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## ICL threatens to sue Nevada mines

Mines not adequately reporting mercury emissions, conservation group says

By Matt Christensen  
 Times-News writer

The Idaho Conservation League, a prominent environmental group, is threatening to sue two Nevada gold mines it says have dramatically underreported mercury emissions to the federal

Environmental Protection Agency. The ICL sent letters to the Florida Canyon Mine and the Denton-Rawhide Mine last week alleging the mines failed to adequately report their mercury emissions to the EPA under the Community Right to Know Act.

Emissions reports filed by the mines with the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection show much higher numbers than those supplied to the EPA. The ICL says the reports indicate the mines are dumping the pollution they're dumping into Idaho water.

The Nevada Mining Association says the ICL is using "voodoo math." "They're trying to compare apples to oranges," said Jonathan Brown, the association's director of regulatory and environmental affairs.

**See it online**  
 See copies of the letters the Idaho Conservation League sent to two Nevada mines.  
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## Brothers sentenced in South Hills murder

Two more people to be sentenced next month

By Cass Friedman  
 Times-News writer

Two brothers who pleaded guilty Tuesday to murdering 19-year-old Jessie Aaron Coates last December in the South Hills will spend two very different terms in prison — both getting what they deserve, Coates' mother says.

The older brother, James Roy John Jr., 20, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison, including 30 years before he's eligible for parole. Five District Judge Randy Stoker's sentence mirrored Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb's request, which Loeb had agreed to give in condition for John Jr.'s plea. The public defender had asked for a baseline sentence of 25 years.

Stoker ordered his younger brother, Michael Lee John, 19, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, to serve 15 years, including four years before he's eligible for parole. In his case, Loeb's request for five years in prison before Michael John can be considered for parole, just as Loeb's promise in an earlier plea agreement. Michael John's attorney, Loren Bingham, asked first for probation and then a list of alternatives — all of which the judge found too lenient.

At the courthouse, Judy Coates, surrounded by her family, experienced a mix of relief, anger and satisfaction while she watched the judge mete out justice. "They've been friends of



**J. John Jr.**  
 Life in prison, eligible for parole in 30



**M. John**  
 15 years, eligible for parole in four

## Sharp drop in US troop, civilian deaths in October

By Steven R. Hurt  
 Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — October is on course to record the second consecutive decline in U.S. military and Iraqi civilian deaths, U.S. and American airstrikes commanders say. Kill 11 they know why: the U.S. troop increase and an Iraqi groundswell against al-Qaida and Shiite militia extremists. Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch points to what the military calls "Concerned Citizens"

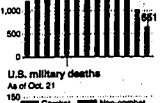
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## Civilian turnaround

The decline in U.S. military and Iraqi civilian deaths in the past two months is due to troop increase and support from Iraqis, according to American commanders.

Inside Iraqis. See page C8

Israeli civilian deaths As of 4 p.m., EDT, Oct. 23, 2007



U.S. military deaths As of Oct. 21



Security crackdown begins in Baghdad

SOURCES: Department of Defense; AP

# THE RUSH FOR RECHARGE



Representatives of the North Side Canal Company and the Idaho Department of Water Resources look on as Nick Scheidt, far right, a hydrologist for IDWR, tests the water flow rate Tuesday afternoon at a canal near Hazelton.

## Officials in a race against winter to replenish aquifer

"If this water freezes, it could end the whole project."  
 — Cindy Yenter, an IDWR water manager

HAZELTON — Any other year, water in the North Side Canal Co. system would be long gone by now, sucked up by southern Idaho farmers. This year, the water still flows — part of a first-ever attempt to recharge the depleted Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, the Magic Valley's primary source of drinking water, after the end of irrigation season.

The recharge effort is part of a deal between groundwater pumps and surface-water users who say the pumps have depleted surface water that emerges from the aquifer at Thousand Springs. Pumps here the recharge water will move through the aquifer and emerge at the springs.

Idaho Department of Water Resources hydrologists began measuring the project's success Tuesday, using a \$20,000 device that gauges flow. Early indications show the recharge is working, but officials worry about an early hard frost. "If this water freezes, it could end the whole project," said Cindy Yenter, an

IDWR water manager. As water trickles out of the reservoir at Milner, it seeps into the North Side's web of canals. Officials hope the water will seep through leaky or porous spots and into the aquifer. The water must be released

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## Firefighters all but concede defeat to raging California wildfires; flames too big, too fast

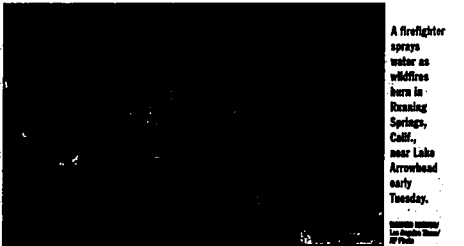
By Gillian Triggs  
 Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Faced with unrelenting winds whipping wildfires into a frenzy across Southern California, firefighters conceded defeat on many fronts Tuesday to an unstoppable force that has chased more than 500,000 people away.

Unless the shrieking Santa Ana winds subside, and that's not expected for at least another day, fire crews say they can do little more than try to wait it out and contain — tamping out spot fires and chasing ribbons of airborne embers to keep new fires from faring. "If it's this big and blowing with as much wind as it's got, it'll go all

the way to the ocean before it stops," said San Diego Fire Capt. Kirk Humphries. "We can save some stuff but we can't stop it." "Hundreds of unpredictable, shifting flames have burned across nearly 600 square miles, killing one person, destroying more than 1,800 homes and prompting the biggest

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A firefighter sprays water as wildfires burn in Rancho Springs, Calif., near Lake Arrowhead early Tuesday.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Thursday Sunny and pleasant Mostly clear Temperatures 51-65 High 72 Low 39 65 / 39

MINI-CASSIA Today: Unseasonably warm, sunny and dry Highs low 70s Tonight: Mostly clear and dry. Lows 50s Tomorrow: More bright sunsets. Turning cooler and breezy at times. Highs low to middle 60s

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twin Falls County Democrats Central Committee meeting, includes a practice presidential caucus, 7 p.m., Gertie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls. Open to the public, 429-6653. Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, workshop, 7 p.m., Jerome Senior Center, bring finger foods, 734-4647.

FESTIVALS AND BAZAARS

The 76th Annual Turkey Dinner and Country Store, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison E., Kimberly, \$6 for adults, \$3 for children age 10 years and younger (take-out dinners available), 733-4931.

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking program 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 and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 1:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475. Coping with Widowhood, an eight-week series providing information and support for widowed men and women, sponsored by Widowed Wellness Programs of Idaho, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Katz Conference Room, South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, 736-2122. (Drop-ins welcome.) SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384. Grief Share, "The Journey of grief was not meant to be walked alone," 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley, child care available, 654-2500.

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

MORNING BRIEFING

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Oct. 25-27 — The 20th annual Used Book and Bake Sale, includes hardbacks, paperbacks, books on tape and on CDs, videos and DVDs, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (25, 26), and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (27), Halley National Guard Armory, proceeds to augment library services, (donations may be dropped off from 10 to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 and 24 at Halley Armory), 720-7395. Oct. 27 — Benefit Pancake Breakfast, for Spc. Andrew Pike and Sgt. Dianne Nelson, sponsored by the Rock Creek Fire Department, includes raffle, trucks, race cars, rock-climbing wall and more, 7 a.m. to noon, Kimberly High School, donation, 423-4336 or 731-7700. Oct. 27 — College of Southern Idaho 2nd Annual Great Pumpkin Race 2007 and fundraiser, includes SK Run/Walk, 9 a.m. registration and 10 a.m. start time, \$25; one-mile, competitive youth challenge, noon registration and 12:30 p.m. start, \$15; and one-mile, non-competitive youth challenge, 1:00 (costumes encouraged; trick-or-treating at designated locations) and costume judging at noon, C.S.I. south entrance parking lot, 732-6479 or www.sponsor.com. Oct. 27 — Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church Harvest Bazaar, includes 15-20 visiting vendors, a variety of craft and food items for sale and silent auction for specialty gift baskets, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 821 E. Ave. H, Jerome, proceeds to MVFEC women's ministry and benevolence fund, 324-1100. Oct. 27 — Valley Christian Church annual Harvest Dinner, includes turkey dinner with all the trimmings (beverage and dessert), country store, bake sale and quilt raffle, 5 to 7:30 p.m., at the church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls, suggested donation: \$7 adults, \$3 age 10 and under and \$25 for a family; (take-out dinner upon request), 733-2588. Oct. 27 — Pork Prime Rib Dinner fundraiser, sponsored by Thrivent Financial Organization of Twin Falls, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$10 per person, no cost for children age 5 and under, 734-5089. Oct. 27 — The Thousand Springs Chapter of Ducks Unlimited 27th annual dinner and auction banquet, with silent and live auctions, games and raffles, 6 p.m. doors open and 7 p.m. dinner, Buhl Catholic Parish Hall, 1631 Poplar St., Buhl, 543-4497 or 843-8069, for cost and reservation information.

