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Transportation department to seek higher fuel tax

PONDERA (AP) — The Idaho Transportation Department plans to ask state lawmakers during the 2008 legislative session to increase fuel taxes by 7 percent to 10 percent as part of a larger package to improve the state's crumbling road system. "We hope this is a priority, next session," Damon Allen, a department engineer, told the

Ponderay Community Development Corporation last week. A package of initiatives the department has drawn up could raise as much as \$203 million annually, Allen said. Idaho's gas tax has been 25 cents per gallon since 1996. The state estimates roads will cost \$20 billion over the next 30 years, but revenue is com-

ing up \$200 million short each year. "Without more money, Allen said, new construction projects will be stopped, maintenance projects will be scaled back, and snowplowing of roads will be reduced. The state gets money for roads mostly from state and federal fuel taxes and registration fees, which Allen said

have not been keeping up with rising construction costs. He said vehicles that get better gas mileage have also reduced money available for road construction projects. Allen said initiatives in the package the department has put together for lawmakers include imposing developer impact and rental car fees,

and eliminating exemptions for ethanol. As for any increase in fuel tax, state officials said it could be applied on a per-gallon basis, or as a new sales tax on the total amount purchased. The fuel tax that distributors pay could also be increased. The tax increase is backed by the Idaho Transportation Board, though details have not

been worked out. "The board has not set a specific amount or mechanism on how to raise that fuel tax," Jeff Stratton, a department spokesman in Boise, told the *Bonner County Daily Bee*. An increase in state fuel taxes could face tough going among lawmakers. Please see **FUEL TAX**, Page A3

Iraq refugees headed for Twin Falls

By Andrea Gates Times-News writer

They fled their homeland because they helped the United States. Some went to Jordan, others to Syria and Egypt. Now thousands of Iraq refugees made vulnerable by their western allies are coming to America.

A family of four Iraqis will arrive in Twin Falls from Jordan in the near future, but their exact arrival date is unknown. College of Southern Idaho "Refugee Service" Center Director Ron Black said.

"It's like the army says, hurry up and wait," he said. No other Iraqi refugee families have come to Twin Falls through the center, Black said.

Some details about the Iraqi family are known but confidential — such as their names, ages, medical and academic backgrounds, professions and when they fled Iraq. Before refugees can come into the country, they must undergo a rigid process of background and medical checks, which has often become more time-consuming since 9/11, Black said.

Although the family's arrival date is uncertain, when they come to town they will be provided with housing, food, clothing, job assistance and English classes.

Other Iraqi families could also come to Twin Falls, but Black said he does not know how many. The center could take in 80 to 100 Iraqis this year if they are assigned to Twin Falls. Overall, it has committed to taking 165 refugees this year of varying nationalities.

"I think they (Iraqis) would do well in Twin Falls," Black said.

The proposed number of Iraqi refugees to be resettled in Boise through Sept. 30 of next year is 165, but exactly how many Iraqi refugees will be in Twin Falls is not available, according to Todd Pierce, a public affairs adviser with the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

"We have a moral obligation to help them out," he said.

The plight of many of these Iraqis coming to the United States, Black said, is similar to that of Vietnamese refugees.

"They have helped us and have been ostracized and abused because of that help. The same was true with the South Vietnamese," he said. "Our obligation is to give them protection because they helped us."

Pierce agreed there are some parallels, but he hesitated to say the two refugee situations are the same. "The political climate is so different," he said about Iraq and Vietnam.

The local refugee center is expecting an Iranian family of five from Austria this week, Black said, and other recent waves of refugees have included Burmese people from Thailand, and Burundians out of Tanzania.

"Dearborn, Mich., holds the largest concentration of Iraqi refugees in the country, Black said. Andrea Gates can be reached at 735-3500, or Andrea.Gates@tnnews.net.

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

When Lance Bates, the former Twin Falls Public Works director, left his position last month for another job in Rexburg, he said he had no ill will toward his employer, no axe to grind.

In fact, nothing was wrong. He simply found a job in his hometown. And he'd make more money.

About his time in Twin Falls, he said, "It's personally been one of a lot of growth. I've had a lot of fun here." The departure of Bates was just the latest sign of an ongoing trend for the city, which, after years of a consistent staff, has found itself having to respond to yearly turnover, including at least 20 openings a year since 2005.

Since 2000 — when the city's growth began to accelerate — its turnover and number of new hires have fluctuated, always avoiding a steady pace. Overall, the city has added more employees than it has lost, but the process reflects an onslaught of retirements, declining interest in careers in city government and a competitive job market.

"We've had a luxury of a very stable workforce for a long, long period of time and I think we tended to take that for granted, which is easy to do," said City Manager Tom Courtney. "That had presented us with some challenges that we had not faced previously. We really do find us in a reactionary mode, which isn't good, but that's where we were."

Since 2000, the city has hired 216 new employees while seeing 158 employees leave — a net gain of 78 employees. But nearly 90 employees have left since 2004, including 30 in 2005. This year, 22 employees have been terminated and there are 33 new employees.

Difficult point to retirements and people choosing better-paying jobs — the same difficulties facing any business, Courtney said. The city had to eliminate two positions, engineering and mechanical inspectors that went unfilled. Interest in working for the city of Twin Falls is down.



Rick Kirsch, a Twin Falls city building inspector, right, examines a structure Friday afternoon as a worker tends to a wall.

New employees				Employee terminations			
	All departments	Police	Fire	All departments	Police	Fire	Public Works
2000	20	10	10	2000	10	4	4
2001	39	10	29	2001	19	5	14
2002	48	19	29	2002	14	5	9
2003	58	25	33	2003	18	7	11
2004	57	25	32	2004	18	7	11
2005	58	19	39	2005	30	3	27
2006	37	18	19	2006	20	6	14
2007	33	10	23	2007	22	9	13
TOTAL	216	89	127	TOTAL	138	56	82

Courtney said that in the past, a job opening might yield up to a hundred applicants. Now, that number is between 20 and 25.

"People have a lot more choice," said Courtney. "They have opportunities to go to other employers for more money and improve their standard of living — and isn't that a good thing? Isn't that something we can be proud of for this community?"

A growing city — which just passed 40,000 people — can bring larger government. The city recently added electrical and plumbing inspections, which created a slight burden on the building department. Water and engineering departments often have vacancies.

"You compete with the private sector and it's difficult to do, particularly when we have experienced such significant building and development and all those types of projects," said Susan Harris, the city's personnel director. "The private engineering firms are busy." There are more than 250 city positions. The new budget, which began Oct. 1 includes funding for nine new positions. The city plans to add a chief financial officer in the coming years — in addition to someone to replace Finance Director Gary Evans, who will retire in a few years.

The city's lack of a formal succession plan has brought mixed results. City Engineer Jackie Fields replaced Gary Young almost immediately. But it was nearly six months before Mitch Humble became community development director.

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Family, community scarred by a teacher's sexual abuse

EDITOR'S NOTE — In this second installment of a three-day series on sexual misconduct by teachers in American schools, the AP examines the devastating impact one abusive educator has had on a family and a community.

By Martha Irvine Associated Press writer

BERWYN, Ill. — They've learned to watch their older daughter for any sign that something's wrong. She cuts her long, blond hair and dyes it jet black. And they're wary. Her father picks up a book she's been reading, "The Road" by Cormac McCarthy, and skims it for clues. He notices a highlighted passage:

"You forget some things, don't you," it reads. "Yes. You forget what you want to remember and you remember what you want to forget."

Her parents can relate. There's a lot they'd like to forget, too — especially since the day nearly three years ago when their then-15-year-old daughter told them her elementary school band teacher had molested her and other girls.

The teacher, Robert Spierlik Jr., pleaded guilty last year to sexual abuse and kidnapping of more than

20 girls, some as young as 9. Among other things, he told prosecutors that he put rags in the girls' mouths, taped them shut and also bound their hands and feet with duct tape and rope for his own sexual stimulation.

He pretended it was a game, gave the girls candy and told them not to tell. And for a long time, none of them did.

An extensive Associated Press investigation found that stories like these are all too common. AP reporters in every state and the District of Columbia

identified 2,570 teachers who were punished for sexual misconduct from 2001 to 2005 alone, for actions that ranged from fondling to viewing child pornography to rape.

Though experts who deal with sexual abuse say victims tell the truth more often than not, the ordeal is often worsened when the community around them is drawn in and people take sides. Often, victims and their families face uncooperative administrators, disbelieving neighbors and an agonizing legal journey.

This family in Berwyn, a suburb west of Chicago, understands the emotional toll.




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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Tuesday

Sunny and not as cool
Clear and calm
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Today: Delightfully sunny and not as cool this afternoon. Highs upper 50s.
Tonight: Mostly clear with light winds and crisp overnight temperatures. Lows low 30s.
Tomorrow: Temperatures climb higher. Sunny skies expected. Highs low to middle 60s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Looking Downstream" long-range planning meeting for Idaho Commissioner on the Arts, hosted by the Magic Valley Arts Council and open to Arts organization representatives, visual, literary and performing artists, civic leaders and interested area residents, 7 p.m., Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft, 132 Main Ave. S., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787.

The Burley High and Junior High School Orchestras first concert of the year, featuring music by Mozart and Stamitz as well as contemporary pieces, 7 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley, no cost, open to the public, 878-6505.

GOVERNMENT

Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley, 878-7302.

Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home, 897-1111.

Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 824 Main, 934-4841.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

Minkidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 435-7111.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.

Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., 400 E. Ave. N., 726-7801.

Halley City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 115 Main St. S., 788-4221.

Jerome County Planning Commission, 7 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 324-9116.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center, Blaine County Campus Gym and Piller Elementary, 10:30 a.m. at Butte High School (temporary location), 10:30 a.m. at Malin; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

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 Humanities-funded or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Priam Weight Loss Program Introductory class, 6 p.m., Gooding Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., Gooding, no cost, 934-9508.

Adult Children Anonymous meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 250-5676.

Recovery for Life: "Find Hope, Discover Hope, Experience Healing," includes Divorce Care, Grief Share, Co-dependency for Women, 2-Step HOPE (addiction recovery) and Financial Peace (debt recovery), 6 to 6:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reform Church, 1531 Grandview Drive N. (Corner of Grandview North and Pole Line Rd.), 733-6128.

To have an event (including ongoing events) listed in the November monthly calendar, 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 or by fax, 734-5538 or on Oct. 23.

ON THE AGENDA

TUESDAY

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7277.

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 366-7418.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St., 834-4321.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A., 342-8189.

Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., Carter Luther Vocational Ag Building, high school campus, 104 Tiger Drive, 324-2392.

Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Hill St. W., 886-2030.

WEDNESDAY

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Hayburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.

Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900

THURSDAY

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elmwood Dr., 822-338.

Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.

FRIDAY

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

YOUR MORNING BREASTING

AROUND THE WORLD

CUBA

Cuba holds elections to determine Castro's future

HAVANA — Cubans opened an election cycle Sunday that will lead to a decision next year on whether ailing leader Fidel Castro will remain atop the communist-run island's supreme governing body.

The nationwide municipal voting marked the start of a multi-tiered process that culminates with parliamentary elections next spring. Lawmakers could then decide to officially replace Castro, 81, with his younger brother Raul as head of the 31-member Council of State.

The elder Castro has been the island's unchallenged leader since his revolution toppled dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959. But he has not been seen in public since undergoing emergency intestinal surgery and cooling plans to a provisional government headed by his brother in July 2006.

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NEVADA

Lawyer for magician David Copperfield denies client 'forced himself' on woman

LAS VEGAS — Days after FBI agents searched a Las Vegas warehouse belonging to David Copperfield and a casino theater where the magician regularly performs, his lawyer rebutted an allegation that Copperfield "forced himself" on a woman.

"An unidentified woman has made serious allegations against David Copperfield," lawyer David Chesnoff said Friday in a statement.

"It is important these allegations be put into perspective," Chesnoff said. "Although authorizing the search was not my role, to us, we know these allegations are false because David Copperfield has never forced himself on anyone."

Founder of anti-meth group to speak this week

Her public presentations this week include:

Today: Twin Falls, CSI Fine Arts Auditorium, 7 to 9 p.m. Faith-based crisis.

Tuesday: Halley, Community Campus Auditorium, 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday: Burley, King Fine Arts Auditorium, 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday: Twin Falls, CSI Fine Arts Auditorium, 7 to 9 p.m., open to professionals, businesses and general public.

Holley's appearances this week are sponsored by the District 5 Juvenile Justice Court, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Regional Advisory Committee, Miracle Valley Ministry Center and Southern Idaho Partners Against Drugs.

Dr. Mary Holley, founder and director of Mothers Against Methamphetamine will bring her message to south-central Idaho this week as part of her Ribbon Walk, the annual drug prevention week.

A member of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry and the American Society of Addiction Medicine, Holley formed Mothers Against Meth in 2002 after her younger brother killed Robert Weick, the annual drug two years before.

Along with her work with that organization, she speaks to groups nationwide, including students, workers, teachers, medical professionals, rehabilitation professionals, defense and prosecution attorneys and at faith-based forums.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Oct. 22, the 295th day of 2007. There are 80 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Oct. 22, 1962, President John F. Kennedy announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment shipped to Cuba, following the discovery of Soviet-built missile bases on the island.

On this date:

In 1746, Princeton University was first chartered as the College of New Jersey.

