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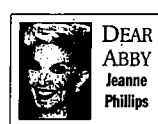
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

Woman who's a real catch has trouble finding anglers

DEAR ABBY: Call me confident, but I know I am a real catch. But for the life of me, I can't get a date with the "right" kind of guy. Abby: I am beautiful inside and out. I was raised in a great family with good morals. I'm kind to everyone, I've got a killer personality, great sense of humor, an inspiring attitude and the glass is always half-full. This may seem cocky, but I'm two problems with men are: I seem to attract creeps, and the kind of men I deserve don't think they've got a shot in hell, so they don't ask me out.



loss that they are experiencing. Can you help here? —TOTALLY CLUELESS: DEAR TOTALLY CLUELESS: This subject has been discussed before in my column, but because your problem is shared by so many readers, I'll do it again. When someone has experienced a loss, all you need to say is, "I heard the sad news and want you to know you're in my thoughts. I'm very sorry about your loss." It is the truth — it's not insincere or hollow. If the person wants to discuss it further, he or she will. Your job at that point is just to listen. There is no way you can make the pain go away. But sometimes talking about it, or even having a shoulder to cry on, can temporarily lighten someone's load.

Most of the dates and relationships I've had have happened because I asked the other person out. I've been in two major relationships with very attractive, bright men, and I'd like to experience that again. I'm so sick of meeting creeps! I really want someone in my life. I've been told a thousand times that I'm gorgeous, stunning, or asked why I'm not modeling. Yesterday someone called me Miss America. I'm well-read and in tune with the arts, smart and funny. Where are the male equivalents? —DATELESS 23-YEAR-OLD: DEAR DATELESS: They don't think you're smart and funny. Where are the male equivalents? I don't really know what to say, especially when the person is older and I have to convey my condolences on the phone. I can't make it a one-liner, and I don't know how to go about conversing about their loss.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 30 years old and an intelligent person, but I'm embarrassed to say I'm stumped when I have to talk to someone who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. I don't really know what to say, especially when the person is older and I have to convey my condolences on the phone. I can't make it a one-liner, and I don't know how to go about conversing about their loss.

DEAR ABBY: When I was in high school I didn't bother getting a yearbook until my senior year. Now that I look back, I wish I had the ones from my first three years of high school. Is there any way to obtain old high school yearbooks? —BELLE C, CADILLAC, MICH. DEAR BELLE: Contact the high school from which you graduated and make an inquiry. Also, if there is an alumni association, contact it to see if there are any extra yearbooks available for purchase.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 17, the 290th day of 2007. There are 75 days left in the year. In 1893, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany. In 1941, the U.S. destroyer Kearny was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Iceland; 11 people died. In 1957, the movie 'Jailhouse Rock'—starring Elvis Presley, had its world premiere in Memphis, Tenn. In 1973, Arab oil-producing nations announced they would begin cutting back oil exports to Western nations and Japan; the result was a total embargo that lasted until March 1974. In 1989, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck northern California, killing 63 people and causing \$6 billion in damage. In 1992, Japanese exchange student Yoshi Hattori was shot and killed by Rodney Peairs in Louisiana after Hattori and his American host mistakenly hooked on Peairs' door while looking for a Halloween party. (Peairs

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was acquitted of manslaughter, but in a civil trial was ordered to pay more than \$650,000 to Hattori's family.) Ten years ago: The remains of "Che" Guevara were laid to rest in his adopted Cuba, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia. Five years ago: Ira Einhorn, the '70s hippie guru who had fled to Europe after being charged with murder, was convicted in Philadelphia of killing his girlfriend, Holly Maddux, and stuffing her corpse in his closet a quarter of a century earlier. (Einhorn was later sentenced to life without parole.) One year ago: President Bush signed legislation authorizing tough interrogation of terror suspects and smooching the way for trials before military commissions. America's official population passed the 300 million mark, fueled by a growing number of immigrants and their children. CBS News correspondent Christopher Glenn died in Norway, Conn., at age 68.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Marsha Hunt is 90. Actor James Beverly Garland is 81. Actress Julie Adams is 81. Daredevil Evel Knievel is 69. Country singer Rex Dean Thomas Conley is 66. Singer Jim Seals (Seals & Crofts) is 65. Singer Gary Puckett is 65. Actor Michael McKean is 60. Actress Margot Kidder is 59. Actor George Wendt is 59. Actor Sam Bottoms is 53. Astronaut Mae Jemison is 51. Country singer Alan Jackson is 48. Movie director Bob Marshall is 47. Animator Mike Judge is 45. Actor-comedian Norm Macdonald is 44. Singer Rod DeSoto is 40. Reggae singer Ziggy Marley is 39. Singer Chris Kirkpatrick ('N Sync) is 36. Rapper Eminem is 35. Actor Wesley Jean is 35. Actress Sharon Lee is 35. Rook—musical—Sergio Andrade is 30.



THOUGHT

"Those who nobly set out to be their brother's keeper sometimes end up by becoming his jailer. Every emancipation has in it the seeds of a new slavery, and every truth easily becomes a lie." —F.F. STONE, American Journalist (1907-1989)

Woman cited for yelling obscenities at toilet

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — Talk about a potty mouth. A Scranton woman who allegedly shouted profanities at her overflowing toilet within earshot of a neighbor was cited for disorderly conduct, authorities said. Dawn Herb could face up to 90 days in jail and a fine of up to \$300. "It doesn't make any sense. I was in my house. It's not like I was outside or drunk," Herb told The Times-Tribune of Scranton. "The toilet was overflowing and leaking down into the kitchen and I was yelling (for my daughter) to get the mop." Herb doesn't recall exactly what she said, but she admitted letting more than a few choice words fly near an open bathroom window Thursday night. Her next-door neighbor,

a city police officer who was off-duty at the time, asked her to keep it down, police said. When she continued, the officer called police. Mary Catherine Roper, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union in Philadelphia, took issue with the citation. "You can't prosecute somebody for swearing at a cop or a toilet," she said.

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"SORRY, JOE, YOUR ARM'S GONNA HAVTA GET A LOT BIGGER IF YOU WANT ME TO DRAW A BIG DRAGON TATTOO ON IT."

"...Every kid I know turns up his nose at 'em."