CHURCH EVENTS

Oct. 25 — Valley Presbyterian Church Harvest Dinner and Auction, dinner includes Tri Tip, potatoes, rolls, beans, salad bar and pies, 6 to 7 p.m. dinner with auction following, at the church, 310 Park St., Hazelton, \$10 for ages 13 and older; \$5 for ages 12 and under, proceeds to paint sanctuary and provide tickets to Women of Faith convention, 829-5536. Oct. 26 — The Paul United Methodist Church annual bazaar and harvest dinner, 5 to 7 p.m., at the church, 127 W. Clark St., Paul, free-will donation, 438-5530. Oct. 27 — Burley First Christian Church Harvest Dinner, includes a ham-and-turkey dinner with all the trimmings and pie; baked goods, crafts and hand-made items for sale and drawing for large basket of items, 5 to 7:30 p.m., at the church, 1401 Oakley Ave., free-will offering, 678-2462. Oct. 27 — Valley Christian Church annual Harvest Dinner, includes turkey dinner with all the trimmings, beverage and dessert; country store, bake sale and quilt raffle, 5 to 7:30 p.m., at the church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls, suggested donation: \$7 adults, \$3 age 10 and under and \$25 for a family (take-out dinner upon request), 733-2588.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Oct. 25 — Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Carol Quintance, 1114 Eastridge Way, Twin Falls, 733-6810. Oct. 27 — First get-acquainted activity for Twin Falls Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club, children up to age 16 invited to learn benefits of membership, 2 p.m., Rackham Home, 1004 W. Sixth St., Fljr, 316-2244. Oct. 27 — Buttons "n" Bow Square Dance Club Halloween Dance, all-singing call dance; costumes optional, 7:30 p.m. pre-records and 8 p.m. square dance, Twin Falls Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave., \$4 per person, bring finger foods, 308-4628.

HEALTH

Oct. 25 — (RESCHEDULED) — "Staying Sharp" by AARP, originally planned for Oct. 25, has been rescheduled to Nov. 14, 9 a.m., Bridgeview Estates, Twin Falls, 738-3933. Oct. 26 — Magic Valley Health Fair 2007, sponsored by St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, St. Benedict's Family Medical and the Times-News; includes 825 flu shots, reduced-cost blood tests, low-cost carotid artery testing, free skin cancer screening, free vision exams, mammogram scheduling, free immunizations, glucose testing, height/weight/blood pressure checks and "Ask a Doc" booth, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Fljr, no entry fee (free parking); bring Medicare/Medicaid

card, (blood draws require 12-hour fasting), 735-3251 or 420-0485. Oct. 27 — "Helping Kids Succeed in School and Life" Annual Fall Conference, sponsored by St. Luke's Center for Community Health in partnership with the Community Drug Coalition; features keynote speaker Steven Maybell, Ph.D., community resource fair, book fair hosted by Iconclast Books, "Unsung Heroes" community awards and more, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Community Campus, Halley, no cost, free child care provided (limited space available), 727-8733 or www.stlukesline.org/healthycommunity for required pre-registration.

HOLIDAY FESTIVALS AND CARNIVALS

Oct. 25, 26 — Kimberly Nurseries pumpkin patch, continuing through October with giant pumpkin, straw maze, Treasure Island, train rides and Basin-Robins ice cream, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., pumpkins and other fall decorations available for purchase, 733-2717. Oct. 26 — Horizon Elementary School Halloween Carnival, includes carnival games, cake walks, a bounce, book-walk, \$5 dinner and silent auction, 5 to 8 p.m., at the school, 934 E.10th Ave., Jerome, game tickets: 25 cents each or five for \$1, Halloween costumes encouraged, open to the public, 324-5755. Oct. 26, 27 — Intermountain Martial Arts 5th annual Benefit Haunted House, 5 p.m., 243 Main Ave. W. (above Radio Rondeau), Twin Falls, \$3, 736-7100. Oct. 26, 27 — The Shoshone Chamber of Commerce Haunted House, 7 to 9 p.m., 516 N. Fir St., everyone welcome, \$2 donations, (208) 308-3185. Oct. 26, 27 — American Legion Hall Spook Alley, sponsored by Filer Area Boy Scouts, 7 to 10 p.m., 207 Main (two blocks west of Twin Falls County Fairgrounds), Filer, \$3 per person, \$12 for a family, 731-4522. Oct. 27 — Magic Valley Regional Airport Halloween party, includes cookie walk, candy and games for children age 10 and younger, 1 to 3 p.m., at the airport, no cost, 733-5215. Oct. 27 — Pumpkin Festival, register to win a razor scooter; first 100 children in costume receive trick or treat bag, 1 p.m., Kimberly Nurseries, Twin Falls, 733-2717. Oct. 27 — Trick or Treating Downtown, sponsored by Clearlake and hosted by local businesses, 1 to 3 p.m., Main Avenue, Twin Falls, hbarnes@clearlake.net. Oct. 27 — A pet Halloween costumes party, includes prizes for best costume and refreshments, noon to 4 p.m., Four Paws Bed and Bath, 370 W. 200 S., Rupert, no cost (photos available), 438-4444. Oct. 27 — Declo Elementary School family Halloween carnival, includes potato bar (\$3 or \$15 per family), carnival games, Hornet Hive Country Store, raffle, silent auction and spook alley lights on for younger children (age 5 to 6 p.m.), 5 to 8 p.m., at the school, Declo, raffle tickets: \$1 each or six for \$5, costumes welcome (no masks), 654-9496. Oct. 27, 28 — Indoor Twin Falls Flea Market, collecting pennies for Pioneer Children's Hospital and free Halloween treats for the children; additional vendors, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (27) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (28), Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, \$1 admission (age 12 and under no cost; return privileges on Sunday), cancam@pmf.org. Oct. 27, 28 — B & G Produce of Filer corn maze and pumpkin patch, featuring games of mental and physical skills and prizes, 1 to 5 p.m., \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12, pumpkins available for purchase, school groups and tours by appointment, 326-4935.

HOME AND GARDEN

Oct. 27 — Twin Falls Farmers Market Last-day Harvest Celebration, includes scarecrow contest and carved pumpkin contest for children and adults, petting farm, Rex Studvyn's rare livestock breeds, performance of "Thriller" by Twin Falls High School Dance Team, pills of fall leaves for burning, a museum treasure hunt with treats and prizes for all completed treasure hunts, "Walkin' Tacos," Antique Tractors, live musical entertainment, free soup and more, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Twin Falls County Historical Museum, Highway 30 between Twin Falls and Filer, open to the public, 316-1291 or 736-4675.

MUSEUMS/EDUCATION

Oct. 27 — "Surviving Internment" interpretive program, presented by Park Guide Dianna McKeage for the Minidoka Internment National Monument, 1 p.m., Visitor Center, 221 N. State St., Hagerman, no cost, 837-4793, ext. 5227.

SPORTS

Oct. 27 — The Idaho Water Sports Second annual Rail Jam, a ski-and-snowboard event with professional stunt demonstrations on ramps, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pinetree Plaza, 2165 Overland Ave., Burley, \$3 all-day pass (includes food and music) \$1 raffle tickets; parental waivers for participants under age 18; helmets required, 878-5869.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

See it online! See copies of the letters the Idaho Conservation League sent to two Nevada mines about mercury emissions. Check out a video story about a suspected robber who hit a Twin Falls bank earlier this month. The suspect may have hit a bank this week in Meridan. At Magicvalley.com

CORRECTION

Baby's name wrong in birth announcement Paper, Nayveli Rubi Ayala, daughter of Margarita Garayona and Jose Fernando Ayala of Gooding, was born Sept. 30, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. To incorrect information provided to the Times-News, a baby's name was misspelled in the Stark report in the Oct. 14 news-

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 24, the 297th day of 2007. There are 68 days left in the year. Today's highlight On Oct. 24, 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its charter took effect. On this date In 1537, John Seymour, the third wife of England's King Henry VIII, died 12 days after giving birth to Prince Edward, the later King Edward VI. In 1648, the Peace of Westphalia ended the Thirty Years War and effectively destroyed the Holy Roman Empire.

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph message was sent as Chief Justice Stephen J. Field of California transmitted a telegram to President Abraham Lincoln. In 1901, widow Anna Edson Taylor became the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. In 1931, the George Washington Bridge, connecting New York and New Jersey, was officially dedicated (it opened to traffic the next day). In 1939, nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time, in Wilmington, Del. In 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared in Detroit, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict. (He made the visit over a month later.) In 1962, the U.S. blockade of Cuba during the missile crisis officially began under a proclamation signed by President John F. Kennedy. In 1987, 30 years after it was expelled, the Teamsters union was welcomed back into the AFL-CIO. (However, the Teamsters disaffiliated themselves from the AFL-CIO in 2005.) Ten years ago: In Adlington, Va., former NBC sportscaster Mark Albert was spared a jail sentence after a grudging courtroom apology to the

woman he'd bitten during a sexual romp. Five years ago: Authorities arrested Army veteran John Allen Muhammad and teenager Lee Boyd Malvo near Myersville, Md., in connection with the Washington sniper attacks. The San Francisco Giants defeated the Anaheim Angels, 16-4, to take a 3-games-to-2 lead in the World Series. One year ago: American officials unveiled a timeline for Iraq's Shiite-led government to take specific steps to allow Baghdad and the rest of U.S. troops might be needed to quell the bloodshed. The St. Louis Cardinals gained a 2-1 World Series edge as they defeated the Detroit Tigers 5-0.