In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first parachute descent landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet over Paris.

In 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitu-

tionally elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt visited The Hermitage in Nashville, Tenn., home of the late President Andrew Jackson.

Years later, Maxwell House claimed that Roosevelt had praised a cup of its coffee during this visit by saying it was "good to the last drop."

In 1928, Republican presidential nominee Herbert Hoover spoke of the "American system of rugged individualism" in a speech at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1934, bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents at farm in East Liverpool, Ohio.

In 1968, Apollo 7 returned safely, splashing down in the Atlantic Ocean.

In 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment — a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis.

In 1981, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization was decertified by the federal government for its strike the previous August.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed into law sweeping tax-overhaul legislation.

Ten years ago: For the first time, U.S. inspectors discovered E. coli bacteria in imported Canadian beef, halting shipments of 34,000 pounds.

President Clinton presented a modest strategy to combat global warming by gradually reducing greenhouse gases over the next two decades. The Cleveland Indians tied the World Series at two games

apiece as they beat the Florida Marlins, 10-3, in Game 4.

Five years ago: Bus driver Conrad Johnson was shot to death in Silver Spring, Md., in what would be the final attack linked by authorities to the Washington-area sniper attacks. Former CIA Director Richard James was shot in Washington, D.C., at age 89.

The Anaheim Angels defeated the San Francisco Giants 10-4 to take a 2-games-to-1 edge in the World Series.

One year ago: Senior U.S. diplomat Alberto Fernandez apologized for saying in an al-Jazeera TV interview that U.S. policy in Iraq had displayed "irritation" and "stupidity." The Detroit Tigers beat the St. Louis Cardinals 3-1 to tie up the World Series 1-1. Actor Arthur Hill died in Los Angeles at age 84.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

All week

CSI library is open 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

CSI Adult Basic Education

Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and Friday; 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Meyerhoeffer building second floor.

CSI Testing Center is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. today through Thursday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Meyerhoeffer building second floor.

CSI Horticulture Club Corn Maze, 5 to 9 p.m., northwest corner of campus, through Halloween (\$2 for adults, \$1 for students).

Today

Planned Parenthood of Idaho Information booth, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Student Union.

CSI Golden Eagles Booster Club luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.

Dr. Mary Holley of Mothers Against Meth faith-based series for congregations and clergy, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Thursday

Franklin Covey Seven Habits managers training, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Student Union 248.

Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; also Friday.

CSI Nurses Christian fellowship, noon, Taylor 258.

CSI Ambassadors meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.

CSI College Democrats Club meeting, 1 p.m., Student Union 189.

CSI Student Ambassadors meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.

CSI B&B and Snowboard Club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.

CSI Mesh Club meeting, 4 p.m.,

Thursday

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs student meetings, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 277 (also Friday).

Skills USA Idaho Fall Leadership Conference, all day, all campus (through Saturday).

CSI Senior Center board training and grant workshop, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

"I'm Going to College," sixth graders visit to campus, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., all campus.

CSI Wellness Program flu shots for campus employees, noon to 2 p.m., Taylor 211.

Friday

CSI Wellness Program's Great Falls of Diabetes screenings, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., gym.

"I'm Going to College," sixth graders visit to campus, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., all campus.

CSI Japanese Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shields 106.

Huggie Beers chapter, Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

CSI Golden Eagle volleyball vs. Spokane Community College, 7 p.m., Spokane.

"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m.; "Antems of Ghoulish Delight" Halloween show, 8:15 p.m.; and "Altrageous Rock," 9:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday

ACT college placement testing, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields class rooms.

Internal Revenue Service and AARP tax-aid volunteer training, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Evergreen C93.

CSI Physical Education Department's Great Pumpkin Race 5K run/walk, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., campus circle.

Linda Seaman student violin and piano recital, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Recital Hall 115.

"The Dinosaur Chronicles," 7 p.m.; "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time" and a live sky tour, 4 p.m.; "Hubble Vision," 7 p.m.; "Antems of Ghoulish Delight" Halloween show, 8:15 p.m.; and "Altrageous Rock," 9:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

CSI Golden Eagle volleyball vs. North Idaho College, 4 p.m., Coeur d'Alene.

Judy Call student violin recital, 5:30 p.m., Fine Arts Recital Hall 115.

USA Grappling Ultimate gate fight, 8:30 p.m., 7 p.m., Ebon Evans Expo Center.

Sunday

CSI Symphonic Band concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

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Fuel tax

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"I haven't settled in yet on what to support and what not to support," said Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandwich. "I want to hear from the public — what the public understands and what the public's willing to pay."

Sen. Joyce Broadword, R-Coevalle, said voters in the region have motor homes they only use part of the year, and are against an increase in registration fees. She said she would rather

consider a fuel tax increase. "If it's the only way, I would definitely look at it," Broadword said. "I'm not going to say that I'll never support a tax increase because I think that it's unrealistic."

Rep. George Eskridge, R-Dover, said he doubts a fuel tax increase has a chance in the 2008 legislature.

"I'm not thinking this is a good time economically to raise the cost of transportation for our citizens," he said.

Staffing

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"We're not done. Just look through the age brackets of the people that are managing the city and we're not done," said Councilman David E. Johnson, who was a formal method.

Things have begun to turn around, though.

Last year, the City Council approved several bond-pay increases, and the city plans to add more this year. The goal is to recruit and retain employees. Courtney also said the city has always had competitive pay and benefits.

Recent hires have increased training and supervising. Courtney said. Employees averaged 16 years of experience, now it's about 10, Courtney said. A recent survey also showed customer service at the city received high grades.

"Long-term we're going to be fine," Courtney said. "Generally speaking, we're still able to recruit and hire good people. It takes a little bit longer."

Bates' position has been filled already and the city just hired an assistant city engineer. One department that city officials say has stabilized is the police: In the past three years, nearly 50 new officers have been hired.

Thrower can also be a natural byproduct of city government — but also lead to efficiency. After a longtime supervisor in the parks and recreation department retired, the city reshuffled it and created an assistant director.

"I tell my employees if you're not happy here, let me help you," said Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Boywer. "If it's in the city or out of the city, if

they can better themselves, I'm all for it."

Courtney, 59, said the most important thing is planning ahead: he asks retiring employees to inform him of their decision well in advance of exiting. He even suggested the city hire an assistant city manager.

"From a planning standpoint and from a succession standpoint it makes sense as a city manager to approve an age where they could retire, to have someone that's being potentially groomed to take over the position," he said.

Abuse

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It's a silent epidemic in what is called the father says. "People are protecting people who aren't worth protecting. I hope our daughters will have that instilled in them, so that you report to me, you know."

The couple — a telecommunications technician and a stay-at-home mom — spoke on the condition that they and their daughter not be identified, so she can try to move on from the nightmare that began in the late 1990s.

But they want to share their story to encourage anyone being abused by an educator to move forward. They also hope school officials will do more to get abusive teachers out of classrooms.

"I thought my children were safe in school," the girl's mother says. "I don't trust anybody now."

Her daughter was a fourth-grader at Pershing Elementary School, when Spertik began teaching her how to play the clarinet.

She liked him. He said nice things about her and played funny games during class, including letting them draw lips on duct tape and put it on their mouths.

Eventually, though, she and two of her friends started to feel uncomfortable with what they described as increasingly creepy behavior.

After attending a school seminar about inappropriate touching in 2001, they wrote a note to the woman — who spoke to them.

He "rubs our leg sometimes, rubs our back to feel for a bra," the girl — then age 11 — wrote for herself and her friends. "He comments (to me) about my hair and how nice it looks when it's down, comments to (another female student) on how she dresses and that she should be a model."

"We are afraid to tell our parents," they continued in the note, which made its way to Karen Grindie, the principal at Pershing.

The girls thought it was enough to flag an adult's attention without having to be too explicit.

Grindie, according to court documents, spoke to the children individually and to some of their parents — though she didn't show the letter to the parents.

She told them that their daughters felt uncomfortable with the hand teacher — that she had spoken to Spertik, and he explained that he was only correcting their posture and tapping them on the knee to help them keep a beat.

The parents felt reassured. Later in court, however, the girls claimed they had privately told Grindie that Spertik touched them in their groin area. Grindie insisted that never happened.

Given her findings, she made no report to the authorities, but did tell Spertik not to touch his students for any reason.

Grindie — who was later cleared of criminal charges for not reporting Spertik — did not respond to a request for an interview. Nor did Spertik, by way of his attorney.

William Jordan, the district's superintendent at the time of the abuse, also could not comment, citing the victims' civil suit against him, other school officials and Spertik.

"It's important to look at what the school failed to do," says Heidi Lovey-Reyes, a Chicago attorney who represents some of the families, including the one profiled in this story. "I think it's easy for school districts to turn a blind eye. It's easier than saying they can be held accountable."

When predator strikes, society views male, female abuse victims differently

The Associated Press

A 17-year-old girl in upstate New York is forced into sex by a male teacher. Instead of sympathy, the student gets harassed for causing trouble for a popular teacher, threatened and pushed around by other girls. Just six weeks before graduation, she quits school.

A 17-year-old boy in Colorado is seduced by his attractive female teacher. A neighbor tells the teen's mom it was a sexual conquest like "climbing Mt. Everest." He has to hide from the crush of media attention.

They are crimes and abuses, but often they're treated as entertainment. Girls are pressed into the role of seducer or naive victim. Boys are seen as studs.

Sexual misconduct by teachers is remarkably common in American schools, an AP investigation found. But how Americans react to it is deeply split depending on the victims' gender.

"Hollywood, they think it's

such a hot thing when a guy gets laid at a young age. I tell you, it's not a hot thing," said Jeff Pickhorn, who speaks from experience. He was 12 when he began having sex with his seventh-grade teacher, who was 24. "They say that guy's lucky. I say, no, he's not lucky at all."

At the time, Pickhorn might have agreed with them. For several months, he had sex with his teacher until his parents found out and the teacher was pressured to resign. It left him "with no boundaries," he says now at 54, his life marred by affairs, gambling, and ruined marriages.

The AP's survey of five years of state disciplinary actions against teachers found 2,570 educators were punished for sexual misconduct.

In the cases where the victim's gender was clear, the large proportion were female. Almost nine out of 10 of the offenders were male.

But the boys who are drawn into sexual relationships with their female teachers get an overwhelming amount of

attention, especially when the woman is attractive. They're the subject of heavy news coverage, jokes from late-night TV comics, Web sites with photos, videos and more.

What's more likely to be described as rape or sexual abuse when the victim is female turns into a "tryst" or a "sexual liaison" when the perpetrator is female and the victim is male.

"Prosecutors try hard not to treat these cases differently and not to apply any kind of double standard. But there are some very real double standards in society that affect how these cases will be accepted by jurors and judges," said Michael Sincore, an assistant state attorney in Tampa, Fla.

He prosecuted Debra Lafave, a former Florida middle school teacher who admitted to having sex with a 14-year-old male student. Public attention paid to the 25-year-old blond newlywed quickly went "off the charts," Sincore said, after photos surfaced on the Internet of her on a motorcycle in a bikini.

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Computerized records are focus of possible CSI degree

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Soon, the College of Southern Idaho's burgeoning medical courses could number one more.

But the new degree won't be good for surgery or nursing. Rather, the college will train students to run electronic records systems of the sort adopted by several Magic Valley medical offices and soon to be required by the federal government.

The decision to offer a technology-based degree was made after the college surveyed health care providers in the region. The survey revealed that professionals trained in health information technology were one of the greatest needs in the area — a surprise, said Mark Sugden, CSI dean of health sciences.

"We kind of anticipated that, so we're pursuing it," Sugden said.

The program, which will blend training in health science with information technology, is in part a response to a 2004 federal mandate that will eventually require hospitals and physicians across the country to have compatible electronic records systems.

The college could have students enrolled in the program by fall 2008, Sugden said. The paperwork has already been sent to the Idaho State Board of Education, which could approve the program by spring.

That process should be an easy one, Sugden said, because much of what the program would need is already in place. Students would still take some standard medical classes — human structure and bioethics, for example — and only six courses would have

to be developed specifically for the program.

The courses, he said, could be squeezed into existing classrooms and computer labs and wouldn't have to wait for construction of the college's planned health sciences building.

"Because it doesn't require anything the college doesn't already have, we think we can do this without waiting for that new building," Sugden said.

Graduates of the program could find jobs with physicians such as Dr. Peter Doble. A doctor with Trinity Ear, Nose and Throat in Twin Falls, Doble said he's used electronic record-keeping since the mid-1990s and acquired his system separately from one used by St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and assorted other physicians in the area.

"It was the handwriting on the wall," Doble said, explaining why he decided to purchase the pricey system. "It was what made sense to do."

Doble uses his software to videotape surgeries and take photos of patients for later comparison. Patients, he said, have embraced the system and don't seem concerned about the safety of their records — protected by firewalls, encryption, a dedicated power source and a fingerprint-based access system. Patients participate in updating their records every visit, he said, something that allows them to see how he works and participate in their own care.

Graduates could find plenty of jobs if Doble's enthusiasm spreads — and the federal push, Sugden said, should guarantee quite a few jobs anyway. The odds seem good, he said, that the CSI program will be approved early enough to begin accepting students in the spring.

"We're anticipating that that's not going to be a problem."