Fondue matches the grill

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

It's not as crazy as it sounds, gathering 'round a small melting pot on grilling day. Set it up on the deck or balcony and have a sociable meal. The combination of wine, cheese and fresh herbs suits just about any vegetable medley that might come off the grill: chunks of zucchini or rustic bread, red bell pepper strips or roasted Yukon Gold potatoes, and, of course, juicy cherry tomatoes (all the vegetables lightly coated with olive oil to start). The fondue mixture can cook while the

accompaniments are over the flame or under the broiler.

Serve with a glass of Chianti, a dry Italian rose or zinfandel.

Adapted from "Fondue," by Lenny Rice and Bridget Callinan (Ten Speed Press).

MEDITERRANEAN HOLIDAY FONDUE

Makes about 2 1/2 cups

- 3 medium cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup pinot grigio
- 1 pound freshly grated young pecorino cheese
- 6 leaves basil

Combine the garlic and wine in a heavy-bottomed medium saucepan and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to medium-low and add the cheese a half-cup at a time, stirring until melted. Either tear the basil leaves into fine shreds or place the leaves in a stack, roll them up into a tight cylinder and cut into very thin

slices, or chiffonade. Add 2 tablespoons of the basil strips to the fondue and mix well; transfer to a warmed fondue pot. Serve immediately, with accompaniments for dipping.

NUTRITION — Per 1/4-cup serving (fondue only): 56 calories, 3 g protein, 1 g carbohydrates, 2 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 7 mg cholesterol, 122 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber



The combination of wine, cheese and fresh herbs in this fondue suits just about any vegetable medley that might come off the grill.



Substitute mushrooms or chicken for the shrimp in this quick recipe.

Brain food for the time-deprived

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

Are school meetings and sports practice threatening the dinner hour? This recipe won't get in the way — and it earns a top grade for its daily serving of vitamin A, delivered by the carrot juice.

If you don't have shrimp on hand, you could substitute quickly sautéed portobello mushrooms, or leftover roasted tomatoes or leftover roast chicken. Serve with a green salad.

Based on a recipe from Cooking Light magazine.

GINGER SHRIMP WITH CARROT COUSCOUS

Serves 4

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 1/4 cups fresh carrot juice, such as Odwalla brand
- 1 package (8.8 ounces) uncooked Israeli couscous, such as Osem brand
- 1 teaspoon honey (optional)

Juice of 4 medium limes (at least 1/4 cup)

1/2 to 1 medium jalapeno pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced (2 to 3 teaspoons)

2 teaspoons freshly grated ginger root

Salt

1 1/2 pounds cooked, peeled and deveined shrimp, patted dry (if using frozen shrimp, thaw before using)

1 cup sugar snap peas, trimmed and cut on the diagonal

1 scallion, white and light-green parts, thinly sliced crosswise (about 1/4 cup)

Combine 1 teaspoon of the oil and 1 cup of the carrot juice in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Slowly add the couscous, stirring to mix well. Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook for 6 to 8 minutes, stirring once or twice, until the liquid has been absorbed. Remove from the heat; place a folded cloth napkin over the mouth of the saucepan and place the lid on top.

Meanwhile, bring the remaining 1/4 cup of carrot juice to a boil over medium-high heat in a large nonstick skillet; cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until it has reduced by half. Remove from the heat and add the remaining 2 teaspoons of oil, then the honey. If using the lime juice, jalapeno pepper to taste, ginger, salt to taste, shrimp and sugar snap peas, stirring to combine.



Transfer the couscous to a serving bowl and fluff with a fork, then add the reduced carrot juice-shrimp mixture and the sliced scallions, tossing to mix well. Divide among individual plates and serve immediately.

NUTRITION — Per serving: 481 calories, 45 g protein, 59 g carbohydrates, 6 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 332 mg cholesterol, 532 mg sodium, 5 g dietary fiber

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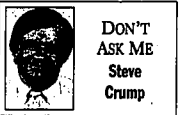
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How to sink your dentures into AARP membership

I joined the AARP recently. Had to. OK, I'm in my extremely mid-50s and I regularly suck in my abdomen whenever I walk past an attractive woman. But the powerful national seniors' lobby, finally, wore me down. I don't really need the \$800 per couple discount on cruises to Asia, but I want it. I don't really need 10 percent discounts on hotel rooms worldwide, but I want them. I don't really need the AARP dental insurance, but I want it. It's not my fault. AARP appealed to my baser instincts.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

They do that, you know. Thirty-eight million Americans have caved, many of them just to get a break on the insurance premiums on their Minnie Winnies.

But what price? Well, have you ever read Oscar Wilde's novel "The Picture of Dorian Gray" about a fella who makes a devil's bargain with an artist. He'll always look great, but his portrait — well, his portrait won't age so well.

Same deal with AARP, I think. So why, I suppose, they'll find a way to let me my Lipitor for free. But I'll still have the same coronary arteries.

Yes, I know it's past time that I swallowed my pride. And I know it's past time that I stopped writing checks that my ego can't cash.

But jeez, I was at a car-rental counter in the Boise airport last week, and the young woman behind the counter asked if I was an AARP member. I cheerfully slapped my membership card down on the Formica. "Wonderful," she said, "that entitles you to a 5 percent discount. If you're a member of AARP you can get an additional 5 percent."

I blushed deeply, looked at my shoes and slid my AARP card onto the counter as well. "My name is Mr. Crump," the rental-car clerk said. "You have a very nice day, sir."

Sir. Arrrrgh. The worst, of course, came when I had to tell my wife. You see, I'm 55, she's not.

"Honey," I said, looking deeply into her brown eyes, "I've joined AARP."

She smiled warmly and took my hand in hers. "Baby," she replied, "You did."

Just so, I opened my first copy of AARP: The Magazine. The lead story was "Choosing a Nursing Home."

So, I went out on the back porch in the rocking chair for a while. Our yard overlooks the practice athletic field of a high school, and I was on the point of nodding off when a football sailed onto our deck and bounced to a halt at my feet.

"Ummm, sir," said the young man wearing football boots standing at our back gate, "can I get a little help?"

"No," I told him, looking back over my shoulder. "God bless AARP."