# Mines

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Mines measure their emissions for the NDEP differently than they measure for the EPA, he said.

The data, however, show significant discrepancies. According to documents supplied by the ICL:

• The Florida Canyon Mine submitted no mercury reports to the EPA for the last eight years, but reported 440 pounds of emissions to the NDEP last year.

• The Denton-Rawhide mine told the EPA it emitted less than one pound of mercury for each of the past eight years, but NDEP reports show 350 pounds in 2006 alone.

"These are very large emissions numbers compared to their historical reporting," said Justin Hayes, ICLs program director.

A nearly 2-year-old pro-

gram requires Nevada mines report their emissions to the state.

The ICL alleges mercury emitted from Nevada mines falls downwind and jeopardizes the health of Idaho residents. A sometimes naturally occurring element, mercury is known to cause health problems, especially for expecting mothers. Numerous Idaho waterways are contaminated with mercury, and the state has warned people to limit their fish intake from these waters.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has studied mercury at Salmon Falls Reservoir, which contains at least 200 pounds of suspended mercury, for nearly two years. The department has indicated Nevada mines could be a source for the contamination but is yet to iden-

tify the mines as primary contributors.

A 2005 Idaho study found that mercury levels in the air south of Twin Falls rose nearly 70 percent when "winds blew from the southwest. Both the Denton-Rawhide and the Florida Canyon mines are south of Twin Falls.

Speaking through a receptionist, Clyde Lay, who studies mercury for the Twin Falls office of the DEQ, declined to comment for this story. Calls to his supervisor, Doug Howard, were not returned.

Calls to the Denton-Rawhide mine were also not returned. Questions to the Florida Canyon Mine were referred to its president, who was unavailable.

The mines have 60 days to respond to ICLs letters before the agency sues. If the mines change their historical

reports to the EPA to match their reports to the NDEP, ICL will call off the lawsuit, Hayes said.

But that likely won't end ICLs pursuit of Nevada mines.

"Our ultimate goal is to get them to reduce their emissions," Hayes said. "And we have to get them to acknowledge the scale of their polluting."

The ICL has targeted large Nevada mines in the past. In July, the ICL accused a mine of sidestepping pollution control equipment when reports showed it emitted 9,300 pounds of mercury a year, after the mine said it had cut emissions by 97 percent.

The ICL has yet to hear back from either mine.



Nick Schmidt and Liz Cresto, hydrologists with the IDWR, check data collected Tuesday from a canal west of Hazzard.

# Rush

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slowly to take advantage of the leaks.

But if the water moves through the system too slowly and freezes, officials will have to call off the project because the ice could damage canal hydroelectric projects.

Then, the nearly \$500,000 pumps paid to buy the water could be for nothing - and surface water users would go another year without water they're entitled to under the law and the agreement.

It's a race against winter - one cubic foot per second at a time.

The water released at Miller at about 500 cfs fell by about 50 cfs by the time it

reached the last station east of Hazelton.

The canal company usually runs about 2,000 cfs out of Miller, said Ted Diehl, NSCC manager.

Officials say the water that trickles into the aquifer could show up at Thousand Springs within six months. But models show that it can take as long as two years to move through the aquifer.

So far now, hydrologists and water users can only hope the water disappearing from the canal system finds its way to the aquifer - and eventually to the springs.

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# Deaths

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both Shiltes and Sunnis who have joined the American fight. He says he's signed up 20,000 of them in the past four months.

"I've never been more optimistic than I am right now with the progress we've made in Iraq. The only people who are going to win this counterinsurgency project are the people of Iraq. We've said that all along. And now they're coming forward in masses," Lynch said in a recent interview at a U.S. base deep in hostile territory south of Baghdad. Outgoing artillery thundered as he spoke.

Lynch, who commands the 3rd Infantry Division and once served as the military spokesman in Baghdad, is a tireless cheerleader of the American effort in Iraq. But the death toll over the past two months appears to reinforce his optimism. The question, of course, will it last?

As of Tuesday, the Pentagon reported 20 U.S. military deaths in October. That's an average of about 1.2 deaths a day. The toll on U.S. troops hasn't been this low since March 2006, when 31 soldiers died - an average of one death a day.

While U.S. death figures appear to be in sharp decline, the number of Iraqi civilians and security forces show a less dramatic drop. And any significant attack could quickly wipe out the downward trend.

# Fires

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evacuation in California history, from north of Los Angeles, through San Diego to the Mexican border.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said the flames were threatening 68,000 more homes.

"We have had an unfortunate situation that we've had three things come together: very dry areas, very hot weather and then a lot of wind," Schwarzenegger said. "And so this makes the perfect storm for a fire."

In Rancho Santa Fe, a suburb north of San Diego, houses burned just yards from where fire crews fought to contain flames engulfing other properties. In the mountain community of Lake Arrowhead, cabins and vacation homes went up in flames with no fire crews in sight.

"These winds are so strong, we're not trying to fight this fire," said firefighter J. G. Gelfand, an engineer from Vista, Calif. "We're just trying to save the buildings."

More than a dozen wildfires blowing across Southern California since Sunday have also injured more than 45 people, including 21 firefighters. The U.S. Forest Service earlier reported a fire death in Los Angeles County's Santa Clarita area, but officials said Tuesday that information was erroneous.

In San Diego County,



Any Berling of Fallbrook hoses down the yard of a friend as flames approach the home on Sans Souci Drive in South Escondido, Calif., on Tuesday.

authorities placed evacuation calls to 346,000 homes, said Luis Montecagudo, a spokesman for the county's emergency effort. The county estimates, based on census data, that about 513,000 people were ordered to leave.

"It's basically a mass migration here in San Diego County. The numbers we're seeing are staggering," said Luis Montecagudo, a spokesman for the county's emergency effort.

The sweeping devastation was reminiscent of blazes that tore through Southern California four years ago, killing 22 and destroying 3,640 homes.

The ferocity of the Santa Ana winds in 2003 forced crews to discard their traditional strategy and focus on keeping up with the fire and putting out spot blazes that threatened homes.

The usual tactic is to sur-

round a fire on two sides and try to choke it off. But with fires whipped by gusts that have surpassed 100 mph, that strategy doesn't work because embers can be swept miles ahead of the fire's front line. In those cases, crews must keep 10 to 30 feet back from the flames or risk their own lives, Los Angeles County firefighter Daryl Parish said.

Added Rocklin Fire Department Capt. Martin Holm: "We do what we can. A fire's a lot more important than a house."

# Murder

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the family forever, especially Michael," Coates said of the brothers. "That was the hardest one, because I really liked that kid."

Sentence hearings for two other defendants who also have pleaded guilty in the murder are scheduled late next month.

John Jr. and another friend, Freddy Heredia-Juarez, had participated in a spree of local robberies with Coates but grew concerned that Coates might expose their scheme, according to a Twin Falls County Sheriff's affidavit. Between Dec. 15 and 18, they along with Michael Lee John and his girlfriend, Nicole Lea Baker, drove Coates to the South Hills where Heredia-Juarez and

John Jr. shot him. Coates likely froze to death, and his body stayed in the South Hills until a man walking his dogs found it the afternoon of Dec. 26.

"Jessie wouldn't have ratted on everybody," his mother said after the four defendants changed their pleas to guilty earlier this summer. But Jessie knew he would be seeing his mom, who was suspicious about her son's involvement in the robberies, she said.

"Jessie can't lie to me. I was going to ask him on (December) 18," she said. "That's why they did that to him on the seventeenth."

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We hope you were able to attend one of the many community meetings where the details of the potential partnership were discussed. If you would like additional information, prior to completing the survey, please visit our website at [goodinghospital.org](http://goodinghospital.org) and follow the "potential partnership" link.

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# Craig uses campaign funds for legal fees in ethics case

By Matthew Daly  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig has spent nearly \$23,000 in campaign funds to pay for a Washington lawyer who is representing him before the Senate ethics committee, a new campaign finance report shows.

The report does not show any campaign money used for legal expenses related to

Craig's ethics case, but a spokesman said that is merely a question of timing. Ethics lawyer Stanley Brand "bills more quickly" than Billy Martin, Craig's lawyer in the criminal case, said Dan Whiting, a spokesman for Craig.

Craig, who has announced he is not seeking re-election to a fourth term, had about \$475,000 cash on hand as of Sept. 30, a report filed last week with the Senate shows.

Craig intends to use campaign money to pay a variety of expenses related to his guilty plea stemming from a police sting at an airport men's room, Whiting said. The three-term Republican pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct in August after he was accused of soliciting sex in a bathroom at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in June.

Campaign finance laws prohibit lawmakers from

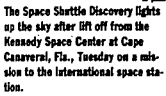
using campaign funds for expenses unrelated to their duties as an officeholder or candidate. Experts on campaign finance said Craig likely was on solid ground in the ethics case, but said he may be on shakier ground if he uses campaign funds in the legal case.