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Dr. Peter Doble of Trinity Ear, Nose and Throat is seen Friday afternoon at his office in Twin Falls. He said he's been using electronic record-keeping since the mid-1990s.

Ready for winter?



Jeana Brown measures a truck's oil level during a maintenance check Saturday at TDM Auto Service. TDM Auto Service is one of two Magic Valley auto shops participating in AAA's Car Care Month to prepare drivers for winter weather.

Car company offers tips for winter maintenance

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Winter is coming.

To Dave Carlson, that means drained batteries and plenty of calls to AAA from people whose cars slid off the side of an Idaho mountain road.

But it doesn't have to be that way. With a few simple precautions, Idahoans can reduce their chances of winter mishaps and keep their vehicles running smoothly over the next few months, said Carlson, AAA Idaho director of public and government affairs.

The car association, a non-profit that provides automotive, travel, financial and insurance services, is celebrating Car Care Month in October, Carlson said, an opportunity to spread infor-

mation about proper vehicle maintenance and the problems it avoids. AAA used to mark the event in April, but organizers decided October made a better time of year.

"It's early enough in the season that if people will take advantage of it, they will get their cars winter-ready," Carlson said.

That includes checking antifreeze levels and battery fluid, both of which have more stress placed upon them during winter. Batteries require two and a half times the effort to start up a car in winter, Carlson said. Oil is also a problem. "It thickens in cold weather — and drivers should switch their oil with a higher-viscosity product to help the motor turn over easier, he said.

An antifreeze-to-water mix-

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ture of half and half will protect a car down to -30 degrees Fahrenheit, Carlson said. That and a set of all-season radial tires should cover most parts of the state. But drivers headed for the mountains, he said, should invest in winter tires with a better grip.

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Twin Falls Community Foundation announced

By Erica Littlefield
Times-News correspondent

Over the years, Twin Falls residents have donated generously to projects such as the skateboard park and the band shell in City Park. A new organization has been formed to manage future donations and fund more community projects.

The formation of the Twin Falls Community Foundation was announced at an informational meeting Thursday in the Twin Falls City Council Chambers. Ken Edmunds, the chairman of the foundation, said it is an organization that will raise money for community projects and help other groups raise and manage funds for projects.

"Twin Falls is a giving community, and we want to find a way to organize so we can take advantage of that and make it more successful in the future," Edmunds said.

Although the city is providing the foundation with some administrative support to help get it started, it is a separate entity, Edmunds said.

The foundation has four goals — to encourage philanthropy in the community; identify projects that need funding; maintain a permanent fund; and serve as stewards of that fund. It has also applied for 501(c)(3) status, so any donations made to the foundation will be tax deductible.

The idea for the foundation came when Twin Falls Mayor Lance Cloyd received a \$10,000 donation from the Seagraves Foundation. Cloyd began contacting people he thought might like to be involved in the new organization.

According to Edmunds, about 20 to 25 people attended those early meetings, and they formed a seven-person board of directors, all of whom volunteered. At their first board meeting in September, the group drew up bylaws and a mission statement.

The foundation will have its first general membership meeting in March 2008. Until then, the group has plans to develop a Web site and marketing materials and make presentations to community organizations.

Cloyd said funds from the foundation could go to a variety of different projects.

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Want to join?
Cost for membership in the Twin Falls Community Foundation is \$10 a year. To become a member or get involved with the foundation, contact Chairman Ken Edmunds, 735-0144.

Wendell City Council takes first step to promote water conservation

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Water woes seem to never end. In a worst-case scenario, the city of Wendell could lose 70 percent of its water supply to mandatory curtailment.

But before the situation becomes that serious, the City Council is trying to make water conservation more than just a buzz word.

During Thursday's meeting, an ordinance calling for water conservation measures was read for the first time; after its third reading, it will likely become law.

"With water quantity issues at the forefront, and the problems with the aquifer, the city needs to be headed in the right direction with water conservation," said Councilman Rick Cowen. The ordinance was drafted as a proactive approach to saving water, he said. "By getting this ordinance on the books, the city of Wendell is a little more ahead of the curve."

Provisions within the draft include water conservation at restaurants and other eating establishments to serve water only when it is requested, and limiting the use of potable water on landscape to just three days a week and before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

City leaders say they will practice what they preach.

"I admit it. I water my lawn usually every day or every other day," said Councilman Jason Hoover. "But with all the problems, I just can't water more and will cut back to following the ordinance."

Violators will face consequences, including fines from \$40 to \$240.

In other council news, J.L.B. Finetour and Bob Hegstrom informed council members that the city has almost completed design drawings for the city's wastewater treatment system and is moving forward to contract with a survey crew to

locate manholes within the sewer system.

He said identifying the manholes is a critical step in completing plans for updating the system and that the firm is making strides in preliminary work.

"We need to start the process as quickly as possible and get the information from the video inspections," Hegstrom said.

J.L.B. should have design plans ready for the council's review at its next meeting on Nov. 1.

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Filer school needs won't go away, board says

Recent bond vote failed to garner enough support

By John E. Swartz
Times-News correspondent

FILER — A recent bond levy vote failed to produce the 68.6 percent super majority needed

to pass, but members of the Filer School Board voiced support recently for making another bid in the future.

"If this were a general election and we were voting for a committee or senator, a 60 percent approval would be a landslide," said John Probst, school board chairman. "This is definitely the community saying we need this, but statistically we need about 60 more voters to come out in favor."

Faced with projected student growth numbers of 3.5 percent to 10 percent over the next decade, members of a district's long-range planning committee were proposing a \$14.9 million bond issue for the construction of an intermediate school to accommodate fourth through sixth grades. The funds would also be used for repairs or expansions to existing facilities.

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T.F. City Council to consider YMCA contract

Times-News

The Twin Falls City Council will consider tonight a contract with the YMCA of Twin Falls to continue management of the city pool.

The city's pool advisory board agreed to recommend the contract last week.

The initial contract expired Sept. 30, but it was extended by one month

because of unresolved issues.

The YMCA has managed the pool since 2002. The city of Twin Falls pays the YMCA \$50,000 annually.

The pool, and its management by the YMCA, was thrust into public scrutiny this summer when the YMCA endured a string of publicized disputes between employees and management.

The new contract will continue to require the YMCA to disclose quarterly and annual financial statements for the city pool and will also mandate the YMCA to track attendance figures. The YMCA must also report fundraising events or amounts.

The City Council meets at 305 Third Ave. E. Meetings are open to the public.

Daniel Lee Alban

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, was a gorgeous fall day in Ketchum. On this day, we all lost a truly special person. Dan lost his gallant 80-year-old fight against multiple sclerosis.

his life on Aspen Grove Lane south of Ketchum, with his wife Susie of almost 31 years. He thanked her everyday for all the gourmet food and for taking such good care of him.

both that he loved them every day.

The beautiful scenery along the banks of the Wood River, abundant wildlife and Baldy views to the west and Red Cliff views to the east were always so important to him.

Dan was so appreciative of his huge family, caring neighbors, many dear and supportive friends, Dr. Scott McLean, the staff of St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in the ER, ICU, RT, OT, beloved Home Health people and

Special love and survived by his wife, Susie; brothers, Ken (Pat) and Steve Alban; Aunt Reva and Uncle Sy Alban; their four children, Jill, Joe, John and Julie; cousins, Bill Alban (John Berry) and Bob (Jeannie) Alban and all extended family.

There is no service planned at this time. Join the Fall 2008 Ketchum MS Walk to honor Dan and all others with this terrible disease. Please keep local charities, restaurants and shopping in your hearts.

We really had fun, didn't we?



Belva V. Douglas

Belva V. Douglas, 86, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at SunBridge. She was born Feb. 24, 1919, in Filer, the daughter of Edward and Bertha Snider. She attended grade school in Berger, Idaho, and Hollister High School, where she graduated in 1937. She later attended Albion Normal for two years. Belva then moved to Arizona, where she lived for a time and worked as a cook. She later lived and worked as a cook in Palm Springs. She moved to Round Mountain, Nev., where she met and married Jack V. Douglas in an Indian ceremony on Oct. 15, 1948. In 1975, she and Jack moved to 2007, at SunBridge, where she lived until her death.

SERVICES

Clell Scott (Ted) Haffer of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

J. Reed Allen of Twin Falls, memorial and celebration of life at 11:30 a.m. today at the LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls; visitation from 10 to 11:15 a.m. today in the Relief Society room at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Kalma Mae Young Kerdahl of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the LDS Eastland Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Jerry A. Davis RICHFIELD — Jerry A. Davis, 81, of Richfield, died Saturday Oct. 20, 2007, at his residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Grace E. Fryou BOISE — Grace E. Fryou, 83, of Boise, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007. Funeral services will be

where she met and married Jack V. Douglas in an Indian ceremony on Oct. 15, 1948. In 1975, she and Jack moved to 2007, at SunBridge, where she lived until her death.

Belva is survived by six cousins. She was predeceased in death by her parents, Edward and Bertha; her husband, Jack, in 1978; and her younger sister, Opal.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Garry D. Runyon of Glens Ferry, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Wendell Cemetery (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Kathleen Nussbaum Hawkins of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary (Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.); visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Tuesday at the mortuary.

Mabel Wodkows Hopkins of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Star LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

held Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Cloverdale Funeral Home with burial following at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

Allen Sinclair Allen Sinclair, 61, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2007, at his home in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Hazel Olive Owens Huffaker

Hazel Olive Owens Huffaker, 89, returned home to her Heavenly Father on Friday October 19, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Hazel was born Dec. 23, 1917, in Hazel to Flans and Lucy Owens and was born sixth of 11 children. Her family eventually settled in Twin Falls. As a young child, Hazel contracted rubella that damaged her hearing. She was educated at the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind during her childhood/teenage years and had many fond memories of her time spent in school.

On Jan. 30, 1941, she married her classmate's sweet heart, Morris Huffaker. They were blessed a couple of years later with their only child, Lucy Huffaker Niefenegger. A dark shadow fell for Hazel and Morris when Lucy suddenly passed away in 1979.

Hazel was a member of the deaf community and was also

a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Her love and faith in the Lord were an inspiration to many. She is survived by her three grandchildren, Connie (Jim) Ronske of Kennewick, Wash., Mark (Teresa) Niefenegger of Grapeland, Wash., Kevin (Christi) Niefenegger of Meridian, Idaho. Hazel is also survived by seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, a sister, Lucy Harmon of Twin Falls, two brothers, Verlynn (Della) Owens of Elko, Nev. and Leonard Owens of Burley, and many dear nieces.

She was predeceased in death by her parents, five brothers, two sisters, her husband of 61 years and her daughter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Demary Funeral Service, 2007 Wendell Chapel. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, at the Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding.

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Filer

Continued from page A4 A second \$800,000 bond issue would have allowed for improvements to football field amenities. Donantz, long-range planning committee chairman, said the levy results came down to a lack of public participation at district bond informational meetings and the subsequent efforts of disinformation on issues such as state funding for out-of-district students.

Car care

Continued from page A4 Course, that assumes drivers are starting their cars successfully. Carlson said. Motorists worried about cold or leed-up vehicles should park inside a garage, if possible, check their cars first thing in the morning to avoid surprises and use a brush to clear off any snow from their vehicles.

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Griselda 'Gracie' Salinas Lopez

RUPERT — Griselda "Gracie" Salinas Lopez, a 36-year-old, Rupert resident, passed away Oct. 18, 2007, in Salt Lake City. Gracie was born Dec. 1, 1970, in Turburt, the daughter of Serafin and Maria Salinas. She has lived in Rupert all her life. Gracie married Martin Lopez and they have been married for 14 years. She worked at J.R. Simplot for five years and later for Farmers Insurance Group in Pocatello and was studying to be an insurance agent. She was a member of the St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Gracie enjoyed being with all her family and loved to joke around with everyone. Nothing stopped her. Gracie is survived by her husband, Martin Lopez; four children, Crista and Andrew Lopez, Marlene and Renee Lopez; parents Serafin and Maria Salinas; grandparents Salinas Salinas and Irene Paz Vaca; three brothers,

Serafin Jr. (Lorrie) Salinas, Rodolfo (Gabriela) Salinas, and Sergio Salinas, all of Rupert; three sisters, Lourdes (Marlo) Aguilar, Erica (Jose) Magana, both of Rupert, and Yolanda (Ramon) Mexicano of Shoshone; nieces and nephews, Anthony, Eric and Nick Salinas, Ileana, Kenya, Jonathan Aguilar, and Alejandro and Eric Magana, all of Rupert. She was predeceased in death by a nephew Juan Carlos Aguilar, grandfather Rodolfo Vaca and grandmother Avelina Salinas.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert with Father Mike St. Marie, as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Hansen Mortuary (Rupert Chapel, with a viewing at the completion of the Rosary until 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

A huge thank you to Shawn Bingham and everyone Gracie worked with at Farmers Insurance.

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Continued from page A4 including a community recreation center or expanding the Canyon Rim Trail system. "I want the community to know that (the foundation) is here as a vehicle to enhance the quality of life," Clow said. Bill Block, one of the foundation's board members, said forming a new foundation rather than partnering with an existing organization, such as the Idaho

Community Foundation, will allow them to fund a broad spectrum of projects while still maintaining a local focus. "I think individuals who make smaller donations will feel more comfortable if they were going to see those dollars at work in the community," Block said.