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Aquifer outlook bleak Officials say Magic Valley is running out of water, fast

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer
JEROME — Magic Valley's water situation is bleak and will likely get worse before it gets better, a panel that included an engineer, water manager, politician and water users told about 50 people Tuesday night at a meeting in Jerome.
The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, the underground body of water that is the lifeblood of Magic Valley, is being drained faster than new water is going in, and if steps aren't taken to slow the decline, people will soon

begin to lose access to water. "We don't have an unlimited resource," said Chuck Brockway, who has studied the aquifer for decades. "And if we don't do something in the way of management, some of us won't be here in a few years."
About eight million acre feet — enough water to cover eight million acres in water a foot deep — moves each year through the aquifer, which stretches underground from Ashton to King Hill. Nearly a quarter of that is sucked out by groundwater pumps belonging to cities,

irrigators and industries. Since 1950, when irrigators began tapping the aquifer with wells, levels have dropped by 50 feet, sparking legal battles over a dwindling resource. Storage capacity in the aquifer is falling by about a half-million acre feet each year, Brockway said.
That's prompted senior water-rights holders — those who claimed rights to water before more recent junior claimers — to call for well closures to affirm their rights and stem the decline.
Under the law, the state has no

choice but to close wells to honor senior rights. Hundreds of thousand acres could be dried up next spring if groundwater pumps can't ensure senior users more water, a process called curtailment.
"The curtailment forecast is bleak," said Cindy Yenter, a water-master for the state who implements state management plans. "This isn't the best news you've heard today."
"If we don't get enough snowpack this year, it's going to affect most of the aquifer," she said.

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Uncertain times



Jason Knapp, an employee of South Central Community Action, pulls out a Twin Falls resident's old window in order to replace it with a new energy efficient vinyl window Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Delayed federal funding becomes annual certainty for state and federal agencies

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer
Last year, Ken Robinette was afraid for his job. This year, the director of South Central Community Action Partnership said, the odds seem better that Congress and President Bush will leave the funding for national community action agencies as it is — once they get around to approving the federal budget in the first place.
Most agencies that receive federal funds don't have to deal with quite the level of uncertainty Robinette does. But with budgetary delays and fights in Washington, D.C., becoming more and more common, Idaho agencies have learned to live with not knowing quite what their budgets will be for the next fiscal year.
"The 2008 fiscal year began Oct. 1 without any of the major federal spending bills making it

out of the U.S. Senate, much less their probable veto dates with President Bush. The situation is just more of the same to some groups, including the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.
"The general consensus is this is no different than any other year," spokesman Tom Shanahan said Monday. "Some election years, it can be worse."
The department, like all others receiving federal funding, is relying on a continuing resolution agreement that preserves most programs at 2007 levels until mid-November. But the agreement makes budget-setting tricky. If a grant — say the Social Services Block Grant, which pays for foster care programs — is slashed in the final budget, the difference can mean sudden and damaging program cuts.
"We'd have 10, possibly 11 months to make the budget work," Shanahan said.

Some agencies are more secure than others. One-third of federal money for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game comes from a permanent excise tax on sporting equipment, helping balance out the uncertainty, fiscal officer Jeff Sevard said.
"I think we've learned to react to it and know that's the way they operate," he said.
Others, such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program, depend much more on the feds. Mike Field, state director for the program's Idaho office, said his agency can still work with cities to approve and fill out the paperwork for loans covering housing and other developments.
"But we won't be able to close the loans until the money's actually in the pot," he said.
For some, the budgets are easy to predict. The Idaho State

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T.E. City Council candidates debate water, transportation

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

In their only chance to draw a line in the sand with their opponents, the Twin Falls City Council candidates Tuesday offered their opinions on issues a growing community in Idaho will encounter over the next four years: water, transportation and recreation.
Some candidates made it interesting. Will Kozel, a business consultant and chairman of the city pool advisory board, continuously criticized the City Council and his opponent, incumbent Glenda Dwight.

On water, he said the city's behind the curve and there could be problems as early as 2010, when studies have said supply will equal demand.
"There are several plans before the city but unfortunately, to date they don't have the willpower to execute them and time is running short," he said.

Dwight, who was elected in 1999, pointed to a citizens committee from 10 years ago that sufficiently found solutions — but saw its work become irrelevant when a drought set in. She said the city has new sources, surplus canal shares and is on the way to recovery with solutions.
"We just need to implement them and work an more pressurized irrigation systems," she said.

They again sparred when asked about whether public transportation should come to Twin Falls.
Dwight said she was in support of the idea, though she was unsure to what level. She cited the city's existing relationship with Trans IV Buses, but noted that the company cannot be self-supporting and the city is too large for it to have minimal routes.
Kozel, meanwhile, said public transportation is probably 30 years away.

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On the Web
Go to magicvalley.com for more news from the Twin Falls City Council forum Tuesday.

Kimberly voters to decide on \$10.25 million bond issue Thursday

By Andrea Cutts Times-News writer
Some teachers in Kimberly push portable carts from room to room, and a cafeteria at the elementary school is serving more students than district officials say it should.
So for the second time in one calendar year, Kimberly school officials are asking voters to expand facilities.
Kimberly residents will vote Thursday on a proposed school bond issue of \$10.25 million which would buy additional classrooms at all three Kimberly schools. At the high school, that would mean four classrooms with additional labs, as well as equipment space. Other additions would include an agricultural science building with classrooms, shop, office and relocation of a greenhouse.
The school bond issue would also fund six classrooms at Kimberly Middle School, a multipurpose lunchroom or commons area, and

the old high school built in 1914 would be taken down.
Kimberly School District Trustee Dave Fullmer said middle school students walk to the elementary school to have lunch in the cafeteria — which was designed to serve around 350 students — but instead feeds around 900.
At the elementary school, the bond election could mean six new classrooms, a special education classroom, a library, support facilities, workrooms and office space.
Campus improvements would also include an all-weather track and improvements to access and student safety.
According to district figures, this year's enrollment rose by 74 students compared with last year, and there has been a 10 percent growth rate in enrollment during the last five years.
With only one day left until the polls open in Kimberly, some parents and school officials are adamant about their support for the

proposed school bond.
Mother of two, Debbie Rongen, who has children in fourth and fifth grades, said she wants the bonds to pass Thursday.
"I am all for it. Everything they are doing, to me, it's over due," Rongen said. "Kids are crammed in there."
The district held a school bond election issue for around \$6 million in January, but lost by one vote, said Fullmer, who has been a trustee for the school district since 2001.
He is more hopeful this time around that the proposed bond issue will get the voters' stamp of approval.
"I think this bond is an excellent opportunity for Kimberly. It builds increased class space at every school," Rongen said.
Rongen and Fullmer said firmly if the bond passes, tax increases will not result.
"There won't be an increase," Rongen said. "The word increase is really not appropriate."
The bond levy rate was reduced