"It's kind of interesting that he would use his campaign funds but at the same time argue he shouldn't be punished (by the Senate)

because this has nothing to do with his official acts," said Meredith McGehee, policy director of the nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center.

Bob Biersack, a spokesman for the Federal Election Commission, said, in general, campaign funds cannot be used "for expenses irrespective of your role as an officeholder or candidate."

Lawmakers have wide discretion in how they define official duties, Biersack said.



## Space Shuttle Discovery thunders into orbit

By Marcia Dunn  
Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven thundered into orbit Tuesday, setting off on the most challenging space station construction mission yet that will pave the way for the arrival of two science labs in a few months.

NASA pulled off the on-time launch — the third one in a row — after determining that a small patch of ice on the tank plumbing posed no danger. Indeed, most if not all of the ice harmlessly shook loose when the booster rockets and engines ignited.

"The rain clouds that had been forecast for days stayed away for the late morning launch."

"We got lucky today. We could have just as easily gotten unlucky," said launch director Mike Leinbach. "But as I tell my team, there's nothing wrong every now and then with a little good luck."

With Discovery safely in orbit, NASA looked ahead to the work awaiting the astronauts once they arrive at the international space station on Thursday. It is considered the most complicated task in the nine years of station assembly in orbit.

During the 15-week station visit, the astronauts must install a live-in compartment that they're bringing along, relocate a giant grid and set of solar wings, extend those solar wings and radiators, and test a thermal tile repair kit.

In all, five spacewalks are planned, which will be the most ever conducted while a shuttle is docked at the station.

The three space station residents face even more construction chores after the shuttle leaves, each one of them critical.

NASA's space operations chief, Bill Gerstenmeier, said the two new faces a tremendous series of challenges, but noted, "I can't think of a better start to this mission than what we got today."

In a historic coincidence, both the shuttle and station have women at the helm. Retired Air Force Col. Pamela Melroy is only the second woman to command a shuttle, and biochemist Peggy Whitson is the first female skipper of a space station.

Whitson and Clay Anderson watched Discovery's launch live on a station computer. Anderson, who will return to Earth aboard Discovery after a five-month expedition, shook a white towel and did a complete backflip once the shuttle reached orbit.

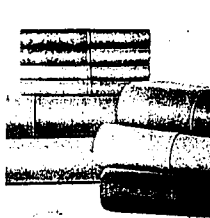
At least six pieces of foam insulation came off Discovery's fuel tank during liftoff, but because that occurred after the crucial first two minutes, the debris posed no risk to the shuttle.

"It's preliminary only, but it did look like a clean ascent," Mission Control informed Melroy.

NASA has paid extra attention to launch debris ever since the 2003 Columbia disaster. A hole in the wing brought down Columbia, the result of a strike by a slab of fuel-tank foam.

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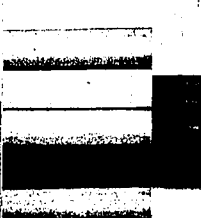
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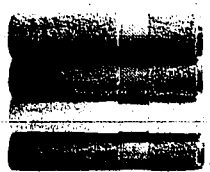
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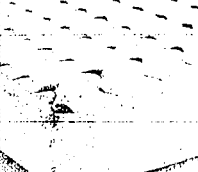
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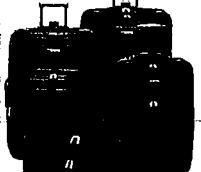
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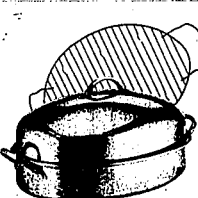
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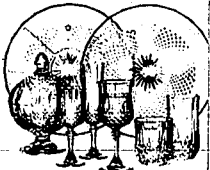
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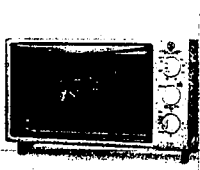
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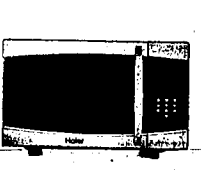
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# Rice orders more oversight for private security of U.S. diplomats in Iraq

By Matthew Lee and Anne Gearan  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Tuesday ordered new measures to improve government oversight of private guards who protect U.S. diplomats in Iraq, including tighter rules of engagement and a board to investigate any future killings.

The steps, recommended by an independent review

panel she created after last month's deadly Baghdad shooting involving Blackwater USA, would also require contractors to undergo training intended to make them more sensitive to Iraqi culture and language.

The changes to rules of engagement would bring the State Department closer to military rules.

The State Department's rules for contractors' use of

force were more detailed in some respects, but the panel found that the Pentagon had clearer rules for the stores a guard must take after identifying a threat.

The moves will not have much visible effect on the way private guards operate in Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq. They will still escort diplomats in highly armed convoys like the one involved in the Sept. 16 deaths of 17 Iraqis in

a Baghdad square. The State Department will set up panels that include security officials and others to look into each shooting or other use of deadly force by private guards and organize rapid response teams to investigate shooting incidents.

The department will also require contractors to have Arabic speakers on hand. Rice also named a senior diplomat to oversee Iraq

management issues. The official will report to Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte. Rice was briefed Monday on the panel's findings and the State Department released the document Tuesday.

"Prompt measures should be taken to strengthen the coordination, oversight and accountability aspects of the State Department's security practices in Iraq in order to

reduce the likelihood that future incidents will occur," the report said.

Patrick Kennedy, a State Department official who led the review, told reporters that the group focused on management and policy, not possible wrongdoing by Blackwater or others.

The new review board for deadly incidents would have the power to refer cases to the Justice Department, Kennedy said.

## Missile plan leads to differing statements

By Michael Abramowitz and Walter Pincus  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday that a missile defense system is urgently needed in Europe to guard against a possible attack on U.S. allies by Iran, while Defense Secretary Robert Gates suggested the United States could delay activating such a system until there is "definitive proof" of such a threat.

The seemingly contrasting messages came as the Bush administration grappled with continuing Russian protests over Washington's plan to deploy elements of a missile defense system in Eastern Europe. The Kremlin considers the program a potential threat to its own nuclear deterrence and has sought to play down any threat from Iran.

Both Bush and Gates affirmed that they want to proceed with deployment of the system, including 10 antimissile interceptors in Poland and a radar-tracking facility in the Czech Republic projected for completion in 2012. Bush talked the development of ballistic missiles that could strike Israel and Turkey, and said Tehran is also developing missiles that could strike NATO countries.

"The need for missile defense in Europe is real and I believe it's urgent," Bush said in his remarks at the National Defense University. "Today," he added, "we have no way to defend Europe against the emerging Iranian threat, so we must deploy a missile defense system there that can."

In a separate appearance in Prague, Gates suggested Russian concerns could be allayed by delaying operation of the Eastern European until the Iranian missile threat to Europe materialized. "We have not fully developed this proposal," Gates said, "but the idea was we would go forward with the negotiations, we would complete the negotiations, we would develop the sites, build the sites, but perhaps would delay activating them until there was concrete proof of the threat from Iran."

White House officials said there was no daylight between Bush and Gates, saying that Gates is committed to the system but is looking for ways to address the Russian objections. Spokesman Gordon Johndroe said there is no doubt that "the program will go forward."

In his speech Tuesday, Bush discussed his efforts to combat international terrorism and rogue states and emphasized missile defense, an initiative he sees as a major legacy. Since taking office, Bush has declared operational a system meant to destroy incoming nuclear warheads that has not been completely tested — provoking criticism from defense and arms control experts who question its cost-effectiveness.

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EDITORIAL

# It's past time for new senior center in Jerome

The old Jerome railroad depot looks every bit of its 95 years. Paint is sloughing off in sheets, chunks of the outer walls are crumbling and the second story is structurally unsound and unusable.

The Jerome Senior Center has been housed in the structure for 28 years, but the bathrooms can no longer accommodate disabled people, the concrete ramps built for wheelchairs are broken and the structure is in violation of several city building codes.

And chipmunks have taken over the roof, which would take about \$100,000 to replace.

It's time to retire the place. That's why we're recommending a yes vote Nov. 6 on a \$800,000 bond issue to build a new center.

In comparison to other bond issues, the cost of this one to taxpayers is modest. If the proposal gets the necessary two-thirds approval, the bond issue will mean an increase of 21 cents per \$100,000 taxable value for homeowners in Jerome, or \$12.88 per year per residential dwelling, which is based on an owner-occupied house with an appraised value of \$120,000.

A new center, built on a different site, would be fully disabled-accessible and large enough for the 70 or so seniors who use the facility on weekdays. It could also be rented out to service clubs and to individuals for parties and social events to help pay operating costs.

The City of Jerome, which kicked in \$4,000 earlier this year for upgrades to the old depot, plans to apply for a \$150,000 rural development grant to help offset some costs, according to City Manager Travis Rothweiler. Nearly 17 percent of Jerome's 9,377 residents in 2004 were age 65 or older, that works out to 1,407 people. And the percentage of senior citizens is growing every year.