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Following these steps should make the winter months easier for drivers — and for AAA, Carlson joked. "If members' cars aren't breaking down, then we won't have to answer as many service calls." Nate Poppino may be reached at 735-3237 or nppoppino@magicvalley.com.

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EDITORIAL

New rule for food safety: Let the diner beware

What's to prevent your favorite restaurant from serving you a plate of E.coli-contaminated spinach, like the greens that sickened 205 Americans and killed three last year?

A lot of checking, to be sure, but let's be honest: Some luck too. The South Central Public Health District and the Food Inspection Program of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare generally get high marks from restaurateurs, institutions and food retailers, but they're a handful of sentinels guarding a very busy gate.

That's because the food America eats isn't what it was 20 years ago. Your fast-food hamburger patty may have come from an Argentine cow, your scallops from a Chilean seafood farm, your tomatoes from Mexican truck farm, and your dogs kibbles — ominously from a Chinese factory. The federal Food and Drug Administration — the agency charged with making sure those and other imports are safe — simply can't keep up with all the imports.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the federal Department of Agriculture regulates mostly U.S.-produced goods, with only 38 foreign countries allowed to export meat to the United States. The FDA, by contrast, has relatively little control over, for example, 13,916 foreign seafood products. That's chilling since 83 percent of the fish consumed in America comes from other countries.

The U.S. is flooded with an enormous volume of food from abroad, where the risks to food are great than ever before, at a time when the FDA's ability to protect our food supply is growing even weaker.

William Hubbard, a former FDA associate commissioner, told the newspaper. Fortunately for consumers, federal food-safety watchmen are getting a big boost from the industry itself, which learned the hard way — through a string of poisonings and illnesses and the lawsuits which followed — that food safety is the franchise.

In-house food inspection by producers is far more stringent than it was 10 years ago, and some trade groups — including the Grocery Manufacturers Association and the National Fisheries Institute — are actually lobbying Congress to appropriate more money to the FDA.

Comforting? To a point. Food-borne pathogens are becoming less predictable and more virulent. According to research published in an infectious-disease journal in August, Idaho may have missed at least 50 percent more cases of E. coli sickness than were reported.

Those bacteria live in the intestines of mammals and are commonly found around cattle. A study at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls and Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls showed that strains of E. coli which produce shiga toxin, other than the strain most often tested — E. coli O157:H7 — were fairly common in the state. The toxin causes the diarrhea and other symptoms associated with the bacterium.

That's of particular concern in Idaho, where pathogenic strains other than O157 flourish in large agricultural operations.

In June, 12 cases of E. coli were reported in the South Central and Eastern public health districts, which was three or four times the usual incidence for late spring. According to Health and Welfare, there are 73,000 cases of infection and 61 deaths from E. coli in the U.S. every year, with 55 cases reported in Idaho in 2006.

The upshot is that like health insurance nowadays, food-borne disease prevention is becoming less the responsibility of institutions and more the province of individuals.

Simply stated, you can no longer trust to luck with what goes on your plate. The consequences of being wrong are just too severe.

Wash your hands before handling any food. Use bleach on food-preparation surfaces, and don't mix different kinds of meat or meat and vegetables on your kitchen counter. Cook meat to at least 160 degrees. Wash fruits and vegetables before you eat them.

As a rule, government agencies and the private sector do a good job of protecting our food supply in Idaho. But in a world far more uncertain than it used to be, you just never know.

Our view: Idaho's food-safety guardians are largely effective, but they can't protect us all by themselves. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Russia, China key to Iran strategy

Are we focused on Iran, or not? The Bush administration says that Iran is the greatest threat to our effort in Iraq, to the security of Israel and to the oil-rich Persian Gulf. Indeed, the White House says that Iran is the principal supporter of terrorism around the world. And, oh yes, Iran is working to get a nuke.



JAMES PINKERTON

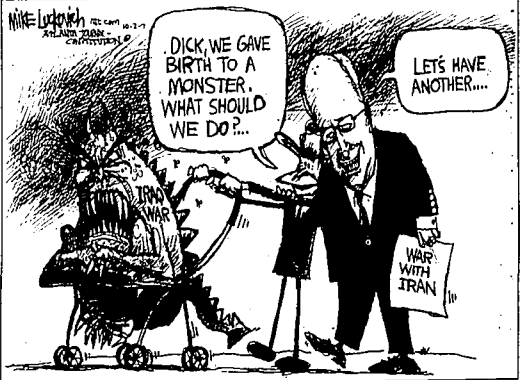
Military strategists have a useful concept: "The Main Effort." It's a simple idea. Based on common sense: Concentrate on one thing at a time, first things first.

But of course, in the "fog of war," it's easy to lose sight of the main effort. And so the U.S. Army field manual, published in 2001, lays out that concept in a whole chapter, just to make sure that everyone gets it: "The main effort is the activity, unit or area that commanders determine constitutes the most important task at that time."

The idea of "the main effort" applies to geopolitics, too.

In the '40s, the Soviet Union was an all-empire, but it was less evil — and certainly less of a threat to the United States — than Nazi Germany. And so in the European theater we concentrated our main effort on defeating Hitler. And it worked.

Indeed, we tried to win our wars when we can surround



and isolate our foe — as with Grenada in the '80s, or Serbia in the '90s. By contrast, we are much less successful when the enemy can be easily resupplied and reinforced by its allies, as was the case in Korea in the '50s, and Vietnam in the '60s and '70s. And so back to Iran. If we are to prevail, we will need to isolate the country, cutting it off from potential aiders and abettors — most obviously Russia and China, the two countries that provided help to North Korea and North Vietnam.

So how're we doing? Let's start with Russia. Just last week, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was in Moscow, preaching democracy in the middle of that autonomy, telling dissidents, "I think that there is too much concentration of power in the Kremlin." She's right, of course. But Russian strongman Vladimir Putin is not our principal enemy — he's not

the main effort. And for his part, Putin has tricks up his sleeve. So we need to learn on Tuesday, hobnobbing with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, warning the United States not to attack. And if the United States does attack anyway, who will the Russians help?

Now to China. The Chinese are already buying Iranian oil. Surely, China is nervous about possible American military action against Iran: the Chinese don't want to see the United States gaining still more control over Middle Eastern oil supplies.

So what does the United States do? Does it reassure China that we're its friend? That we're no threat to China, that what may win Iran? No, we do just the opposite. On Tuesday, President Bush welcomed the Dalai Lama — regarded by the Chinese government as a renegade and a traitor — to the White House,

and Wednesday, Congress awarded him a special gold medal, the official Chinese reaction was "fury."

Now we can say that the Dalai Lama is a jolly good fellow, but whose help do we want against Iran — his? Or China's?

As a smaller example, the House is working on a resolution condemning Turkey's genocide against the Armenians. Did the Turks do it, 90 years ago? Sure. But today, do we want Turkey's help against Iran, or not?

It's possible to argue that current American policy toward Iran is perfectly correct. In which case, Iran is not really our main effort, after all. And the United States is therefore unlikely to succeed in thwarting Iran's manifold ambitions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Talk to your WWII veteran now, before it's too late

The latest Ken Burns documentary about World War II, currently airing on PBS, surely refreshes the memories and emotions of all Americans that experienced the events of that time. The film is centered in large part on the testimony of several veterans and their relatives that endured the trauma and heartbreak of "The War."

In spite of the reluctance of some veterans to talk about their wartime experiences, the filmmakers did a great job soliciting and recording their stories. For some combat veterans, the experience was unbelievably horrible that they understandably conclude it would be futile to attempt to explain to others how horrible, how hellish combat was. Some don't talk for fear of triggering memory and reliving the horror. Others fear that talking about it may appear to be bragging. Some feel guilty that killing humans, even enemies, is immoral and unrighteous. Others, not directly involved in combat, don't talk much because they felt unnecessary, even guilty, that they didn't have to kill others or endure personal injury or death. The greatest fear for a fighter is the fear of fear itself, fear that one might yield to fear and thereby fail his comrades, run from the horror, commit suicide, surrender. Victims of this fear would surely refrain from talking of it.

Some have sought attention or admiration by lying about their war experiences. Some "talkers" didn't even serve. But some of the most silent vets can be persuaded to talk, may even want to talk. If friends and relatives approach them with love, genuine interest and an honest appreciation for their sacrifice, they're

dying fast, however. Talk to them now. His or her war stories also add to family history.

No less important, but not as urgent, the experiences of Korea, Vietnam and Iraq veterans should be recorded.

JACK HARTLEY Twin Falls

Be a man of your word and get out of office, Sen. Craig

Larry Craig doesn't have a clue. I would like to say that our Sen. Larry Craig has now sunk to new lows. He is now blaming the police for all his problems. He said that they entrapped him.

Well, I am a big man also, and I'm sure at times I have a wide stance in the bathroom. I have traveled all over and I'm not afraid to get in the floor or even play footsie with any one in the next stall.

Sen. Craig is a well-educated man. You never plead guilty to anything, and you sure as well tell your wife and family if you have problems. It really doesn't matter if he is gay or bisexual. Stop lying and get it over with. You felt the need to pick up anything on the floor or even play footsie with any one in the next stall.

whenever you do leave, you will be paid well. The people of Idaho elected you. Now we want you gone. As I'm one man, I will say this: See ya. Bye-bye. This is how I feel.

WARTIN FOWLER Twin Falls

Take away President Bush's unchecked power now

Asked on Dec. 15, 2002, if Bush had presented enough evidence against Iraq, 58 percent responded "no," according to polls by ABC News. A poll conducted by Times-CBS in October of 2002 had similar results. Twenty-three senators out of 100 voted against Joint Resolution 114 on Oct. 11, 2002. Twenty-one of these were Democrats, one a Republican and one independent. The results of the vote in the House of Representatives: 133 nays and 296 yeas. Of the 132 nays, six were Republicans, one Independent and 126 were Democrats.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said on that day, "This is the Tonkin Gulf Resolution all over again. Let us stop, look and listen. Let us not give this president or any president unchecked power, the Remember the Constitution." The United Nations was opposed. Everyone was not in favor. A "Treaty of the national political leadership" is responsible for the "nightmare" of the Iraq war, retired Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said this week. We should not be waiting for Bush to get out of office. We need to take away his unchecked power now. It is time to stop participating in the war in Iraq. We have lost our credibility in the world by getting to war under false pretenses. We have seriously compromised our military by oversteering our troops. We

twice. We have ignored our duty on attending to the impending health care crisis. We have ignored global warming. We are failing our future generations.

On Oct. 27, there is a peace demonstration in Salt Lake City. Details are at <http://www.oact2.org/>. I urge you to participate. Write to our congressmen. Support candidates who agree with ending the war. Take action.

DEBORAH SILVER Twin Falls

Johnson's bid for council has earned our support

This letter is in support of the candidacy of David E. Johnson for Twin Falls City Council.

I serve on the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, and Dave is the council liaison for both the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Since Dave was appointed to the City Council when Dennis Maughn left, Dave has been actively involved in learning how the city government operates and, too often, how it doesn't operate. Dave has been instrumental in pushing for the current update in progress on the city's Comprehensive Plan, including an expanded Parks and Recreation update. Dave has also been instrumental in pushing for the establishment of impact fees, to deal with the growth of Twin Falls and the effect that growth has had on city services. Dave has been pro-active in looking for solutions to the city's problems.

Dave has earned the support of the citizens of Twin Falls for city council, and I urge you to vote for him. I will. JOHN H. BONNETT Twin Falls

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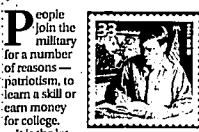
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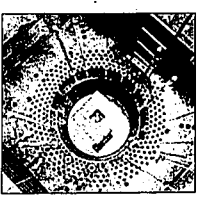
Moscow-Pullman Daily News



People join the military for a number of reasons — patriotism, to learn a skill or earn money for college. It is the latter that concerns veterans who find it difficult to pay for a college education with money available from the GI Bill.

tion. That was the case for many years but the reality now is the promise falls short ... Universities and states do what they can to help lessen the financial hit on veterans and their families, but they can't do it all.

... Nuclear safety



Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

Just like the rest of us, U.S. District Judge William Downes doesn't know all there is to know about the safety of nuclear reactors. But the Casper, Wyo. judge is smart enough to know where to go for information.

reveal weaknesses that could develop in materials over time. DOE last year launched a 10-year, \$200 million program to extend the life of the 250 megawatt reactor to 2040.

Idaho Gov. Butch Otter, for one, has few reservations about nuclear energy. He says the industry could eventually be worth as much as \$7 billion annually to the state, and that makes nuclear the preferred choice to other forms of alternative energy such as solar or wind.

Otter may be right, but one wonders if his endorsement is based on more than anecdotal experience; he says, for example, that solar panels to heat his ranch home in Star would cost 10 times more than a natural gas furnace.

Cost is not the only factor involved in choosing energy sources ... There's the safety question, which is why ... Downes wants to see the documents relating to the operation of the Advanced Test Reactor ...

... DOE lawyers say there is a security issue: "The easiest way to determine how to damage a reactor is to look at the safety envelope and accident analysis for the reactor, and then determine the best way to bypass or defeat the engineered standards ..."

ist needs ... A coalition comprised of the University of Idaho, Boise State University and Idaho State University will hit up the ... Legislature for funding for more energy research in cooperation with the INEL. Perhaps ... Downes and his DOE expert can contribute to that joint enterprise. The more we know, the better.