from \$3.42 to \$2.89 on \$1,000 of assessed property value, because of property value increases in the district. School bonds valued at \$150,000, the annual cost to the homeowner is estimated at \$18 per month for the 20-year life of the new bonds.
This includes a "wrap" in \$4 million remaining in bonds issued in 1999, when the high school was built. More than 80 percent of voters supported that high school bond.
The outcome of this election will not change the \$2.89 levy rate or the \$18 monthly estimate for taxpayers. But the number of years to pay back the bond would be extended.
Fullmer said the state will fund up to 50 percent of the interest costs to the school district.
The election is being held on an unofficial election day, which could affect turnout. A supermajority of 66.6 percent of votes is required for the school bond to pass. Voting is from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kimberly High School.

James 'Jim' Leroy Marsing Jr.

James "Jim" Leroy Marsing Jr., 34, of Glens Ferry, left this world to join his dad in peace on Oct. 12, 2007, with his family at his side.



Jim was a wonderful husband, father, son and brother and will be greatly missed by all of the people that knew him and loved him. Jim was born in Mountain Home on Feb. 24, 1973, to Jim and Julie Marsing. He was raised and schooled in Glens Ferry. He was the youngest of two children. He and his sister, Tina, shared a very special bond all through life.

Jim's first son, Levi Allan Jones, was born in 1990 and has resided with his mother April in Nevada. Jim then met Shawna Arington of Glens Ferry and was blessed with his sons, Destry Michael Marsing and James Leroy Marsing III. Jim moved to Burley in 1993 and went to work for Christ and Sons Construction. He worked for Christ and Sons until his health would no longer allow him to do so. The people that worked with Jim have said that it was like watching an artist with canvas. He took great pride in his work and it showed.

In May of 1998, Jim met the love of his life, his soul mate, Desery Rasband. Jim loved his wife with all of his heart. Desery brought peace and order to a house filled with boys. She jumped right in and became a great mom for Jim's boys, Desry and James. On Aug. 30, 2000, Desery and Jim made their family complete when they had a beautiful baby girl, Michelle Kay Marsing. Jim's greatest accomplishments were his family. He loved every second that he got to spend with them. In 2003, Jim lost his best friend, his dad. He then moved his family back to Glens Ferry to live in the family home where he lived when he passed. We will all miss him.

A tribute to Jim, written by his sister: *Jim you are in all of our thoughts and all of our*

dreams. We told our little girl that you were on her shoulder, and the just beams. She grabs at her shoulder and tries to hold you tight. Her Daddy is here day and night. We told your sons that we will be with them to help guide them through life. To help them when the night comes to do what's right. The lessons that you have taught them will go with them forever. They will be strong young men and never forget what you have given them. Although you are not with us, not in the flesh, we have you right here with us with our every breath. This has been a long hard fight for you and yours. Go, be at peace with your Dad and he no more. From everybody that knew you, they all want you to know we'll meet you in heaven, and we love you, Bro."

Jim is survived by his wife, Desery Marsing of Glens Ferry; his sons, Levi Allan Jones, Desry Michael Marsing and James L. Marsing III; his daughter, Michelle K. Marsing, all of Glens Ferry; his mother, Julie Marsing of Rupert; one sister, Tina and her husband, Russell Thompson of Buhl; his nieces, Julie and her husband, Matt Straubhaar, Ashley Fritz, Julia Welsmuller and Lucy Hall; one grandmother, Josephine and her husband, Homer West; a mother-in-law, Tamara Rasband; a brother-in-law, Bryan Rasband; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, James Marsing Sr.; his grandmother, Virginia Gentia; and his grandfathers, Arch Marsing and Arnold Fritz.

It was Jim's wishes to be reunited with his father. The family will be having a private ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the family of James Marsing, 190 W. Cleveland, Glens Ferry, ID 83623. The family would also like Jim to be buried in the Critical Care Unit at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Cremation was under the direction of Rust Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

John E. Hisel Sr.

John E. "Johnny" Hisel Sr., 72, of Nampa and formerly of Shoshone, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at home of natural causes.



The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Central Assembly Christian Life Center, 12000 Fairview Ave. in Boise. Burial will follow at the Meridian Cemetery with a service under the direction of the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel. The family will greet friends from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the funeral home.

Johnny was born Jan. 18, 1935, in Kansas City, Mo., to John J. and Mary H. Tucker Hisel. After graduation from high school, he joined the United States Navy, serving honorably during the Korean Conflict. While in the military, he married Juanita Templeton on Nov. 15, 1954, in Lynwood, Calif. Johnny's career was spent as a general contractor in Idaho, where he was involved in many projects, including the building of Central Assembly Christian Life Center and Faith Tabernacle in Lewiston. His life centered around his faith in God and his family. For many years, he was a senior board member at Central Assembly, and he had a very special relationship with Pastor Roland Buck. Johnny was instrumental in organizing many wild game feeds at Central Assembly, and he also taught

an adult Sunday school class for many years. He made himself available to minister in various areas including youth. (Christ's Ambassadors), ushering and driving bus. Johnny was always willing to help wherever he was needed.

He was a member of Central Assembly Christian Life Center in Boise, Twin Falls Assembly of God, Building Contractors Association of Southern Idaho and the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita "Nita" Hisel of Nampa; children, Linda and the Rev. Dana Johnson of Charlotte, N.C., Cyndi Kelly of Atlanta, Ga. and Dr. John Jr. and Terri Hisel of Kuna; seven grandchildren, Jenni and Matt Drennen of Huntersville, N.C., Tyler and Erin Johnson of Charlotte, N.C., the Rev. John E. III and Chandra Hisel of Caldwell, Anna Kendall of Atlanta, Ga., Melissa Hisel of Kuna, Adam Kendall of Atlanta, Ga., and Hunter Kelly of Atlanta, Ga.; four great-grandchildren, Emmeline Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Emelia Grace Johnson and Matthew "Rhet" Drennen; a sister, Joy Hisel of Topeka, Kan.; a brother and sister-in-law, Duane and Stephany Hisel of Caldwell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials are suggested to Dana Johnson Ministries, 10028 Logans Lane, Charlotte, NC 28269, or to Faith Ministries, in care of the Faith Tabernacle, 2502 16th Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501.