The need is clear. The Jerome Senior Center, like others across the Magic Valley, provides services that just aren't available elsewhere. It's time to replace it before it literally falls down.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## No one deserves the fate suffered by Dale Miller

Otho Dale Miller was too young to die. I was a neighbor of Dale's but also a friend. I am saddened by how he lost his life. He was a very sweet kid, and that is what he was, a "kid." Those men took him from all of us, the friends and family who cared so much about him.

I hate to actually admit this, but I am a fourth cousin to Rachel Madrid, and I have no sympathy for her. I feel that she let Dale die. She could have called the police when she said he was getting beat up, but she didn't. She provided the rape. She could have saved his life if she really wanted to, but she didn't and, because of that, my daughter, my son, my husband and I lost a "bright ray of sunlight." His smile and laugh can never be replaced, and we will miss him a great deal.

I only hope that people open their eyes and don't think that just because kids go astray and get into drugs for one reason or another that they deserve to be killed and put in a barrel, because not even Dale. He hadn't even started to live.

LINDA PETERSON  
Twin Falls

*(Editor's note: Rachel Madrid has not been charged with any crime in connection with the Miller case.)*

## Proud to be a Californian who is here to stay

It's pretty sad when all people have to do is sit around and gossip and think about how they can hurt other people.

I am being harassed and stalked because I'm a Californian and not the same religion as the people who live around me. Gossip does hurt people's lives and discrimination hurts people, too. The world would be a better place if people accepted the fact that we are all different and respected other people's feelings before they go out and spread lies about their neighbors.

Why? There is so much hate for Californians in this town? Yes, I am a proud Californian and I am here to stay. Why should I have to move? I do not want to own Idaho! So for all of those who come together to gossip about others, other people may believe your lies, but God knows the truth.

CHELY CARLIN  
Kimberly

Why did so many homebuyers wind up with high-rate subprime mortgages when they could have qualified for better deals? The sad, short answer: The system worked exactly the way it was built to work.



STEVE BAILEY

The subprime fallout is rattling global markets and threatening to force more than a million American families out of their homes. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson is trying to engineer a soft landing. The mortgage market is complex, too complex in fact, and finding the right balance between regulation and over-regulation is not easy.

But to understand what went wrong, you have to start at the beginning. That is, where the mortgages were made.

Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley has drawn us a convenient road map through this mess with her lawsuit against Fremont Investment & Loan, once the state's second-largest subprime lender. Of particular interest: the way the mortgage brokers got paid. Give people attractive incentives to behave in a certain way, and they usually do. Mortgage brokers are sometimes paid to put people in crappy loans, and now we are cleaning up after them in New York.

Fremont's own rate sheet for its brokers tells the story. The higher the rate, the higher the commission. In a common industry practice called a "yield spread premium,"



mortgage companies pay a fee to a broker based on selling a loan with an interest rate above what a borrower qualifies for. For example, if a broker sold a buyer a mortgage that had a rate 1.25 percent higher than he qualified for, Fremont would pay the broker 2 percent of the loan, or \$7,000 on a \$350,000 mortgage, the Coakley suit says. Fremont also offered brokers bonuses for selling subprime mortgages with expensive penalties for paying off a mortgage early.

Brokers complain they are being singled out as the bad guys. They defend the incentives, saying borrowers sometimes chose the higher rate as a trade-off for lower closing costs. Fremont would not comment on compensation, but said the lawsuit is "without merit."

There is plenty of blame to go around. But when you take a go-go, cyclical business like the mortgage industry, supercharge it with a com-

pany's interest at odds with the broker's, and then allow the lender to pass along the risk to the next guy, you have fertile ground for trouble.

It is how you get a Massachusetts single mom with three kids, unemployed, and living on a monthly Social Security disability check, getting \$800,000 in loans to buy not one but two multifamily homes. Her monthly income was \$1,800; her mortgage payments were \$7,000. Fremont paid her broker \$7,024 through a yield spread premium, according to the Coakley suit.

We've seen this before. In the early 1990s, Fleet Financial got burned using "bird dog" companies — brokers and other independent companies — to make scummy home improvement loans to poor people in Georgia. The brokers got paid up front then, too, but at least Fleet kept the loans in its own

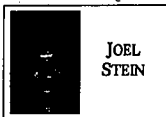
portfolio. Now the game is to take your cut and pass the risk on to the next guy.

The mortgage market has changed forever — for good and bad. We are not going back to the old days — not always so good anyway — when the banks wrote most mortgages. Today, mortgage companies control about 80 percent of the market, and it is past time that regulation — caught up with the markets, Coakley's new mortgage regulations are designed to rein in the brokers' compensation system, as will a bill proposed this week by Congressman Barney Frank, R-Mass., which is likely to ban yield spread premiums and restrict prepayment penalties for subprime borrowers.

There is no magic bullet. But more closely aligning the interest of buyer and seller is a good place to start.

Boston Globe columnist Steve Bailey can be reached at bailey@globe.com.

# Following the Bible at lunch is tough work



JOEL STEIN

I often used to wonder what I'd go to hell for. Not giving my money to the starving and homeless? Eating animals? Dumping gliadins? Being a journalist?

A.J. Jacobs took the opposite tack. In order to better understand religion, Jacobs spent a year earnestly following every single rule in the 66 testaments as chronicled in his new book, "The Year of Living Biblically." To find out just how hell-bound I am, I got Jacobs to take me out for an afternoon in New York.

We went to lunch at the Hawaiian Tropic Zone, where we were served by bikini-clad models. Just eating there, I figured, was to violate several Old Testament rules and probably some New York health codes.

It took six seconds for me to break my first biblical law. The hostess told us about the swimsuit pageant happening that night, and I made a classic dad joke: I offered to model. Jacobs informed me that lying and mockery were clear violations (Proverbs 6:17 and Ephesians 4:29): "If you really want to be safe, mean what you say and say what you mean," he said. If Jacobs has a problem with mocking people, I fear he is not particularly going to enjoy this column.

As soon as I sat down, Jacobs shook his head, warning me the meal was likely to contain a menstruating woman sat there recently or — more likely, considering our surroundings — a man who hadn't bathed since last spring. His seed was way, sitting there was very bad (Leviticus 19:23-25). And, by compli-

menting me on refraining from sacrificing a goat to the Phoenician god Molech, Jacobs tricked me into saying "Molech" (a violation of Exodus 23:13), which he found hilarious. The Bible, it turns out, is much like other long books, in that reading it apparently turns you into a huge dork.

I sinned by using a credit card (taking on debts, per Romans 13:8), ... telling the waitress that "I'll have the burger" without adding "God willing" (James 4:13-15) and "cursing the ruler of thy people," George Bush (Exodus 22:28).

I was sure I'd rack up major hell points lasting after the bikini-clad waitresses, but I wasn't bold enough to gawk up close. I only got busted for brief ogling at a distance. Also, to my surprise, even though it was loud, Jacobs has found nothing in the Bible against rock music, not even AC/DC.

However, the Hawaiian Tropic Zone did pose an unexpected threat, thanks to Leviticus 20:23. "It does say in the Bible that you should not take the customs of other cultures," Jacobs said, to which I countered that 1980s suntan lotion ads were not a culture. But my leech tone was tainted; there was no way to be sure that the delectable alien was from at least 5 years old (Leviticus 19:23-25). And, by compli-

menting me on refraining from sacrificing a goat to the Phoenician god Molech, Jacobs tricked me into saying "Molech" (a violation of Exodus 23:13), which he found hilarious. The Bible, it turns out, is much like other long books, in that reading it apparently turns you into a huge dork.

I sinned by using a credit card (taking on debts, per Romans 13:8), ... not giving thanks after — not before — my meal (Deuteronomy 8:10), telling the waitress that "I'll have the burger" without adding "God willing" (James 4:13-15) and "cursing the ruler of thy people," George Bush (Exodus 22:28). The Republicans should focus more on that Scripture instead of putting so much emphasis on Leviticus and sodomy.

But Jacobs was only truly appalled when I told the waitress that "I'll have the burger" without adding "God willing" (James 4:13-15) and "cursing the ruler of thy people," George Bush (Exodus 22:28). The Republicans should focus more on that Scripture instead of putting so much emphasis on Leviticus and sodomy.

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At the end of the meal, I asked Jacobs what I was

going to go to hell for. "It's your evil tongue," he said. "I had apparently 'slandered' (Leviticus 19:16) the guy who created the 43 Folders organization system by calling him 'crazy,' even though I know nothing about him, and I made fun of Miss Teen South America. Plus, even though he didn't know it, I was spreading rumors about Jacobs' irritating moral superiority."

Having broken 15 biblical rules by the end of the meal, I was actually feeling kind of bad about myself. "The lesson I learned is that you're going to break laws every 30 seconds, no matter how hard you try," Jacobs said. And the weird part is that his constant faring has made him, more religious — each sin a little reminder to act better.

As we were walking up 7th Avenue away from the worst burger I ever ate (that did feel good), a man approached us. "I made these for you," he said, offering a bumper sticker that said: "Believe Jesus. Love one another. 1 John 3:23." I looked to Jacobs for guidance. "Believe Jesus. Love one another. 1 John 3:23," he said, so I was completely on my own. Which is the one thing I knew before our lunch.