... Transit taxes



Idaho Statesman, Boise

I skeptical lawmakers aren't sold on public transportation, maybe some old-fashioned road construction will sweeten the deal. ... Treasury Valley transit backers will take another shot at securing the money they need to build a viable system.

They're writing up a bill to allow cities and counties to band together to form "regional transportation authorities." These groups could spend a voter-approved local sales tax on some combination of public transit and roads ...

earmarked local sales taxes for public transportation only that bill died in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee — a panel stacked with fiscal conservatives ...

Those legislative attitudes aren't going to disappear overnight. Public transportation is a high priority — or a near priority — in Idaho's rural legislative districts. So lawmakers may have little motivation to pass a local-option bill aimed at helping the Treasure Valley improve its public transportation system.

Road problems, however, are another matter. If lawmakers aren't already getting an earful about roads from frustrated constituents, they've certainly heard Gov. Butch Otter ... Sliding with the Idaho Transportation Department, Otter is placing the roads shortfall at \$200 million a year, and is telling lawmakers to expect a plan to raise taxes or fees.

... taxes collected locally, and spent on road projects selected by a board of locally elected officials ... could certainly provide one ingredient in addressing the state's crumbling asphalt infrastructure. And this new approach should motivate Otter, who has voiced support for local-option taxes in the past, but kept silent during the 2007 local-option debate.

For transit backers, splitting local tax dollars with road projects represents a half-and-half compromise. But it's better than nothing, considering that Idaho is one of but four states that provide no dedicated state or local dollars for public transportation ...

Lawmakers can no longer ignore the road needs that stretch across the entire state, and the gridlock that grips the Treasure Valley where legislators work three months out of the year ...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why is there enough money for war but not for children?

We need early childhood education standards. I am a firm believer that education begins in the child's home. I am thankful that I was exposed to educated parents and family that broadened my sense of "what is and what can be."

Unfortunately, there are parents in this area who have not had that exposure. These might be the same parents whose kids are in child care and need that extra help educating their kids and themselves on how to be better parents and raise better families. Don't we all want our kids to have better lives than us?

How can Idaho lawmakers repeatedly choose to ignore their day care and preschools exist? I know from experience that there aren't enough quality providers in the area. I demand that a day care be more than just a baby sitter. Just because a center looks good on the outside doesn't mean they make great minds on the inside. This is why Idaho needs a better focus on education for all ages.

Don't condemn mothers who work, since you don't know their reasons. Don't condemn the kids in child care by not providing preschool standards and money for programs. Education does begin in the home, but being a stay-at-home parent does not by default make that person an effective parent.

Shame on the lawmakers who oppose early child care standards. I dare you to look into the eyes of a 3-year-old and say, "I could have made your daycare safer and stronger (therefore our community safer and stronger), but your mommy chose to work. My hands were tied." Funny how there is always

enough money for a war but not enough for a child. KELLYE SCHAB Twin Falls

Global warming is a front for one-world government

Al Gore getting the Nobel Peace Prize makes a mockery of science. Man-caused global warming is a myth as the earth constantly goes through periods of warming and cooling. The goal is to scare us into accepting a United Nations global government.

In 2005, President Bush signed the Security and Prosperity Partnership agreement that will, by 2010, absorb the United States into a socialist North American Union with regional government with Canada and Mexico. It was an unconstitutional act which betrays his oath of office as it destroys U.S. sovereignty.

The arrangement of the Security and Prosperity Partnership's design gives the executive branch full authority to enforce and execute whatever is decided by the three-

nation agreement. This is accomplished by civil servant working groups, as though it were law, but it is unconstitutional. Congress is excluded from the process and the Security and Prosperity Partnership lacks transparency and accountability.

The reason only lip-service is given to close the borders is that open borders is part of the agreement. Also, a 1,600-mile-long superhighway is being planned to allow cheap foreign goods and labor to be imported.

Fortunately, 19 state legislatures have introduced resolutions to stop the North American Union, and the U.S. Congress voted 362 to 63 to stop funding the Security and Prosperity Partnership.

To stop the drive for world government, we must pass House Concurrent Resolution 40 to stop the North American Union and House Concurrent Resolution 22 to withdraw from the North American Free Trade Agreement.

ADRIAN L. ABE, PH.D. Twin Falls

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Match Financial Goals with the Right Investments

Over the course of your life, you'll almost certainly have many different financial goals—and to help achieve them, you'll need to use many different investments.

How might you target specific investments for specific goals? Here are a few suggestions:

- Saving for a home - When saving for a down payment on their first home, many people set up an account exclusively for that purpose, keeping the money separate from other investment accounts. To save for a home, you might want to use certificates of deposit (CDs) or short-term, investment-grade bonds, both of which can help preserve your principal.
• Saving for retirement - To enjoy a long and comfortable retirement, you'll need to build a substantial amount of financial resources. And you'll help yourself if you can accumulate those savings in tax-advantaged vehicles. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Your contributions are generally made with pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your earnings can potentially grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money will accumulate faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. And your 401(k) or other plan may have a dozen or more investment options.

Even if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, you can usually contribute to an IRA as well. A traditional IRA offers tax-deferred earnings, while a Roth IRA can potentially grow tax-free, provided you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. And you can fund an IRA with virtually any type of investment - stocks, bonds, CDs, etc.

- Saving for college - You can save for college with a Coverdell Education Savings Account or a Section 529 savings plan, both of which can provide tax-free earnings, as long as the money is used for higher education expenses. (Your earnings will be taxable if you use withdrawals for other purposes.) And if you invest in your own state's Section 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. However, Section 529 plan distributions could reduce your child's ability to qualify for financial aid. Another possibility is to consider a zero-coupon bond, typically issued by the Treasury under the name of STRIPS. You buy a zero-coupon bond at a steep discount, when the bond matures (which, if you've planned carefully, will occur when your child is ready to enter college), you collect the full face value. However, you may have to pay taxes on each year's interest payments, even though you don't actually receive them until the bond matures.
• Generating income during retirement - You could spend two or three decades in retirement, so you'll need a consistent income stream, which you may be able to receive from investment-grade bonds. But to fight the effects of inflation, you'll also need the potential for rising income, which you may be able to receive from dividend-producing stocks. (Keep in mind, though, that even stocks that have consistently paid dividends can decrease or eliminate them at any time without notice.)

Of course, these investments are certainly not the only ones available to you. But they do help point out the importance of identifying your various goals—and choosing the right investments to help meet them.

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Fish and Wildlife investigates grizzly bear death

Agency official criticizes people who feed bears

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is investigating whether a wildlife photographer who put out food for animals violated a federal law that protects endangered species.

The question is whether the food provided by Tom Holman resulted in the killing of a grizzly bear that became habituated to the handouts. Holman, who lives near Nordman, in northern Idaho, said his putting out corn for deer had nothing to do with the killing of the bear, a member of an endangered species. He also said that setting restrictions on residents putting out food violates private property rights. Holman, who sells wildlife photos on his Web site, said he has retained an attorney and intends to sue the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and

Wildlife Service for slander. The Idaho department was called in to kill the 2-year-old male grizzly on Oct. 4 out of concern it might attack someone. "I was not luring the bear in," Holman told *The Spokesman-Review* newspaper of Spokane. Chris Servey, the grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife Service, said the agency was looking into Holman's actions. "People like that might as well just shoot these animals right out," he said. "But the management agencies end up doing the dirty work."

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game killed the bear after rubber bullets, noise-making shotgun shells, and an attempt at relocating it all failed. It kept returning to the tiny lakeside community of Nordman, where other residents besides Holman also feed wildlife. Idaho does not restrict backyard wildlife feeding. "We don't have any options from an enforcement standpoint as far as dealing with people who are creating nuisance animals," said Wayne

Wakkinen, a biologist with Fish and Game. But the federal Endangered Species Act could be applied, said Servey. If such wildlife feeding resulted in the avoidable death of an endangered species, Holman said it didn't apply to him. "Simply feeding deer didn't kill the grizzly," he said. He also blasted authorities for what he said was an attempt to prevent people from knowing how many griz-

zly bears are in the area. "The grizzly bears are everywhere up here, and they're not telling people about it," he said. "They try to keep a secret." Officials estimate about 40 grizzlies are in the Selkirk Mountains. Holman told *The Associated Press* on Sunday that he put out corn for deer and that it attracted three grizzly bears this year. He stopped putting out corn when the third grizzly, which ended up being killed, became a frequent visitor, he said.



Several structures burn as strong, gusting winds push flames through Malibu, Calif., Sunday.

Wildfires rage across Southern California, killing 1, injuring 8

The Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. — More than a half-dozen wildfires driven by powerful Santa Ana winds spread across Southern California on Sunday, killing one person near San Diego and destroying several homes and a church in celebrity-laden Malibu.

No details were immediately available about the death in San Diego County, but four firefighters and four other people were injured and taken to hospitals, said Roxanne Provaznik, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry.

The fire was among at least eight blazes stretching from north of Los Angeles to San Diego, as hot weather and strong winds marked the height of the traditional wildfire season.

The fire responsible for the death and eight injuries burned about 2,500 acres near a highway. A second charred about 3,000 acres in northern San Diego County and was threatening homes near Witch Creek, Provaznik said.

Meanwhile, in Malibu, about 500 firefighters worked to protect about 200 homes in several upscale communities nestled in the hills, officials said.

The blaze, which started in Malibu Canyon, had charred at least 1,000 acres and destroyed a church and several homes, one of them a landmark estate. No residents or firefighters were injured, Los Angeles County Fire Chief Michael Freeman said.

The winds carried embers across the Pacific Coast Highway, closing the popular road and setting fire to cars and trees in the parking lot of a shopping center where a supermarket, drug store and other shops were damaged.

TV footage showed several buildings in flames in the area, including clusters of

Segway operator gets DUI ticket in downtown Boise

BOISE, (AP) — A Boise bicycle officer has ticketed a Segway operator in downtown Boise for suspicion of driving under the influence.

Police say 53-year-old Richard E. Kober steered his standup scooter in an erratic manner and nearly hit a pedestrian walking along Main Street on Saturday.

Police say that at first they didn't know if a Segway fell under Idaho law for driving under the influence.

Segways are electric-powered machines that a person propels by leaning in different directions.

Police eventually decided the machine did fall under DUI laws and issued a ticket.









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Brady tosses 6 TDs as Pats hammer Dolphins

MIAMI — Tom Brady was flawless, even returning to the game to throw a team-record sixth touchdown pass. Brady's total exceeded his career high of five, set last week against Dallas.

Brady now has 27 TD passes after seven games. The NFL record is 49 set by Peyton Manning in 2004. If Brady maintains his current pace over 16 games, he would finish with 61.

BRONCOS 31, STEELERS 28
DENVER — Jason Elam's 49-yard field goal gave the Broncos a 10-0 lead. Denver, Elam, who has the game-winner in all three of the Broncos' wins so far, nailed his kick to cap a seven-play, 49-yard drive.

Rookie Tim Crowder had a 50-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown and Jay Cutler threw three TD passes, coming off their worst home loss in 41 years, looked nothing like a troubled team.

Elam got to the passer despite Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey (hitting a miss) for game just the third in his career. Denver forced three turnovers and sacked Ben Roethlisberger four times.

BEARS 19, EAGLES 16
PHILADELPHIA — Desperately needing a victory to stay in the NFC hunt, Chicago's Brian Griese converted a 45-yard, 15-second drive with 9 seconds left.

The Bears didn't even need a Hester punt to bail them out of jam with an explosive return. Instead, the final, three-drive was all that was needed.

The Bears (3-4) were pinned on the 3-yard line with 1:57 left. Griese completed a series of short passes over the middle and Hester's dynamic kick returned shut down on special teams by the Eagles (2-4), had a 21-yard catch that brought Chicago to the 15.

COWBOYS 24, VIKINGS 14
IRVING, TEXAS — Chris Canty swayed a pack of nine players to play for Minnesota and Pat Watkins returned it 68 yards for a go-ahead touchdown.

Dallas bounced back from a lopsided home loss to New England and guaranteed itself at least two more weeks atop the NFC because of the Cowboys' win. During the time off, the Cowboys can savor being 6-1 for the first time since 1995 (their last Super Bowl season) and having beaten the Vikings for the first since 1996.

CHIEFS 12, RAIDERS 10
OAKLAND, CALIF. — Larry Johnson scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard run early in the fourth quarter and the Chiefs beat the Raiders for the ninth straight time, winning in Priest Holmes' return from a two-year absence.

In Jones, Kansas City's career leader in yards rushing and touchdowns, was activated this week for the first time since suffering a neck injury on a fateful hit from San Diego's Shawne Merriman on Oct. 30, 2005.

BENGALS 38, RETS 31
CINCINNATI — Kenny Watson ran for 130 yards and three touchdowns in the best performance of his career, and the Bengals' offense exploded in the second-half meltdown into their first victory in five games.

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Yankees to interview Girardi, Mattingly, Pena for manager

By Kat O'Brien and Ken Davidoff
Newspaper

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees will interview their first three managerial candidates in quick succession, beginning Monday in Tampa, Fla., with Joe Girardi, and continuing with Don Mattingly on Tuesday and Tony Pena on Wednesday.