Ted Hafer

Clell Scott (Ted) Hafer, 82, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, with his family by his side at his home after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born Dec. 1, 1924, in Mountain Home, to Marion Scott and Irene Iverson Hafer. The family moved to Wendell in 1930. Ted attended the West Point School before moving to Twin Falls, where he attended Twin Falls High School, leaving after his junior year to help his parents on a farm in Jerome. He later joined the U.S. Army, from which he was honorably discharged in 1945.



Hafer married Patricia Morrison in 1958 at the First Christian Church, where both were members. He served as deacon and assisted with building improvements of the church. He also was active with Boy Scout Troop 65. Ted was a devoted husband and father. He built their cabin on Smiley Creek, where the family enjoyed fishing, hiking and snowmobile and horseback riding. He worked as a builder and was best known for his ability as a finish carpenter. He built the judge's bench for the Twin Falls Magistrate and District Court in the new judicial building while working for his brother, Bud. Ted also worked for Wills Inc. and Arrington Brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; their two children, Jeff (Layna) Hafer of Welter, Idaho, and Doug (Kamuel) Hafer of Twin Falls. Also surviving are a brother, Jerry (Lein) Hafer of Twin Falls; sisters, Mary Russell Cooper of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Cheryl-Jane of Buhl; and four grandchildren, Katie Hafer, Cody Hafer, Anne Hafer and Austin Hafer. His funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jim Tubbs of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

parents: one brother, Bud Hafer and three sisters, Betty Reinke, Virginia Thameret and Jane Canfield Berdine, preceded him in death.

A celebration of Ted's life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jim Tubbs of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to Twin Falls to the First Christian Church or to St. Luke's Hospice. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Nutsch to celebrate 80th on Thursday

JEROME — Don Nutsch will celebrate his 80th birthday Thursday. Cards and well-wishes may be sent to him at 304 S. 100 E., Jerome, ID 83338.

Nutsch was born Oct. 18, 1927, in Morrowville, Kan. He married Margaret Nehl of Oregon City, Ore., in 1961 in Jerome. He has lived in the Magic Valley for 70 years.

Children include Bob Nutsch of Mandan, N.D., Dan Nutsch of Yanke Fork, and Christina Alexander of Kimberly. He has four grandchildren.

Gerome to speak at Jerome Library

JEROME — Friends of the Library announced that Jim Gerome, author and Professor of History at the College of Southern Idaho will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

His talk is titled, "What the Middle East Gave to the West, Culturally and Historically." The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Friends of the Library will also be holding a Book and Bake sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 2 and 3. They are looking for

book donations. For more information, or to donate: Xenia Williams, 324-7613.

Democrats to meet Thursday

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Paul Fire Hall. The agenda includes discussion about fundraising and recapping the water forum. Information: Damilan Rodriguez at 679-2002.

Wheat commission sponsors essay contest

BOISE — The Idaho Wheat Commission, in conjunction with the Idaho Grain Producers Association, is sponsoring an essay contest for young farmers.

Five contest winners will be chosen to receive an all-expense paid trip to Spokane, Wash., to attend the Idaho, Washington and Oregon Grain Convention, Nov. 28-30.

Qualified contestants must be under 40 years old, an Idaho farmer, and must raise either wheat or barley.

The essay subject is, "What brought me back to the farm and what's the biggest issue I face to stay there. The essay should be about 350 words. Essays should be sent to the Idaho Wheat Commission, 821 W. State St., Boise, ID 83702. Deadline is Nov. 9.

For more information about the contest: Teresa Waterman, 334-2353.

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Aaron Tyler Tadlock

Aaron Tyler Tadlock, 18, went home to his Lord and Savior on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007.

He was born March 18, 1989, the son of Brian and Dina Tadlock, brother to Braden Tadlock and sister, Savannah Sandoval. He was a very gifted child always filled with joy and laughter.

He started attending school in 1992 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. He truly enjoyed his time spent at school. He loved all his supervised special activities, which included skiing, racing and flying in balloons. He "loved going fast." Though in some ways challenged, Aaron managed

to master producing joy and laughter in others and himself.

Aaron is survived by his parents, Brian and Dina Tadlock; brother, Braden Tadlock; sister, Savannah Sandoval; nephews, Anthony Sandoval; niece, Audrey Sandoval; paternal grandparents, Daryl (Butch) and Julie Tadlock; maternal grandparents, Vernon and Beverly Rodig; uncles, Kim (Linda) Rodig, Brian (Mylyn) Rodig; aunts, Pam (Randy) Clark, Lori Collins, Tiffanie Tadlock; cousins, Brandon Clark, Brandi Rodig, Christopher Singel, Amarr Singel, Kendall Collins, Leaf Nelson, Colby Rodig and Payton Rodig.

A celebration of Aaron's life will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Ontario, Ore., funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Cloverdale Funeral Home in Buhl. Visitation from 9 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Lex Ray Kirkland of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Carey LDS Church in Buhl. Visitation from 8 p.m. Thursday at the Wood River Chapel in Halley and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

Vickie Lynn Johnson of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation one hour before the funeral at the mortuary.

Faith Lucille Magoffin Mull of Hoquiam, Wash., and formerly of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

DEATH NOTICE

Merl R. Walden

Merl R. Walden, 91, of Filer, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Iris Adell Dennis of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

James W. Miller of Twin Falls, visitations at 10 a.m. p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Cade William Hunt of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Demary Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

Robert John (Bob) Harpster of Twin Falls and formerly of Billings, Mont., celebration of life at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2455 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

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Bedke issue becomes a federal case

By Sven Berg
For The Times-News

A lawsuit filed by Oakley ranchers Bruce and Jared Bedke against Bureau of Land Management officials has been removed from Idaho's Fifth District Court and will be heard in federal court by U.S. Magistrate Judge Mikel H. Williams.

The Bedkes filed the lawsuit in July after receiving a BLM notice of impoundment for grazing their livestock on BLM-managed rangeland south of Oakley. Since then, 31 head of their cattle have been impounded and sold in a private auction.