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# Globalization has kept the U.S. economy healthy

It's our versatile villain. Globalization has served the cause of meddling politicians of both parties and legions of pundits. We blame it for all manner of grievances: lost jobs, greater inequality, shoddy goods. But take this with a healthy skepticism. What explains the resilience of the U.S. economy in the face of the deepening housing collapse? (a) Ben Bernanke's deft management of the Federal Reserve; (b) the tireless spending of consumers; (c) low inflation; or (d) foreign trade. The best answer is (d).

The trade deficit has been rising for so long that people forget that it can also fall. Well, it has — to good effect. Through August, the deficit in 2007 was \$47.2 billion, down \$46 billion (9 percent) from the same period in 2006. In the second quarter, the U.S.



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economy expanded at an annual rate of 3.8 percent, even though housing subtracted 0.5 percentage points from growth. But the improved trade balance added 1.3 percentage points, notes economist Edward Yardeni.

Caterpillar, a mega-exporter, exemplifies the turnaround. From 2004 to 2006, its exports rose 44 percent to \$10.5 billion. Since the start of 2006, Caterpillar says it has hired more than 11,000 new U.S. production workers. None of this guarantees that a U.S.

export boom will prevent an American recession. But the mere possibility suggests that we need to be smarter about globalization — and not simply to parrot popular stereotypes.

Contrary to popular opinion, the trade balance (deficit or surplus) barely affects total U.S. employment over long periods. Domestic job creation and destruction ultimately overwhelm trade's effects. From 1991 to 2006, the trade deficit rose from \$31 billion to \$75.8 billion. In the same period, payroll jobs increased by 28 billion and the unemployment rate fell from 6.8 percent to 4.6 percent.

But trade — like any form of competition — does affect specific workers. Those vulnerable to imports naturally want to swap their jobs, even if open trade is good for the

country as a whole (it broadens choices, reduces prices). Although protectionism is a logical response, it's too late. The right time would have been 30 years ago before the trade deficit exploded. Those jobs are now gone, and most aren't coming back.

The shrinking trade deficit reflects two realities. First, the dollar has depreciated. Since 2002, it's down 21 percent against a basket of 26 currencies. That makes U.S. exports cheaper abroad and foreign imports more expensive here. Complementing this is what economist Jim O'Neill of Goldman Sachs calls the "decoupling" of the U.S. and world economies.

For years, the U.S. economy was an engine of global economic growth.

Amateurs were the shoppers of last resort. Other coun-

tries boosted production and jobs by exporting to us. No more. In the second quarter, U.S. consumer spending grew at a meager 1.4 percent annual rate. Just last week, the International Monetary Fund said it expects the world economy to grow 4.8 percent in 2008, more than double the projected U.S. growth of 1.9 percent.

"At a time of subdued U.S. consumption," O'Neill writes, "the world is helping the U.S. economy."

There is a larger lesson. We wrongly blame globalization for much that ails us. It's easier to denounce faceless forces beyond our borders. But globalization is not, as another IMF study shows, the chief culprit in rising economic inequality. New technologies probably deserve that distinction by widening pay gaps

between skilled and unskilled workers.

On globalization, we should focus on the right worries. China's currency remains undervalued; that's a problem. The swollen U.S. trade deficits have long been a legitimate anxiety. Would the flood of dollars overseas trigger a currency crisis, as global investors "dumped the dollar, causing a sharp depreciation and disrupting well-established trade and investment patterns?" Against these doomsday possibilities, a gradual dollar depreciation and decline of the U.S. trade deficit would be reassuring. But the crucial word is *gradual*. Abrupt changes could wreak enormous economic damage.

Robert J. Samuelson is a syndicated columnist who writes about economic.

## Stay home, snowbirds, but send your money

The newspaper I work for, which is otherwise infallible, ran a story recently about how the snowbirds will be arriving in Florida shortly (assuming they're not already here) and that life as we know it will soon be as joyful and stress-free as a vacation in Cancun, Mex. But...

The story was so alarming and dispiriting that I felt the urge to pack up all of my belongings and move to Hodgenville, Ky., which I understand is quite nice this time of year.

"True, whatever I got for my house, assuming I could sell it at all, probably wouldn't cover my motel and gas bills, but better to push my car 300 miles over the mountains than endure another invasion



DAVID GRIMES

of the snowbirds, who apparently are a lot like Huns, only with pastier skin.

Of course, before we pummeled snowbirds into paste, we made it clear that we really, truly love them.

Well, not them exactly. Just their money. In case you haven't been paying attention, our economy here in Florida has lately been exhibiting all the zip of day-old roadkill.

Real estate agents are sell-

ing pencils on street corners and homeowners are chipping up their "for sale" signs for kindling in anticipation of the hard winter ahead.

The only people who seem to be buying houses at all are drug dealers, whom the police quickly arrest, thereby sinking the economy even further into the muck.

So come on down, snowbirds! And bring lots of cash! Especially you Canadians! We know we made fun of your money before, and we sometimes teased your evening scraps disgusting stuff from the soles of your shoes, but that was a long time ago!

We'll let you stay a week in a nice motel if you just let us fondle one of your dollars! Maybe it's the warm glow of the coin or the majestic pic-

ture of the duck, but your Loomies just scream greed, sophistication and financial clout. And if we give you change in American money, feel free to sneer and throw it back in our faces! We have no pride anymore! Really! None whatsoever!

So I, personally, am looking forward to the arrival of the snowbirds. Because, quite frankly, things have been a little grim around here lately. But we're sure you'll improve our mood once you start arriving in droves.

Because if there's anything we Floridians are, it's welcoming.

Sarasota Herald-Tribune columnist David Grimes can be reached at david.grimes@heraldtribune.com.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mayor disappointed he won't get to speak

It has come to my attention that the City of Wendell Gem Team is planning to host a "Meet the Candidate Night" on Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. I understand it is a great idea to give the public the opportunity to question candidates running for the two council positions. I see it as a rewarding evening for the candidates and the public alike.

However, there are two ballot measures — the council positions and the mayoral recall. As the mayor of Wendell, I am disappointed I will not be given the opportunity as the council candidates. I would have liked the chance to defend myself and dispel the falsehoods behind the petition and the lies that have promoted the petition.

I have nothing to hide from the citizens of Wendell and feel they have the right to know the truth behind the motives of the petitioners. It is a shame that I will be unable to address the petitioner's accusations. I do not know and cannot prove the reasons behind not having the opportunity to confront my accusers but feel that certain individuals who participated in the petition are afraid to confront me in a public setting. I have nothing to hide; can they say the same?

I am more than willing to answer those questions I can. Citizens can reach me at City Hall, 536-531, or my cell phone, 280-2244.

REX STRICKLAND  
Wendell.

### You can help Jerome get its new senior center

Jerome has an opportunity to pass a bond vote for a new senior citizen center. If the vote passes, the city will go after an independent grant for another \$150,000, thus leveraging the funding for a fine new amenity.

The present senior center is housed in the old train depot, a building that was never designed for that purpose. It's becoming increasingly awkward and outdated to use. A new center will update the facility for the entire community as a

reception area, conference room, dance floor and library with Internet access. Undoubtedly, the new kitchen will make preparing the daily lunches and home-delivered meals much more efficient and continue a benefit to the seniors in our area that is invaluable.

The train depot could find its way to the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum and the Lickley buildings, jailhouse and historical equipment.

No matter where you live, you can help take action for the new multi-purpose senior center. If you're a resident of the city, vote to pass the bond. Tax-deductible donations are welcome. Send to Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E., Jerome, ID, 83338. Help to preserve the depot building. Send a donation to Jerome County Historical Society, P.O. Box 50, Jerome, ID, 83338.

The Harvest Feast fundraiser is planned at the senior center on Oct. 27

from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. A donation of \$6 offers good food, socializing and music by the film Rock Balladeers.

The Jerome Civic Club was the first club in Idaho to own, operate and maintain its own building (clubhouse and library). So it's no wonder that we are enclosing the senior center in its endeavors. We urge you to vote, donate or volunteer for the new center. It's a community need well-worth the effort.

DELORES SILVER  
Jerome  
(Editor's note: Delores

Silver is the president of the Jerome Civic Club. She submitted this letter along with vice president Judy Dyck, secretary Lorna Truitt and treasurer Gretchen Stone.)

### It may be too late to hold GOP leaders accountable

I wholeheartedly agree that the Republican leadership should be held accountable for its actions or more appropriately, their inactions. Unfortunately at this stage, it is probably too little too late.

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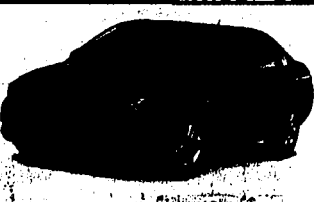


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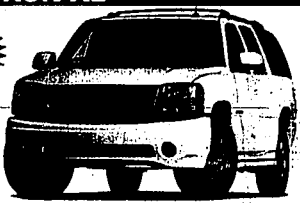


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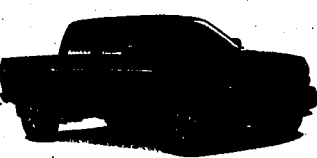
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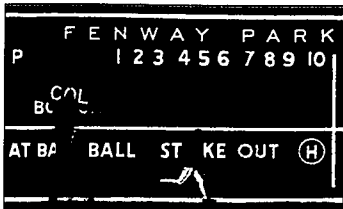


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## Game 1 stage set for Rockies and Red Sox



Boston Red Sox pitcher Hideki Okajima runs in the outfield before Tuesday's practice at Fenway Park in Boston. The Red Sox host the Colorado Rockies in Game 1 of the World Series tonight.