Those are the only three candidates who general manager Brian Cashman has contacted thus far, but he expects to add candidates in coming days. Cashman, club president Randy Levine and some member(s) of the Steinbrenner family (owner George and/or sons Hank and Hal) are expected to be a part of the interview process.

It took little time after parting ways with Joe Torre for the Yankees to settle upon this trio as potential successors. Both Girardi and Pena have managed in the major leagues, and Mattingly has been viewed as someone who would likely someday manage the team for which he once served as captain.

Cashman has declined to name any specific qualities or characteristics he is seeking in the next Yankees manager, but this trio shares at least one thing in common. Girardi, Pena and Mattingly all have ties to the Yankees' organization. Girardi and Mattingly both played for the Yankees. Girardi on three World Series championship clubs (1986, '88 and '89). Mattingly has been an incredibly popular and respected lifelong Yankee, a Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada. Pena and Mattingly are currently on the Yankees' coaching staff. Pena is the first-base coach and Mattingly as the bench coach.

Girardi, first up in the interview process, was named National League Manager of the Year just last season. He guided the penny-payroll Florida Marlins to a 78-84 record in 2006 after most of the team's best and most experienced players were traded away. The Marlins remained in contention most of the season that year.

But Girardi was fired after the season because of a rift with owner Jeffrey Loria. A few weeks later, he won Manager of the Year honors. He entered the broadcast booth but had a chance to

get back to managing earlier this season. The Baltimore Orioles offered him a job as their next manager in June, one that he turned down because of "timing." Now he is a candidate for the Yankees' job, one that would seem a better opportunity given the team's stock of upper-echelon players and his own ties to the organization.

Some have compared Girardi to former Yankees manager Buck Showalter. That comparison comes as a result of his knowledge of the game and preparation, but also his tight control of the team.

Girardi has not spoken to the media about his interest in the job. At the time he turned down the Orioles' job, he indicated he would like to get back to managing.

All three candidates named so far would have an advantage in the transition to a new manager, given that current Yankees players are already familiar with them. Hank Steinbrenner told The Associated Press over the weekend that he did not anticipate a manager being named until after the World Series.

Indians pitcher Paul Byrd claims he never took HGH without doctor's prescription

BOSTON (AP) — His reputation, his clean-cut image, his stature as one of baseball's good guys, they all took a hit.

And Paul Byrd, the soft-spoken pitcher who prides himself on amateur and professional control, couldn't stop it.

Just hours before Game 7 of the AL championship series Sunday, Byrd acknowledged, using human growth hormone for the first time. But the Cleveland Indians' right-hander claims he never injected the banned drug without a doctor's prescription.

"I had a doctor to hide," Byrd said about two hours before his team's biggest game against the Boston Red Sox. "Everything has been done out in the open."

SCOREBOARD

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Team	Score	Opponent	Score
Arizona	5-3	Colorado	3-2
Baltimore	7-1	Texas	0-0
Boston	1-0	Los Angeles	0-0
California	1-0	San Diego	0-0
Chicago	1-0	St. Louis	0-0
Cleveland	1-0	Minnesota	0-0
Colorado	3-2	Arizona	5-3
Detroit	1-0	Philadelphia	0-0
Florida	1-0	Miami	0-0
Los Angeles	0-0	Baltimore	7-1
Minnesota	0-0	Cleveland	1-0
Miami	0-0	Florida	1-0
Mariners	1-0	Seattle	0-0
Montreal	1-0	Pittsburgh	0-0
New York	1-0	Atlanta	0-0
Philadelphia	0-0	Detroit	1-0
Pittsburgh	0-0	Montreal	1-0
San Diego	0-0	California	1-0
Seattle	0-0	Mariners	1-0
St. Louis	0-0	Chicago	1-0
Texas	0-0	Baltimore	7-1
Toronto	1-0	Washington	0-0
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White Sox	1-0	Chicago	1-0
Yankees	1-0	New York	1-0

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Arizona	5-3	Colorado	3-2
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GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

Time	Game
7:30 p.m.	NFL Football: ESPN - Indianapolis at Jacksonville
8:00 p.m.	NHL Hockey: Versus - Boston at Montreal

FOOTBALL

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Arizona	5-3	Colorado	3-2
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Boston	1-0	Los Angeles	0-0
California	1-0	San Diego	0-0
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny and not so cool. High up to 50s. Tonight: Clear skies and dry conditions. Low 30s. Tomorrow: More bright sunshine overhead. Hazy at times. Highs middle 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Delightfully sunny and not so cool this afternoon. Highs up to 50s. Tonight: Mostly clear with light winds and crisp overnight temperatures. Low 30s. Tomorrow: Temperatures climb higher. Sunny skies expected. Highs low to middle 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A mix of sun and clouds will accompany mostly dry weather for the region today through Wednesday. Temperatures are anticipated to warm a little each day.

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for Boise, Northern Utah, and Twin Falls. Includes temperature and precipitation data for various locations.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Oct 26, Nov 1, Nov 9, Nov 17.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

POLLEN COUNT

Table showing pollen counts for various allergens.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists various regional cities.

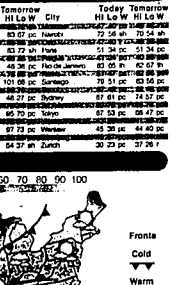
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists various national cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists various world cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists various Canadian cities.

TOP 25

Table listing top 25 college football teams with rankings and records.

MINNEAPOLIS

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Agencies seek public comment on alternatives for cleanup of buried waste at INL site

A public comment period is open through November 21. Public open houses will be held as described below.

Boston College is new No. 2 in AP Top 25 poll

By Ralph D. Russo Associated Press writer. NEW YORK — Be careful, Boston College. The Eagles were the new No. 2 in the 25 released Sunday, a ranking that's been more of a burden than a reward recently. The second-ranked team in The Associated Press poll has lost three consecutive weeks. BC faces its toughest test of the season Thursday night at No. 8 Virginia Tech. Ohio State is No. 1 in the media poll for the second consecutive week, receiving 57 first-place votes. BC was in this week but moved up one spot after South Florida became the latest No. 2. The Bulls lost 30-27 at Rutgers on Thursday night. The Eagles received two first-place votes and 1,494 points, giving them a small lead on No. 3 LSU. The Tigers moved up two spots, knocking over No. 4 Oklahoma, and received two first-place votes and 1,479 points after beating Auburn 30-24 on a last-second touchdown. Auburn fell five spots to No. 23 after the loss. Oregon was No. 5, up two spots, and No. 6 West Virginia moved up three places. After four top 10 teams lost last week, four new teams moved up to replace USE South Carolina, Kentucky and Cal. No. 7 Arizona State, which received one first-place vote, moved up five places without playing this week. Virginia Tech jumped three spots and Florida and Southern California also moved back into the top 10. The Cowboys and Trojans are tied for ninth.

Ohio St. tops poll

The Top 25 teams in the AP college football poll through Oct. 20 (first-place votes): RANK W L AP (57) W PTS PVS 1. Ohio State [7] 7-0 1,812 1 2. Boston College [2] 7-0 1,404 3 3. LSU [9] 7-1 1,479 5 4. Oklahoma [1] 6-2 1,423 2 5. Oregon [6] 6-1 1,353 7 6. West Virginia [4] 6-1 1,299 9 7. Southern Cal [3] 6-2 1,282 4 8. Virginia Tech [5] 6-1 1,111 11 9. Florida [8] 5-2 1,107 14 10. Michigan [10] 6-1 1,043 8 11. South Florida [4] 6-0 902 2 12. Kansas [9] 6-0 865 18 13. Michigan St [11] 5-2 843 16 14. North Carolina [12] 6-2 719 9 15. South Carolina [6] 6-2 646 9 16. Hawaii [13] 5-2 577 17 17. Texas [4] 6-2 497 19 18. California [5] 4-4 410 20 19. Memphis [14] 5-2 407 12 20. Georgia [5] 5-2 391 21 21. Virginia [7] 5-1 315 11 22. Alabama [15] 5-2 285 13 23. Auburn [5] 5-3 248 19 24. Penn St [6] 6-2 209 12 25. Rutgers [6] 5-2 174 10 Other receiving votes: UCLA 77, Boise St 72, Wake Forest 50, Connecticut 20, Clemson 21, Wake Forest 17, Air Force 11, BYU 14, Texas Tech 4, Troy 4, Fresno St 3, Oklahoma St 3, Purdue 3, Kansas St 2, Cincinnati 1, Temple 1, Texas A&M 1 AP

Packer great Max McGee, dies at 75

By Steve Kowalski Associated Press writer. MINNEAPOLIS — Max McGee, the free-spirited Green Bay Packers receiver who became part of Super Bowl lore after a night on the town, died when he fell while clearing-leaves-from-the-roof of his home. He was 75. Police were called to his home in a suburban Deephaven on Saturday afternoon. Sgt. Chris Whiteside said. Efforts to resuscitate failed. "I just lost my best friend," former teammate Paul Hornung told the St. Paul Pioneer Press. "His wife Denise was away from the house. She'd warned him not to get up there. He shouldn't have been up there. He knew better than that." McGee caught the first touchdown pass in Super Bowl history in 1967—a game he expected to watch from the sideline. When it was over, he had caught seven passes for —138 yards and two TDs—and Green Bay—coached by the great Vince Lombardi—had beaten the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10. "Now he'll be the answer to one of the great trivia questions: Who scored the first touchdown in Super Bowl history?" Hornung said. "Vince knew he could count on him. ... He was a great athlete. He could do anything with his hands." McGee had only four receptions—for 91 yards—during the 1966 regular season. He didn't plan to play in the title game against the Chiefs because he violated the team curfew and spent the night before partying. The next morning he reportedly told Dowler: "I hope you don't get hurt. I'm not in very good shape."

GOLF ROUNDUP Weir wins Fry's Electronic Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Canadian Mike Weir won for the first time since early in the 2004 season, shooting a 2-under 68 on Sunday for a one-stroke victory over Australias Mark Hensley in the Fry's Electronics Open. Weir secured the win with a 6-foot par putt after hitting his approach on the par-4 18th into a greenside bunker. The 2003 Masters champion took the lead with a birdie on the par-4 15th, rolling a chip shot to a foot, then held off Hensley over the final-three holes on a warm, blustery day on Grayhawk's Raptor Course. Weir finished at 14-under 266 for his eighth PGA Tour victory, and first since the 2004 Nissan Open, a span of 87 starts. Three weeks ago, he beat Tiger Woods in singles in the Presidents Cup at Royal Montreal. Hensley closed with a 69. Billy Mayfair, a Scottsdale resident and Arizona State pro, shot a 68 to finish third at 10 under. The final round. Peterson finished with a 3-under 69 on Friday and shot a 72 on Saturday in cold and windy conditions to take the lead at 3 under. She won her fourth LPGA Tour title of the year and became the first non-South Korean winner in the six-year history of the event. South Korea's Eun-Hee Ji finished a stroke back, com-

patriots Seon Hwa Lee and Jeong Jang followed at 1 under, and Hyun-Hee Moon was fifth at even par. Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa, coming off her seventh victory of the season last week in the Samsung World Championship, tied for 12th at 3 over after rounds of 12h and 75. The course was deemed unplayable after days of high wind on the greens that were already severely stressed by more than 20 inches of rain.

Cook gets 2nd Champions Tour title at AT&T SAN ANTONIO — John Cook won his first Champions Tour title in his second start on the 50-and-over circuit, closing with a 6-under 65 for a two-stroke victory over Mark O'Meara in the AT&T Championship. Cook, the 11-time PGA Tour winner who turned 50 on Oct. 2, began the round two strokes behind O'Meara and Tom Kite and was three behind after a bogey on the par-4 third hole at Oak Hills Country Club. But Cook led the next two holes, and added five more birdies on Nos. 9-11 and 15 and 16 to finish at 15-under 188. O'Meara, another Champions Tour rookie, shot a 69.

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Peterson wins LPGA's Hana Bank GYONGJUN, South Korea — Norwegian star Suzann Peterson won the Hana Bank KOLON Championship when high wind and unplayable conditions on the stretched-out putting surface forced tournament officials to call off

INSIDE:
Quick, what's a
four-letter word
for male cats?
That's easy! C6



INSIDE: Classifieds, C2-8 | Jumble, C3 | Sudoku, C4 | Service directory, C5

U.S. says forces kill 49 militants in Sadr City; Iraqis say 3 children died

By Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press writer



Men grieve for a relative, apparently a victim of an overnight raid, Sunday at Imam Ali hospital in the Sadr City enclave of Baghdad.

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said its forces killed an estimated 49 militants during a dawn raid to capture an Iranian-linked militia chief in Baghdad's Sadr City enclave, one of the highest tolls for a single operation since President Bush declared an end to active combat in 2003.

Iraqi police and hospital officials, who also counted casualties, reported only 15 deaths including three children. Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said all the dead were civilians.

Al-Dabbagh said on CNN that Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, had met with the U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, to protest the action. Associated Press photos showed the bodies of two toddlers, one with a gouged face, swaddled in blankets on a morgue floor. The bodies were pulled up, exposing their abdomens, and a diaper showed above the waistband of one boy's shorts. Relatives said the children were killed when helicopter gunfire hit their house as they slept.

One local resident said some of the casualties were

people sleeping on roofs to seek relief from the heat and lack of electricity. The Iraqi officials said 52 were wounded in the raid on the sprawling district.