The suit listed as defendants BLM officials Bill Baker, Ken Miller and Mike Courtney in their individual capacities. At the time, Jared Bedke said he and his father Bruce Bedke listed Baker, Miller and Courtney as individual defendants because district courts cannot hear cases involving federal entities.

Notice for removal to federal court, filed Oct. 4 by the office of Assistant U.S. Attorney Warren Detbridge, states removal is appropriate because the defendants "are persons sued individually for actions taken under color of their office as employees of

the Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior."

The suit filed by the Bedkes claims BLM has unfairly managed the Goose Creek Group Allotment, a range where the Bedkes and several other ranchers grazed livestock.

The Bedkes claim BLM acted outside its authority when it divided the range into private allotments in 2004. They say that division put their operation at a disadvantage because their private allotment is located at the range's southern extreme, creating hardship in the spring when they move their

cattle to it from Oakley. But BLM claims the traffic of livestock on the range was damaging its overall health and may have led to the loss of some endangered species had it not been divided.

The Bedkes' suit also claims BLM usurped authority in claiming the range for the Department of Interior. They say a group of private ranchers enlisted BLM in 1963 to mediate the division of rangeland into private and group allotments, but at no point surrendered control of the land to the agency.

Neither the Bedkes nor Detbridge could be reached for comment.

Sores, scabs and rotten teeth to be centerpiece of Idaho anti-meth ads

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Meth Project hopes to begin airing in January a series of ads filled with blood, images of pale young people riddled with sores, and graphic scenes of violence, car collisions and desperate teenage criminals.

The campaign's message to Idaho youth is simple: Don't use methamphetamine, not even once. "I'll saturate every media channel in this state," said Megan Runk, executive director of the Idaho Meth Project.

"It's going to hit every community. Essentially, when the campaign is launched, we're going to be reaching 90 percent of that target population three to five times a week, so they're going to be seeing the message everywhere they go."

The project hopes to raise \$2.7 million before it launches, enough to operate for a year as one of the largest advertisers in the state. It has raised \$1 million so far. Major donors include the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the Idaho Hospital Association, Quest Corp., Blue Cross of Idaho, Avista Corp. and Wal-Mart.

The ads will appear in a broad range of outlets, including television, local and high school newspapers, radio and billboards. The ads will appear in an effort in that state spurred by a private, nonprofit group. Launched in Montana in 2005, the pro-

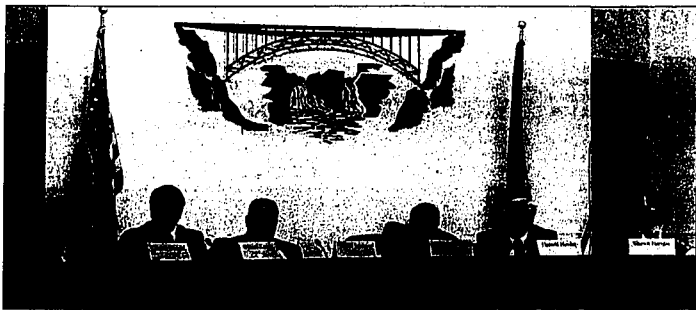
ject is credited by officials with dramatically reducing meth consumption. Montana project founder and businessman Tom Siebel says on his Web site that the campaign uses "research-validated, high-impact advertising that graphically communicates the risks of meth use."

Other states have adopted similar campaigns, including Illinois and Arizona. Hawaii and Idaho are next. Gov. CL "Butch" Otter and his wife, Lori, have been some of the biggest advocates of bringing the campaign to the Gem State.

The project has also won kudos from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. The department picked two television ads and two print ads to run in Washington and seven other states with high levels of meth abuse. The ads are running in tandem with two other ads focused on treatment and are produced by Drug-Free America and the Tennessee attorney general's office.

"There's somewhat of a myth out there that meth addiction is untreatable," said Stephen Schatz, deputy press secretary for the federal drug control office. "One of our aims is to show that there is hope for those that are addicted to meth."

By contrast, The Meth Project campaign focuses solely on prevention and targets young people.



Twin Falls City Council candidates introduce themselves Tuesday evening during a debate held by the Chamber of Commerce in Twin Falls.

Debate

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"It'd be a huge burden on a community that's just not ready for it yet," he said.

Dwight pointed to the economic success since she was elected in 1999: Seastrom, Dell and Jayco, and suppliers to the RV maker.

But Kezele again "questioned" Dwight and wondered why the city has just one economic development employee.

Councilman Shawn Barigar, who was elected in 2003, also disagreed with his opponent Lee Heider, owner of Heider's Floor Service, on some things.

While Barigar said that impact fees — costs assessed to developers for growth — might be appropriate, he wants to wait for a study to be finished. Heider said that they are appropriate to pay for development.

When asked whether the city is doing enough to make sure the city pool, which is managed by the YMCA, and the golf course, which is managed by a golf professional, are adequately managed, Heider said the city

"I'm really against taxes, but let me tell you something — any city that goes through changes has to introduce additional taxes to pay for those facilities."

— Orlando Garzon-Mejia, who is challenging Councilman David E. Johnson

should be more proactive when dealing with the YMCA. But Barigar said that while there have been some problems, the city must continue to work with community organizations.

"We have challenges with both those operations, but the city needs to continue to try to find ways to work with other organizations rather than absorb all that function itself on the taxpayers," he said.

Orlando Garzon-Mejia, who is challenging Councilman David E. Johnson, has said that he wants to promote "Senior" and Hispanic communities. When asked about adding and improving city parks, Garzon-Mejia said that a tax

increase might work.

"I'm really against taxes, but let me tell you something — any city that goes through changes has to introduce additional taxes to pay for those facilities," he said.

Johnson, who was appointed to the council in 2006 and sits on the city parks and recreation commission, said that he would raise taxes only as a final solution.

"The real answer for parks and recreation needs to come from the citizens of

Twin Falls," he said.

Garzon-Mejia, who before the debate did not criticize the council, said that the city is too conservative in spending money on tourism and in its building permit process.

But Johnson said that the permit process has already been worked on by the city and said the city's tourism presented itself well with a recent base jumping festival and the efforts to acquire the Evel Knievel jump.