By Ronald Blum  
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Jeff Francis looked at Fenway Park and sounded like the wide-eyed World Series rookie he is.

"I'm sure the Red Sox are used to this every day," he said Tuesday with more than a bit of awe, "but we've never seen anything like this, the bus pulling up into the parking lot, and the trailers and the satellite dishes."

Welcome to the show, Colorado Rockies, a black-and-purple clad club of Tulowitzkis and Torrealbas unknown to many fans even



### Rockies at Red Sox

Game 1 tonight  
First pitch: 6:35 p.m.  
Pitchers: Josh Beckett (20-7) vs. Jeff Francis (17-9)  
TV: Fox

now, after their amazing run of 21 wins in 22 games.

A team that didn't even exist until 1993 navigated through the cracked corridors and cramped clubhouse of

Fenway, then played catch in front of 37-foot-high Green Monster in left and Pesky's Pole in right. Infielder Clint Barmes plopped into a red seat in row CC to take it all in.

Josh Beckett was set to start Wednesday night's opener for Boston, and Francis was slated to pitch for the Rockies.

Much has been made of possible snow when the Series moves to Coors Field this weekend, but there was a 30 percent chance of rain for Game 1.

With Colorado coming off a record eighth-day layoff since sweeping Arizona in the NL championship series, there's

been a lot of debate about rest vs. rest — and what better place to discuss rest than quirky old Fenway Park, which opened in 1912 and is filled with nearly a century of baseball sounds and smells.

"We will not apologize for winning quickly," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said to a roomful of laughter.

Last year, of course, the Tigers fumbled and lopped after a six-day layoff and lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in five games — with a Detroit pitcher making an error every night. Teams took notice — a

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# Room to improve

## Golden Eagles drop three-game match to Yotes

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

It was an utterly meaningless, yet ultimately disappointing loss.

With its postseason fate and spot in the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings already decided, the No. 8 College of Southern Idaho volleyball team suffered its second loss of the season to the College of Idaho, falling 30-26, 30-25, 35-33.

Thanks in part to the experience advantage of suiting five seniors for Tuesday night's match in Twin Falls, the former Albertson College of Idaho found a more consistent game than CSI could, especially in the match's first two games. The Coyotes, ranked No. 8 in the NAIA Division 1 ranks, rallied behind 11 kills each from senior Anne Parker and sophomore Kristin Henning to improve to 17-7 on the season.

"We still have to get better," CSI head coach Heidi Cartisser said after the match. "Albertson is a great team, but again, we should have had Game 3. Honestly, we should have."

The 33-10 Golden Eagles opened up a 23-15 lead in what would be the final game of the night, but committed eight unforced errors over the game's final 30 points as the Yotes clawed back and eventually took over the game. The Golden Eagles finished with more kills, aces and digs than the Yotes, but still wound up on the losing end.

"I have to keep telling myself that we have 10 freshmen playing against a majority of seniors," Cartisser said. "Games 1 and 2, we played not to lose. Game 3, I felt like we really competed, but we just are young and need to get better."

CSI was led by freshman middle blocker Alyson Wieschke's match-high 16 kills, while Gabriela Bolawczyk tallied 14 kills on sophomore night. Freshman Jazmine Ma'afala contributed eight kills and a team-high 13 digs for a CSI team that wraps its regular-season schedule up with Friday's match at Spokane (Wash.) Community College and a Saturday



The College of Southern Idaho's Jazmine Ma'afala bumps the ball during the Golden Eagle's match against the College of Idaho Coyotes Tuesday night in Twin Falls.

"Albertson is a great team, but again, we should have had Game 3. Honestly, we should have."

— CSI volleyball coach Heidi Cartisser

Scenic West Athletic Conference match at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

While the Golden Eagles have posted a solid record heading into next weekend's Region 18b Tournament in Twin Falls, they

are still searching for the match where the sum of each player's individual skill adds up to a dominating victory over top competition.

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## District IV teams aim for Class 1A volleyball crown

By Bradley Gair  
Times-News writer

Five teams from District IV will enter Class 1A state volleyball pool play Thursday vying to reach the championship bracket and capture the first-place trophy one last time, before the state splits the class into two divisions for the 2008 season.

Hagerman, the Magic Valley Southside and District IV champion, and Park River will be paired in pool D together, while Shoshone is in pool A, Dietrich in B and Richfield in C. It is possible for all five teams to reach bracket play beginning Friday.

The Pirates will no doubt have a huge target on their backs as they enter pool play undefeated. Not just undefeated in conference or undefeated in October, but they have not lost once this season.

Hagerman (21-0) is a two-time champion (1977, 1981) that placed third in 2006. The program has qualified for pool play for its

### Class 1A state volleyball tournament

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Pool A

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Pool A

Wellpex vs. Shoshone, noon  
Garden Valley vs. Deary, 1:30 p.m.  
Wallace vs. Deary, 3 p.m.  
Garden Valley vs. Shoshone, 4:30 p.m.  
Wallace vs. Garden Valley, 7 p.m.  
Deary vs. Shoshone, 8:30 p.m.

Pool B

Genesee vs. Horseshoe Bend, noon  
Dietrich vs. Kootenai, 1:30 p.m.  
Horseshoe Bend vs. Dietrich, 3 p.m.  
Genesee vs. Kootenai, 4:30 p.m.  
Dietrich vs. Genesee, 7 p.m.  
Kootenai vs. Horseshoe Bend, 8:30 p.m.

Pool C

Richfield vs. Park River, 7 p.m.  
Park River vs. Richfield, 9 p.m.  
Richfield vs. Park River, 11 p.m.  
Park River vs. Richfield, 1:30 p.m.  
Richfield vs. Park River, 3:30 p.m.  
Park River vs. Richfield, 5:30 p.m.  
Richfield vs. Park River, 7:30 p.m.

## Former ISU defensive end Allen making his presence felt for Chiefs

By Doug Tucker  
Associated Press writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — He ran with the bulls in Pamplona and went after wild boar with a knife.

List the most dangerous things Jared Allen has done in 2007, and crashing into 300-pound tackle is guaranteed to be higher than third.

"Life's too short to put anything on hold," Kansas City's thrill-seeking defensive end says with a big grin. "I go out and enjoy life."



Allen

NFL's elite defensive linemen. Impressively, those eight sacks for 61 yards in losses came in only five games. The New York Giants' Osi Umenyiora also has eight, but he's played seven games.

Even more impressively, Jared Allen, a fun-loving party animal since his college days at Idaho State, is sober. Hasn't had a drop, say close friends, since a second DUI conviction got him in trouble 13 months ago with the law and the league.

"He cold-turkeyed it," said Chiefs' fullback Boomer Grigby, Allen's close friend. "He knows he has a chance to be the best defensive end in football. Maybe he already is. All he needs to do is take care of himself."

In addition to his sacks, Allen has forced two fumbles and utilized his long wingspan to knock down

four passes while energizing a drastically improved defense that is, without question, the major reason the Chiefs (4-3) go into their bye week as surprise leaders in the AFC West.

"Jared is probably one of the most underrated defensive ends in the league," Cincinnati quarterback Carson Palmer said.

As if pajama for his DUI convictions, Allen restlessly sat out the first two games this season under suspension. Then, like a fast spring, uncoiling, he came back like a runaway train, recording



Colts' Raiders quarterback Dennis Cassper (8) is sacked by Kansas City Chiefs' defensive end Jared Allen, left, in the first quarter of Sunday's NFL football game in Oakland, Calif.

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# Air quality for Beijing Olympics tops agenda with IOC inspectors

BEIJING (AP) — Air pollution in Beijing is on the agenda for International Olympic Committee inspectors, who are checking progress ahead of the 2008 Olympics.

IOC president Jacques Rogge has said unsafe levels of pollutants in the city might force some outdoor endurance events to be postponed or moved to another location.

After several clear days, a heavy layer of smog covered the city Tuesday as talks began between the IOC's coordination commission and Beijing Olympic organizers.

The Chinese capital is routinely blanketed by a soupy haze that contains ozone and nitrogen oxide. Sulfate and carbon also float in the air,

with pollution levels regularly reaching five times higher than the safety level recommended by the World Health Organization.

The visit is the second-to-last by IOC inspectors before the games open Aug. 8. The final official visit is set for late January, although IOC commission chief — Hein Verbruggen and others come more frequently.

With 36 of the 37 competition venues set to be completed by the end of the year and the last one — the 91,000-seat stadium known as the Bird's Nest — to be finished by March, the IOC is turning its attention to the environment and other details.

"It is like a long-distance runner," Verbruggen said in opening Tuesday's meetings.