The U.S. military said it was not aware of any civilian

capturing an alleged rogue militia chief, one of thousands of fighters who have broken with Muqtada al-Sadr's mainstream Mahdi Army. The military did not say if the man was captured. He was also not named.

The Shiite cleric has ordered gunmen loyal to him to put down their arms but thousands of followers dissatisfied with being taken out of the fight have formed a loose confederation aimed at capturing Iraq.

The U.S. operation was the latest in a series that have produced significant death tolls, including civilians, as American forces increasingly take the fight to Sunni insurgents, al-Qaida militants and Shiite militias.

The intensity and frequency of American attacks and raids have grown since the arrival of about 30,000 additional soldiers on June 15.

The reinforcements were ordered into Iraq earlier this year by Bush and have inflicted a heavy toll on militants on both sides of Iraq's sectarian divide. American commanders credit the troop buildup for a sharp drop in the number of attacks and deaths of U.S. soldiers and Iraqi civilians, particularly in the past two months.

casualties, and the discrepancy in the death tolls and accounts of what happened could not be reconciled. American commanders reported no U.S. casualties.

The raid on the dangerous Shiite slum was aimed at

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12 Turkish troops killed in ambush near Iraq border

The Associated Press

SIRNAK, Turkey — Kurdish rebels ambushed a Turkish military convoy on Sunday less than three miles from the Iraq border, killing 12 soldiers and Iraqi President Jalal Talabani — himself a Kurd — ordered the rebels to lay down their arms or leave Iraq, Turkey dismissed his call, saying the time had come for action.

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Talabani

Despite the harsher rhetoric, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday it appears Turkey's military is not on the verge of invading Iraq, a stable region in pursuit of the rebels — an incursion strongly opposed by the United States and Iraq.

Gates told reporters that in a meeting with Turkish Defense Minister Vecdi Gok, he advised against a major cross-border incursion despite the continuing provocations.

"I'm concerned that he seems to be implying a reluctance on their part to act un-

ilaterally, and I think that's a game thing," Gates said. "I didn't have the impression that anything was imminent."

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he told Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in a phone conversation Sunday night that Turkey expected "speedy steps from U.S." in cracking down on Kurdish rebels, and that Rice expressed sympathy and asked "for a few days" from him.

Turkey's Parliament last week authorized the government to deploy troops across the border, and the military confirmed that soldiers were chasing the rebels and pounding 63 suspected positions with artillery. Deputy Prime Minister Cemil Cicek would not say however, whether some of those positions were on Iraqi soil.

"Whatever is necessary in this struggle is being done and it will be done," Cicek said. The troops, backed by helicopter gunships, killed 32 rebels on Sunday, Cicek said.

The rebel group, Kurdistan Workers' Party or PKK, is warring with the Turkish government. The PKK has also captured a "number" of Turkish soldiers. Eight soldiers were missing according to private NTV television.

Cicek refused comment on the report, saying "the clashes are still under way."

Soyuz craft misses target, but cosmonauts and space traveler arrive safely

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Soyuz craft veered off its designated landing course Sunday, coming down more than 200 miles short of its original destination on the steppe of Kazakhstan. It arrived safely, bringing two Russian cosmonauts and Malaysia's first space traveler back to Earth, officials said.

A computer glitch caused the landing capsule carrying Russians Evgeny Yurchikhin and Oleg Kotov and Malaysian Sheikh-Muzaphar Shukor to end up about 210 miles west of the designated site near Arkalyk, Kazakhstan, Russia's Mission-Control spokesman Valery Lymn said.

The craft arrived at 6:36 EDT — one minute ahead of schedule — and the crew was

unharmful, he said. Russian search and rescue teams quickly located the craft, NASA reported on its Web site. It said all the three crew members were feeling fine.

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All crew members have

been recovered and they are feeling quite well," Perminov said at a news conference at Mission Control.

Alexei Krasnov, the head of the Russian space agency's manned space programs, said an "official commission" was formed to "investigate" the glitch.

In May 2003, Russian cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin and American astronaut Kenneth Bowersox and Donald Pettit also experienced a steep, off-course landing. It then took salvage crews several hours to locate the spacecraft because of "communications" problems.

AROUND THE NATION

LOUISIANA

Gov.-elect Lindal vows to tackle corruption

KENNER — In a state known for its brass politicians, Bobby Lindal's methodical, workaholic style is strikingly different — and his first plan of attack as Louisiana's governor-elect strikes at the heart of the state's reputation for cronyism and corruption.

The Republican congressman, a day after his historic win in a field of dozen candidates for governor, pressed ahead with his campaign pledge to clean up the state's 17-year-old. He said one of his first acts will be to call a special legislative session to reform ethics laws.

"If I go down as one of the more boring but effective governors, I'll take that as a great compliment," Lindal said at a news conference Sunday. "Our people don't want to be amused by our antics anymore — we don't want to be entertained."

Lindal won outright in the state's open primary election, finishing atop the slate of candidates with 54 percent of the vote. The newly elected governor will take office in January, becoming Louisiana's first nonwhite governor since Reconstruction and the nation's first Indian-American chief executive.

VIRGINIA

Cheney says U.S. will not allow Iran nukes

LEESBURG — The United States and other nations will not allow Iran to obtain a

TEXAS

Halliburton's quarterly net income rises 19%

HOUSTON — Halliburton Co. continues to benefit from placing greater emphasis on its operations in the Eastern Hemisphere, where expanding business helped the company post a 19 percent rise in third-quarter earnings.

The Houston-based oil-field services company said Sunday its net income rose to \$727 million, or 79 cents a share, in the July-September period from \$611 million, or 58 cents a share, in the year-ago period.

The most-recent results included a favorable income tax benefit of \$133 million, or 15 cents a share.

— The Associated Press

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TRUCKS & PICKUPS

1973 Chevy 150 Trg A46 Truck; 350 eng, 5622 trans, 20' steel grain dump bed • 1972 Chevy 1500 Trg A46 Truck; low miles, 2007 eng, 5522 rate. 16' Knoplidge grain dump beds (one with rebuilt eng.) • Ford F150 4x4 Pickup; V8, 4sp trans, service box

GRAIN EQUIPMENT

1999 Agco/Gleaner 862 Combine; Cummins rebuilt eng, auto header condition, 30.0L-32 from drive tires, 16.9-24 rear tires, 24' header • Gleaner M11 Hillside Special Diesel Combines • 12' bin shop • 12' roller • 10' header • Gleaner C11 Combine (for parts) • 1997 Case/1111100 Grain A1 Seeder; 30', harrow hitch • Brandt Kield Fold Spreader; 80' hyd boom • Feter 10' x4' Grain Auger; 3 hp ele motor • Westfield 6' x14 Grain Auger (like new)

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T.S. No. ID-11313-C Loan No.: 741330959 A.P.N. RP10518E18020A
Notice is hereby given that, First American Title Insurance Company is the appointed Successor Trustee, with an order of 12/29/2007 at 11:00 a.m. (revised local time). At the entrance to the First American Title Company Building, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID., will sell at public auction, the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payables at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 18 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 18: A parcel of land in Lot 1, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Westerly boundary of said Lot 1, thence due South 180.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence running South 89°43'30" East along a line parallel to the Northerly boundary of said Lot 1 for 185.0 feet to the due North corner of said Lot 1; thence due North 180.00 feet to the point of beginning. Except the Westerly 25 feet for road purposes. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-1113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 3898 North 3300 East Twin Falls, ID. 83401. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding the possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Michael L. Packham and Kathleen A. Packham, husband and wife, as grantors, to First American Title Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, dated 12/29/2001, recorded 12/29/2001, which is a part of the public records of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, and the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee FKA Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, under the Deed of Trust of the County of LLC, attorney in fact. The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they or any one of them, are the owner of the property, but that the fact that this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust and Note dated 12/29/2001. The monthly installments for principal, interest, and insurance (if applicable) of \$1227.00 are due on the first of each month of 12/2007 through 12/29/2007, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$89,000.00, including accruing interest at the rate of 13.625% per annum from 4/12/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, and the 180-day late fee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold as a cash sale subject to the terms of the First American Title Insurance Company Deed of Trust, recorded in the County of Idaho Executive Trustee's Office, 15455 San Fernando Mission Blvd., #208, Millerville, CA, 91345. Phone: (818) 637-2300. Sale Time: (7:14) 259-7850. AGAF# 820240.

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7. BLACK LAB, neutered male adult, choke collar, K-Mart on Addison
8. PIT BULL Brown and white, male adult, 4 wks. Av. W.
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4. BLUE HEELER, female pup,
5. BORDER COLLIE, male pup,
6. HEELER/BORDER COLLIE X, 5 mo. old,
7. YELLOW LAB, female pup
8. BORDER COLLIE X puppies, male and female
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Molly Moore, 4, works with therapist Joan Kauffman at The Counseling Center in Twin Falls, on Oct. 10. Kauffman utilizes a number of techniques during her sessions, including using a sandbox with toys for children to show their emotions.



Weak about knees

Americans with osteoarthritis of the knee may need to wait a little longer for proof that three common approaches actually work.

In a review of 42 randomized controlled trials on hyaluronic acid injections, 21 studies on the supplements glucosamine and chondroitin and 23 articles on arthroscopy, researchers at the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association's Technology Evaluation Center found some positive effects for hyaluronic injections and for glucosamine-chondroitin, but the quality of the trials was extremely uneven. The most rigorous study on glucosamine-chondroitin found no effect. The only available study comparing arthroscopic surgery with a placebo procedure did not find surgery to be more effective than the placebo.

This is not to say that these procedures don't work, says lead author David J. Samson, but rather that evidence is surprisingly scanty. "It's the difference between being unsure of effectiveness and being certain about ineffectiveness," he said. "We would love to see additional research done with higher quality methods."

Sushi, with a side of parasite?

Attention, sushi lovers: Be sure to tell your doctor what you've been eating if you develop—sudden—stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting.

That's the advice of the American College of Gastroenterology, which points to two reports from Japan that illustrate why. Raw and undercooked fish can contain larvae of a roundworm, called Anisakis. The larvae don't survive long in humans. But while present, they attach to the lining of the stomach and small intestine, where they can cause sudden abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. The symptoms can sometimes look as if they stem from a small intestinal blockage or can be mistaken for peritonitis, stomach ulcers or appendicitis.

Fluid replacement and rest—rather than more invasive treatments or medications—usually relieve symptoms, which is why the college says it's important to let your doctor know your food preferences if these symptoms arise.

Taste might play role in anorexia

A part of the brain that helps regulate taste might play a role in anorexia nervosa.

Using functional MRIs, researchers at the University of California, San Diego, and the University of Pittsburgh measured activity—in the brain's 32 women, who had been on a diet of water and distilled water. Half of the women had recovered from anorexia; the other half had never had the eating disorder. The researchers found that the former anorexics had significantly less activity in the insular cortex and surrounding areas of the brain, when eating sugar than did the control group.

"We get hunger signals to go ahead and eat, and people who are rewarding," says lead author David Lewis, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh. "People with anorexia have a different taste perception."

More than a sandtray

Sand, toys contribute to therapy

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

One woman, trapped in a marriage she didn't like, built a wall out of sand—representing, perhaps, two sides of herself.

A child scared by his stepfather gradually buried a figure in the sand, growing more confident as it disappeared.

Another, afraid of water, poured sand through a waterwheel until she realized she just wanted to know where water goes after it empties down a drain.

All of them passed through the offices of Kacey O'Connor and Joan Kauffman, and all of them benefited, the two therapists say, from recreating and exploring their problems using trays filled with sand and figurines.

The two specialize in play therapy, a practice that combines fun and games with introspective examination. For close to six years, their business, The Counseling Center in downtown Twin Falls, has relied on sand trays, cardboard blocks, dolls and other toys to help children and adults express their problems.

The approach, they say, reflects their belief that everyone is born fundamentally well-balanced and can return to that state after dis-

turbances from trauma or other events.

"Really, what we're tapping into is their unconscious," Kauffman said.

And they're doing it in a way that bypasses traditional face-to-face conversations, which can be awkward and less revealing, O'Connor said, especially for teenagers. A good example was the tray of a boy who had been abused by his father. The boy's arrangement depicted his abuse and gave Kauffman a place to start a conversation.

"That's something he can look at and I can look at and we can be horrified together," Kauffman said.

The trays are extremely private. Though the therapists save photos of them, they don't send those home to parents, whose attempts to interpret them can muck up the process. Kauffman and O'Connor don't even know what some trays mean until their patients explain, and they never assume a figurine is what it looks like.

"I don't call it a giraffe until they call it a giraffe," O'Connor said.

The two used to be schoolteachers and counselors, but decided there wasn't enough they could do for kids in that setting and received their master's degrees in counseling from Northwest Nazarene



Sand trays are used with children as well as adults, to help them express their feelings. Hundreds of figures line the walls at The Counseling Center for people to use on their sand trays, then Kacey O'Connor or Joan Kauffman discusses the trays with them.

University in 2000. They discovered play therapy through conferences and college programs shortly after, and decided to bring it to the Magic Valley.

Other counselors in the area use play therapy, O'Connor said, but she's not sure how many specialize in it as she does—parts of two walls in the therapists' offices are covered in figurines, and they have several bins with different types of sand. Their approach has won their attention from local health agencies that refer patients for

Curious?
The Counseling Center is at 132 Main Ave. S., Suite 7, in Twin Falls. Sessions cost about \$80, and the center accepts Medicaid and other insurance. For information: 732-0405.

therapy or parenting advice.