The 90-minute forum was hosted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

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

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Department of Education keeps in close communication with school districts and Idaho's congressional delegation about potential cuts, warning them of any problems, spokeswoman Melissa McGrath said. And most of the money that goes to the College of Southern Idaho is for programs that run on a different fiscal schedule — Head Start, for example, budgeted through Dec. 1, said Mike Mason, vice pres-

ident of administration. The situation can be frustrating. But agencies have adapted to the delayed budgets and piecemeal financial planning. Some become more efficient with what they have, Field said. And they carry on.

"We just have to make it work," he said. "That's all there is to it."

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Aquifer

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The state studied the aquifer through the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan and a task force will suggest solutions to this year's Legislature. But Brockway said many of those solutions, which could put 100,000 acre feet of water back into the aquifer each year, will amount to only a drop in the bucket in an ocean-sized problem.

"What kind of dent can we make? Not much when you compare that with eight million acre feet going through the aquifer. But we have to do something. This isn't going to be solved next year," he said. "But we have to start now."

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Idaho, Coeur d'Alene tribes sign fuel tax agreement

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho and Coeur d'Alene tribal officials Tuesday signed a pact resulting in gas tax breaks on reservations. The agreement, signed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and tribal Chairman Chief Allen, resolves a long dispute over how to share tax money from gasoline sold at reservation stores.

The Nez Perce tribe in north-central Idaho and the Shoshone-Bannock tribes near Pocatello are still negotiating with the state over separate but similar agreements. Lawyers for the Shoshone-Bannock tribes said an agreement was imminent.

Since 2001, Idaho has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal costs in its bid to collect the tax, including a previous law that was overturned by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in August 2004, saying it violated tribal sovereignty.

Earlier this year, the Legislature passed a law based on a U.S. Supreme Court precedent in 2005, but delayed its effective date until Dec. 1 to give Otter and tribal lawyers time to reach a settlement.

"We did it ourselves, cooperatively, civilly and without delaying the courts involved," Otter said at a Boise ceremony to sign the pact. "It's a testament to the quality of our relationship with the Coeur d'Alene tribe and to our shared willingness to work

together, as sovereign governments, in the common interest of our people."

Lawmakers who supported this year's legislation believe the December deadline helped move negotiations along.

"Without a hard deadline, it would have been more difficult," said House Speaker Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale.

Gas sold at Coeur d'Alene tribal-run stations generates about \$800,000 annually in taxes. That's less than a half percent of the \$212 million

Idaho generated from its 25-cents-per-gallon fuel tax in 2006.

According to the agreement, the tribe can use its revenue to build and maintain roads, build parking lots along waterways, fund search-and-rescue, buy roadside land for preservation or enhancing scenic beauty, and pay for law enforcement as well as trusts meant to remediate gas-related water pollution, among other things.

"We followed the state's own guidelines," Allen told

The Associated Press, on why his tribe was amenable to limiting uses for the tax revenue. "The money can be spent on infrastructure and also on things like law enforcement."

Critical for Otter was gas-tax parity — that Idaho's Indian tribes charge the same tax rate as the state.

During debate in the Legislature over the past decade, some off-reservation gas retailers complained they would be at a disadvantage if tribal stations had a lower tax rate.

Scientists exploring deep sea basin off the Philippines discover rare marine species

By Oliver Teves
Associated Press writer

MANILA, Philippines — Scientists exploring a deep ocean basin in search of species isolated for millions of years found marine life believed to be previously undiscovered, including a tentacled orange worm and an unusual black jellyfish.



A deep sea jellyfish collected with a Remotely Operated Vehicle from a depth of at least 1,500 meters is shown at a briefing Tuesday aboard the Philippine research vessel BRP Prishtaro off Manila Bay in Manila, Philippines.

colored worm that had 10 tentacles like a squid, Madin said. "We don't know what it is ... it might be something new," he said.

He said it would take "a few more weeks" of research to determine whether the species are newly discovered.

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Nevada nationwide manhunt for child rape suspect ends in Nevada

By Ron Ritter
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — A fugitive accused of the videotaped molestation of a 3-year-old girl was arrested quietly during a traffic stop, telling the officer, "I'm tired of running," police said.

Chester "Chet" Arthur Sillies, 37, was scheduled for a hearing Wednesday. He was pulled over late Monday in Henderson for not having a license plate and admitted his identity after police said his license looked suspicious, authorities said.

"This is an answer to our prayers, actually," Nye County Sheriff Tony DeMoo said. "He should be off the street. In our opinion, he is a predator."

Sillies had been wanted since Oct. 5 on warrants issued for 21 felony charges in connection with the acts seen

A booking photo, provided Monday by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, shows Chester Arthur Sillies.

on the videotape. The charges include lewdness with a minor, sexual assault and attempted sexual assault. Las Vegas police Capt. Vincent Cannito said.

The videotape, found in the rural Nevada town of

Pahrump last month, had prompted an equally intense search for the young girl who appeared in it. Police with little to go on had encouraged news organizations to broadcast her haunting image. When the now-7-year-old was found on Sept. 26, authorities shifted their resources to finding Sillies.

Henderson police Officer Mike Dye said he stopped Sillies at about 7 p.m. on a busy thoroughfare just outside Las Vegas driving a white sedan with no license plates. "He said, 'I'm Chester Sillies, the guy you're looking for,'" Dye said. "He said, 'I'm tired of running.'"

Sillies, who had been portrayed by authorities as a dangerous, knife-wielding survivalist, provided an expired Nevada driver's license with a photo that Dye said looked "suspicious."

"The picture on the license didn't quite match the gentleman in the vehicle," Dye said.

After further questioning, the officer said Sillies revealed his true name. Dye said Sillies cooperated and didn't resist. Dye called for backup and another officer arrived to handcuff Sillies.

Sillies was booked at the Clark County Jail. He had not yet hired a lawyer, police said. Sillies was already wanted in a case alleging he groped a 6-year-old girl in 2003. Police had received hundreds of tips on Sillies, who they believed might be dangerous and possibly armed based on earlier arrests.

Elaine Thomas, who said she was an ex-girlfriend of Sillies, called authorities when his picture appeared on the news, she told ABC's "Good Morning America" on

Tuesday. His truck had been in her driveway until this past weekend, when authorities picked it up, she said.

She said she never imagined he was capable of the acts on the tape.

"As far as I know, he was interested in older, heavier women because that was the line of women he dated, up to and including myself," she

said. "You don't imagine someone going from dating older, heavier women doing something that horrid to a child."