Their patients are varied—they even see couples who build separate trays to represent their lives, and then combine elements of them to work out the shape of their married lives. It's sometimes a good break from kids, who can build the scariest trays, Kauffman said.

"Children are intense."

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Tame the stress by learning Zen meditation at CSI

By Ariel Hassen
Times-News writer

Take a moment, clear your mind. Not easy, right?

If you would like to learn meditation techniques to help relieve stress, consider signing up for "Introduction to Zen Meditation" at the College of Southern Idaho.

"It can be very helpful to people in their everyday lives," said Leslie James, who will teach the class. James grew up in Twin Falls but now lives in California's Carmel Valley, at a Zen retreat center. "Given how

stressful people's lives are right now, if they're looking for some relief of stress or peacefulness, this might be a way for them to get some sense of what is the best thing for them to do."

Zen, which means "meditation," encompasses techniques for calming the mind and reflecting on your thoughts and actions. This pause for self-reflection can allow the person meditating to separate past issues from today's situation.

"It means being present with whatever is there, present with yourself, whatever is there in your life."

James said. "Basically, you're just being open to whatever comes up in your mind, trying not to get fooled by it but trying not to get away from it."

Misconceptions about Zen might keep people from trying out the techniques, James said—such as the idea that it competes with religious or spiritual beliefs.

"Sometimes people wonder if it's contrary to another religion, if there would be some conflicts, but there really isn't. It's very complementary," she said. People often think of stark Japanese rock gardens when they think of Zen, but James said Zen is

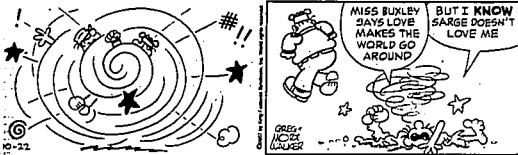
more about openness than sparseness.

The class will be conducted over two days, 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 29 and 30, and students may attend either day or both. Separately, the days cost \$25, together \$40. Register at 732-6442 or cal.edu/communally.

The first class will introduce students to Zen teaching and sitting meditation. Loose clothing is recommended, and students may bring a cushion to sit on. The second class will include two 30-minute sitting meditation periods, walking meditation and a short lecture.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lols

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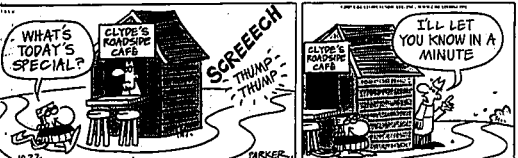
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The Wizard of Id

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Wife's computer affair could result in marriage meltdown

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Nancy," and I have been married 3 1/2 years. We've always had our differences...



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

using her prospective visit as a way of meeting her new "best bud."

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with time. I am always late, no matter what...

I have tried giving myself time frames and everything else I can think of...

DEAR MISS SUZIE: I'm glad you realize that you have a problem, because being chronically late is not only evidence of poor time management...

I do have a suggestion that has worked for me. Because you are usually "barely" on time or late...

usually talk with him instead. I have already told her I want a divorce based on the premise that "if marriage is a flame, she is snuffing it out."

DEAR HURT: Your wife is having an emotional affair, and you have every right to feel the emotions you're experiencing. However, instead of telling her you want a divorce...

I also recommend that you discuss the situation with your in-laws and try to enlist their help.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- Actress Joan Fontaine is 90. Nobel Prize-winning author Doris Lessing is 88. Actor Christopher Lloyd is 69. Actor Derek Jacobi is 69. Actor Tony Roberts is 68. Actress Annette Funicello is 65. More director Jan de Bont is 64. Actress Catherine Deneuve is 64. Rock musician Leslie West (Mountain) is 62. Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour is 60. Actor Jeff Goldblum is 55. Movie director Bill Condon is 52. Actor Luis Guzman is 50. Actor-writer-producer Todd Graff is 48. Rock musician Chris Kirkwood is 47. Christian singer TobyMac is 43. Singer-songwriter John Wesley Harding is 42. Actress Valeria Golino is 41. Comedian Carlos Mencia is 39. Country singer Shelby Lynne is 39. Reggae rapper Shaggy is 39. Rapper Tracey Lee is 37. Actor Michael Fishman is 36. Talk show host Michael Essany is 25. Rock musician Zac Hanson (Hanson) is 22. Actor Jonathan Lipnicki is 17. Actress Sofia Vassiliou is 15.

THOUGHT

"There is only one real sin, and that is to persuade oneself that the second-best is anything but the second-best."

-Doris Lessing, British Nobel Prize-winning author

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TO DO FOR YOU

Breast cancer support

Breast Cancer Support Group, 7 p.m. today, in the reception area at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer Center, 656 Addition Ave. W.

Dr. Michael Dixon, radiologist at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, will discuss an update on cancer. The group is open to breast cancer survivors (male or female) and their families and friends. Free. Lydia at 933-4053 or Mary at 734-1766.

About Halloween safety

Halloween safety and anti-abduction class for children and parents, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Success Martial Arts, 1300 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Learn CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. New parents and grandparents can learn about infant

CPR, choking, child safety and injury prevention. Free. Pre-registration not required; 732-3148.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

This week's topic is traveling with baby. The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. Free; 324-7262.

About C-sections

Fourth class of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's prepared childbirth series, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, at the Jerome Recreation Center, 2032 S. Lincoln.

The class will discuss cesarean birth and tour the hospital. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person. Registered fee is \$5 per class. To register: 324-1122, ext. 3361.

Visit the health fair

Magic Valley Health Fair, 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, at Merchants buildings No. 1 and 3 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

The event will include \$20 flu shots, free skin cancer screening and free carotid artery screening (for ages 60 and older).

Blood tests will be available for PSA (prostate specific antigen) for \$25, TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) for \$20, and lipid panel for \$16. Fasting is required for 10 hours before testing (drinking water is fine).

Bring your Medicare or Medicaid cards. Parking is free at the fairgrounds. Free shuttle bus will leave from the west parking lot of Twin Falls High School at 6:30 a.m. and will run from Twin Falls to Filer every half hour.

The event is sponsored by St. Benedict's, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional and the Times-Herald.

Learn about Medicare

Medicare Bus, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 29, at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W.

Andrew Tartella, representative from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Seattle, will answer questions about Medicare, including prescription drug coverage, Medicare advantage plans and preventative services. He will give a Medicare

update presentation.

Flu shots will be available. Bring your Medicare card. Lunch available for additional cost. Reservations required for lunch: 734-5084.

Dental sealant for children

Dental sealant clinic for children in second through sixth grades, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 3, in the Dental Assisting Lab, Room 182, at the College of Southern Idaho's Aspen Building.

Sealants are plastic coatings applied to molars to prevent tooth decay. Sealants protect only the chewing surfaces of the molars and will not prevent decay between teeth, in the front teeth or on the roots, organizers say.

The program is sponsored by Regence Caring Foundation for Children, South Central District Health and CSI in an effort to improve children's oral health. Free. Appointments: 737-5875.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. E-mail notices to ramona@mag-valley.com.



From left, Urban Outfitters cable scarf, \$38; Vival Azzorei zip sweater jacket, \$310; Corpus knotted scarf, \$66; and Rebecca Taylor cardigan, \$405.

Size matters

By Cory Ohlandorf
The Washington Post

When designers returned to the snugly softness of familiar fall sweaters, they felt the need to go big. Really big.

London designer Giles Deacon knitted blanket-wide scarves — created with custom, broomstick-size needles — that nearly swallowed the models wearing them. Wenlan Chia, whose cult label Twinkle is known for its novelty knits, super-sized her sweaters with yarn as thick as a thumb.

"It's youthful and slightly bohemian," says Chia. "The chunkiness makes it feel less precious, but still very sumptuous and rich."

Like the extra-long "sleep XL" stocking cap by Dutch designer Mischa Lampert, who specializes in nubby knit scarves and hats from hand-dyed cashmere.

However, much of the woolen wear for fall 2007 seems to have found a balance between fashion and function. More likely to fit into a dresser drawer are pieces by such designers as Rebecca Taylor, whose cable-knit cardigan features cocoon sleeves and vintage-inspired enamel buttons. Or, a slinky waffle-weaved jumper by Marc Jacobs.

Corpus, purveyor of drain-pipe jeans, offers a knotted rope that's equal parts craft necklace and skinny scarf. Even Vival Azzorei, the Israeli-born New York designer known for his sharp, tailored aesthetic, found a way to be big and bold while keeping the shape sleek.

"You have to wear it in a certain way, pairing it with something simple or unexpected," says Chia, who sells a namesake line of heavy-weight yarn and released a book of Twinkle patterns earlier this year — for those who prefer to spin their own yarn, so to speak.



From left, Marc Jacobs jumper, \$328; Mischa Lampert cashmere hat, \$210; Twinkle sweater, \$125; Vival Azzorei jeans, \$264; Twinkle's Big City Knits' pattern book, \$32.50; wood-embossed scarf, \$23; and Twinkle yarn, \$18.

Your laptop, your look

The Washington Post

You've spent a small fortune on your kid's laptop, which, alas, looks like every other kid's laptop. To make the pricey school tool easier to spot — and, presumably, harder to lose — Retrofitted Designs of Seattle offers vinyl LapSchtickers, which easily adhere to the top and just as easily peel off.

Choices include iconic images (Van Gogh's "Starry Night," Hokusai's "Great Wave"), mid-century modern motifs (Charles and Ray Eames fabric prints), zebra stripes, tropical flowers and trendy skulls. Go custom with your own monogram or family dog photo, or lush with faux suede. At \$19.99 to \$29.99, they're cheaper than replacing a lost computer. Also check out PostStickers, mini stickers for pocket-size music systems. Call 800-610-9776 or order online at www.schtickers.com.

Bigger people might have problems finding fitness wear.

By Vicki Hallert
The Washington Post

Q: I'm just starting to work out. I wonder whether outfitters have clothes in larger sizes or only sizes for those who are already fit and trim. A: Skinny people don't have a monopoly on exercise, but for many reasons most clothing companies have been awfully slow to figure this out. So, I'm not going to lie to you: It's much harder to get outfitted for exercise if you're a guy bigger than an XXL or if you're a plus-size woman.

But there's hope. There are signs the fitness-wear industry is finally realizing how stupid it's been. REI, for instance, is making larger sizes a priority in its own line this season, rolling out base layers, outer layers and everything in between. "It's not just a few pieces — you can get crew necks, zip tops,

fitness pants or capris," notes Susannah Browner, presentation specialist at the Bailey's Crossroads, Va. store. But don't expect to find the products on the racks. You can finger the fabrics and check out the cuts on smaller garments in stores. But then you'll have to order online. (There are extended sizes' areas for both men and women on the company's Web site.)

One of the reasons REI jumped into this field is that only a few of the other brands it carries have expanded their sizing options. You may want to take a look at Columbia Sportswear, which has not forgotten the big and tall crew. And, for the ladies, Moving Comfort and SportHill...have...plus-sizes galore. Spend enough time in these duds and soon enough you'll be able to fit into anything in the store.

Soap & Glory products now on sale at Target

Newsday

"Yes, You Can Have It All: The Most Astonishing Hand Cream Ever... Celebrity Beauty Secret ..." shout headlines of the new bathing beauty products from Soap & Glory, masterminded by Bliss founder Marcia Kilgore, who says, "You shouldn't have to spend an arm and a leg just to moisturize one."

The pink packaged products with retro graphics are

being sold at Target and range in price from \$2.99 for Flake Away, a spa-strength body polish that smooths skin, to \$9.99 for The Righteous Butter, a velvety skin moisturizer.

The stuff all smells great and feels good, but the claim of the lip plumper, Marcia Kilgore's new product, is that it explodes in volume up to 10 times when it comes into contact with water. We were too scared to try it.

Culling your closet What to do with castoff garments.

NEXT WEEK IN IMAGE

Dr. Kent Allen and Dr. Shannon Wadner, owners of Pleasant Cove Dental, would like to address the concerns of patients who are not retaining dentists, or preferred providers, with any of the many dental insurance programs.

Q: What is a PPO (preferred provider organization)?
A: It is a contract between an insurance company and a provider (in our discussion, a dentist) in which the dentist agrees to discount fees that exceed the fees established by the insurance company.

Q: Who can be a preferred provider?
A: Insurance companies do not select just certain dentists to participate. Any dentist in good standing with the state dental board may become a provider.

Q: Does Pleasant Cove Dental accept all insurance?
A: Yes. We work with you to receive the benefits to which you are entitled. The insurance does not pay is the obligation of the patient.

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Common Retirement Mistakes
 For many people, retirement is not the stress-free vacation from financial concerns that they envisioned. Bad planning is often the culprit.

For the next 10 weeks we will cover the most common mistakes that retirement-age individuals often make as they try to manage their own financial affairs.

Week 4 - UNCERTAINTY ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY. Depending on your health, life expectancy, retirement goals, and sources of income, you may want to receive social security benefits beginning at 62, your full retirement age (between 65 and 67), or even age 70. Because there is no time at which it is mandatory to take benefits, determining just when you should begin receiving social security is a critical component of retirement planning. Consult with a trusted wealth manager.

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