Sillies' previous arrests included charges of assault, battery, resisting a police officer, auto theft, leaving the scene of an accident and contempt of court, authorities said.

Nevada high court blocks execution 90 minutes before man was set to die by lethal injection

By Brendan Riley
Associated Press writer

CARSON CITY, Nev. — A killer's execution was halted 90 minutes before he was set to die amid arguments from death penalty opponents that the state should wait until the U.S. Supreme Court reviews the constitutionality of lethal injections.

The Nevada Supreme Court issued the last-minute stay Monday for William Castillo, who beat an elderly woman to death with a tire iron.

Castillo, 34, had declined to file appeals of his own and prison officials have said he was ready to die. The American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada appealed to halt any executions in the state. The U.S. Supreme Court

agreed Sept. 25 to review the method of lethal injection used by most states. The high court will hear a challenge early next year from two inmates in Kentucky who claim that lethal injection as practiced by that state amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, in violation of the Eighth Amendment.

Executions in at least 10 states have been halted as a result of the litigation over lethal injections. The injections, devised as a humane alternative to electrocution and the gas chamber, have come under attack in recent years amid reports that the three-drug cocktail doesn't always work as quickly as intended and that inmates are subjected to excruciating pain.

Nevada prison officials planned to execute Castillo

with double doses of three drugs — amounts so strong that the first injection likely would have caused him to immediately become unconscious.

The Nevada high court's ruling came more than two hours after Castillo was served his final meal. The inmate had been slightly sedated as prison staffers prepared to take him to the death chamber.

Nevada Corrections Director Howard Skolnick said Castillo was disappointed when he told him about the stay.

"He asked if it would be possible to get a little more medication to calm him down and take the edge off," the director said.

Two of Berndt's family members had planned to witness the execution, and

Skolnick said, "They were hoping for some kind of closure today which they did not get."

Lee Rowland, one of the ACLU lawyers who argued the case Monday before the Supreme Court, welcomed the decision, which was signed by all seven justices.

"Clearly this was the right thing to do, legally and morally," she said. "We are heartened that this decision will bring Nevada in line with the rest of the country, which has decided to await guidance from the U.S. Supreme Court."

Two dead, 16 hurt in LA pileup caused by blinding sandstorm

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — A blinding sandstorm caught dozens of vehicles in a high-way pileup Tuesday in the high desert north of Los Angeles, killing at least two people and injuring 16, authorities said.

Two victims were in critical condition after the crash that left vehicles scattered across the highway, Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Ron Harlan said.

The crash was reported around 1:40 p.m. during a sandstorm whipped up by winds gusting up to 55 mph, said the National Weather Service said.

"Everybody just came to an abrupt stop. There were people that were speeding and unfortunately I don't know if

they made it through or not," Anthony Valdez Pino told KCAL-TV. "I had lost sight of them."

He said he heard brakes screeching all around him. "I've never seen dust like that," said Pino, who said he drives through the area daily. "I've lived out here most of my life and I've never seen dust that thick like that before."

The accident happened just west of Edwards Air Force Base at the northern edge of Los Angeles County, not far from the site of a fiery truck pileup Friday night in a tunnel on the Interstate 5 freeway. The cause of that crash, which killed three people and injured 10, is still under investigation.

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Putin, visiting Iran, makes veiled warnings against U.S.

By Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press writer

TEHRAN, Iran — Russian leader Vladimir Putin met his Iranian counterpart Tuesday and implicitly warned the U.S. not to use a former Soviet republic to stage an attack on Iran. He also said countries bordering the Caspian Sea must identify back any oil pipeline projects in the region.

At a summit of the five nations that border the inland Caspian Sea, Putin said none of the nations' territory should be used by any outside countries for use of military force against any nation in the region.

It was a clear reference to long-standing rumors that the U.S. was planning to use Azerbaijan, a former Soviet republic, as a staging ground for any possible military

action against Iran. "We are saying that no Caspian nation should offer its territory to third powers for use of force or military aggression against any Caspian state," Putin said.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also underlined the need for solidarity.

Therefore only they are entitled to have their ships and military forces here," he said. A State Department spokesman, Tom Casey, said the United States is not planning military action against Iran.

"We are pursuing a diplomatic course with respect to Iran that includes — with respect to its nuclear program as well as with respect to its support for terrorism

and other issues that are out there," he said.

Putin refused to set a date for his visit to Iran's first nuclear power plant, to be built by Russia.

"I only gave promises to my mom when I was a small boy," Putin told Iranian reporters, when asked whether he could promise that the plant that Russia is building would be launched before his term

ends next May. At the same time, he said, "We are not going to renounce our obligations."

Putin's careful stance suggested that Russia is seeking to preserve solid ties with Iran without angering the West. A clear pledge by Putin to quickly finish the plant would embolden Iran and could complicate international talks on the nuclear standoff.

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TWIN FALLS - A breast cancer diagnosis is stressful, there's help to get a woman through it. Lydia Gilman, RN, breast care coordinator and breast health navigator with St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said upon learning a woman may go through the stages of grieving, including the shock, denial, anger and finally acceptance. She said studies have shown a patient may be 20-40 percent of what her doctor has said. With a diagnosis of breast cancer the numbers drop to maybe 10-20 percent. "You think you know something and you can't retain all that information," she said. "So that's why I usually always encourage patients when they go back in to talk with somebody else with them; a family member or friend — someone who can even take notes, so there are actually two sets of ears listening because you absorb too much information to absorb at once."

A newly diagnosed breast cancer patient needs all the support she can get, and Reach to Recovery, an American Cancer Society program helps provide it.

Mary Howard, coordinator of the program in the Magic Valley, trains volunteers who have survived breast cancer. They visit newly diagnosed patients and talk with them, giving support and useful information. If the woman has had a mastectomy she is given a temporary prosthetic and information where to find a permanent one in this area. If she needs a wig, she tells her where it can be purchased and lets her know one can be borrowed from the MSTT Cancer Center. Howard said it's nice for the patient to meet someone who's had breast cancer, because most people don't know anyone who's had it and survived. For Howard, it will soon be 13 years since her breast cancer treatment. She has a ready answer for anyone who tells her she's beat the odds. "I say 'No, actually I didn't beat the odds,'" she said. "The odds are in your favor if you have breast cancer."



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