Hein Verbruggen, right, chief of the IOC's coordination commission for the Beijing Games, delivers a speech at the meeting of the coordination commission for the games in Beijing Tuesday.

"Our final spirit could be the difference between a gold medal and silver medal when it comes to the organization of the games."

Verbruggen and China Sports Minister Liu Peng said tests every year had been

largely successful. Verbruggen also lauded the Olympic equestrian venue in Hong Kong, which IOC inspectors visited on Monday.

"We are seeing top-quality venues being built for the games aid, with a strong equestrian tradition in Hong Kong, which IOC inspectors visited on Monday."

Yet if infrastructure isn't a concern, the environment has emerged as a problem for Beijing and the IOC.

The United Nations Environment Program plans to release a report Thursday on Beijing's efforts to best what the city calls a "green Olympics." Rogge is to address a two-day symposium on sports and the environment.

In a statement on its Web site, the IOC said it is concerned about the impact the environment has on athletes. It said it is also looking at the effect events like the Olympics have on the environment.

It is unclear whether Rogge and Verbruggen will press Beijing Communist Party Secretary Liu Qi — also president of the organizing committee — on the issue. But Rogge and Verbruggen have voiced alarm about Beijing's dirty air and its plans to clean it up for the 17-day games.

Visiting Beijing 1-2 months ago, Rogge said some outdoor distance events might be postponed because of the filthy air. Earlier this month, he repeated the warning.

## SCOREBOARD

### GAME PLAN

**TV MAJOR LEAGUE SCHEDULE**  
League, Real Madrid CF vs. Olympiacos CFP at Madrid, Spain  
6 p.m.  
FOX — World Series, Game 1.  
ESPN CLASSIC — J.F.M. Colorado at Boston  
SOCCER  
12:30 p.m.  
CBS/ESPN — UEFA Champions League, Real Madrid CF vs. Olympiacos CFP at Madrid, Spain (same-day taping)

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Treasury urges Congress to act quickly on alternative minimum tax

Urgency needed to avoid problems at tax time

By Andrew Taylor Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson warned lawmakers Tuesday that delays in enacting a temporary fix to the alternative minimum tax could cause millions of tax-

payors to experience delays in receiving their refunds. In a letter to Congress, Paulson also again warned Congress that failure to pass an AMT fix would expose 21 million mostly unsuspecting taxpayers to the minimum tax — and an average tax increase of \$2,000. The AMT originally was designed to make sure that the wealthiest couldn't use tax breaks or deductions to eliminate their entire tax liability. But the tax doesn't adjust for inflation and, so

more middle class taxpayers are ensnared by the AMT each year unless Congress acts. Democrats controlling Congress have promised to make sure the AMT doesn't entrap more taxpayers during filing season next year. But House and Senate Democrats have yet to agree on specifics of an AMT fix or whether to raise revenues elsewhere in the tax code so that an AMT adjustment doesn't add to the deficit. Republicans say that since

the AMT was never intended to hit the middle class, legislation to reform it should not be subject to pay-as-you-go rules that require tax cuts to be "paid for" with loophole closures or rate increases. "This is not a new tax cut that should be paid for," said Rep. Jim McCrery of Louisiana, top Republican on the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. "This is preventing a tax increase." The IRS is gearing up its computer programs and

2007 tax forms are going to press in November. Paulson warned that delays in enacting an AMT bill could expose as many as 25 million taxpayers to delays in processing of their returns and payment of refunds. Paulson told lawmakers that delaying enactment of an AMT fix until mid-November or later would cause "significant compliance challenges and will result in confusion for taxpayers, tax return preparers and tax

software developers." Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Finance Committee, said he's intent on getting the AMT changed, but that Congress has had comparable delays on tax legislation without disastrous consequences. "We ran into this problem last year or the year before and it's a little inconvenient but the world didn't fall apart," Baucus said. "But still obviously the goal is to get it done."

Diversifying dairy

New facility will help diversify Jerome's growing dairy industry

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

City and county officials from Jerome met with local dairy processing plant, which is expected to be completed in December 2008, will create about 65 jobs during its first phase of operation — the company plans to expand operations and double the number of jobs over a three-year period.

The state-of-the-art dairy processing plant, which is expected to be completed in December 2008, will create about 65 jobs during its first phase of operation — the company plans to expand operations and double the number of jobs over a three-year period.

The new facility was part of a four-year cooperative effort between the Northside Development Group — a small group of dairy producers from south-central Idaho — and city officials, who worked together to attract the dairy processing plant to the Jerome area. "You have to be very competitive to bring something like this to a community," said Ron Aardema, a partner with the Northside Development Group and a local dairyman. "But there always seemed to be a dialogue with the city, which gave it a more proactive approach to getting us where we are today."

Like most cities, Jerome faced challenges such as an adequate location for the IMP facility, which required



Ron Aardema, a partner with Northside Development Group, puts his shovel back after participating in the ground breaking ceremony Tuesday afternoon for the Idaho Milk Producers building site in Jerome.

access to utilities, roads and the railroad. But Travis Rothweiler, Jerome city manager, said the city annexed the industrial park east of Jerome within 120 days after IMP officials expressed interest in the location.

It was the city's responsiveness, say IMP officials, that brought the business to the area. The plant will be the third dairy processing plant in the greater city of Jerome. However, it will diversify the area's dairy industry by producing products such as whey proteins — something that other dairy processors in

buffer the local dairy industry against fluctuations in raw milk and cheese prices. Glanbia Foods, which produces a slightly different form of whey protein, will be IMP's closest competitor. However, officials from Glanbia and IMP said they do not expect any market conflicts because local milk supplies can adequately meet the increased demand, and they are producing a product that is unique from one another.

"It's certainly going to diversify our value-added agricultural industry, and that's one of the reasons why we felt the business would be

a good fit in the community," Rothweiler said. "I mean, we don't do economic development just for the sake of development." Despite some challenges facing the dairy industry and its processors, the dairy industry in Idaho is continuing to grow. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, dairy production in Idaho has increased 3.5 percent — with the majority production located in south-central Idaho.

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MONEY BRIEFS

Three job fairs for vets to be held in Idaho

BOISE — In observance of Veterans' Day, the U.S. Department of Labor today announced plans for a 25-day blitz of 107 veterans' job fairs to be held in every state from now through Nov. 16, including three in Idaho. The three veterans' job fairs in Idaho are: • Nov. 6, Ramada Inn, 133 W. Burnside Ave., Pocatello. • Nov. 7, Idaho N.G. Armory, 5453 E. Seltice Way, Post Falls. • Nov. 8, Nampa Civic Center, 311 Third St. So., Nampa.

Small Business center to offer Quick Books classes

The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer classes in using the Quick Books Pro 2007 accounting program. The classes will be taught in two levels — the first level being designed for people with little or no knowledge of the program and the second level geared toward students with some familiarity of the program. All classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in room C93 of the Evergreen building at CSI, Level 1 classroom from Nov. 1 through Nov. 15. Level 2 classes will run from Dec. 6 through Dec. 20. The cost is \$75 per level or \$130 for both. For more information contact Sherry Rust at (208) 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

Other highlights value of safe, healthy workplaces

Gov. CL "Butch" Otter is underscoring the importance of workforce safety and health by proclaiming October "Idaho Worksite Wellness Month." Since state government is Idaho's largest employer, Otter has suggested that all state agencies consider providing wellness activities and programs for their more than 30,000 workers. But he also emphasized the value of a healthy work force in every sector of the economy. Idaho's workplace safety track record is resulting in a 3.7 percent decrease in workers' compensation insurance premiums for 2008 — a direct financial gain for employers for ensuring safe work sites.

— from staff reports

Tainted Chinese products causing fear, uncertainty among U.S. consumers

WASHINGTON (AP) — United States, Paulson said in a speech to a conference. He said China must make bold moves to reform its economy, fight off protectionist forces and address growing concerns about tainted products. Paulson said the effectiveness with which China addresses the safety concerns will have long-term implications for U.S.-China trade relations. He cautioned that policymakers in both countries should focus on science-based safety decisions rather than "protectionism or retaliation."

Automatic enrollment in 401(k)-type plans soon to become more common

By Jesse J. Holland Associated Press writer WASHINGTON — A new law making it easier for companies to automatically enroll their employees in pension plans such as 401(k)s goes into effect soon, the Labor Department said Monday, a move the government hopes will spur increased retirement savings. The enactment of the Pension Protection Act in December "will help many more workers and their families build a nest egg for a secure and comfortable retirement," Labor Secretary Elaine Chao said. The Labor Department

plans to publish the final rules today, and the law goes into effect 60 days later. By making it easier for companies to include workers in pension plans, department officials estimate retirement savings in 401(k)-type plans could increase by as much as \$134 billion by 2034. Currently, one-third of eligible workers don't participate in 401(k) and other defined contribution plans, which give the employee the option of where to invest the account, usually among stocks, bonds and money market accounts. Studies show automatic enrollment could reduce that figure to less than 10 percent, the

department said. The law, passed by Congress and signed by President Bush last year, aims to make it easier for companies to automatically enroll workers into retirement plans by letting employers require their workers to "opt-out" instead of "opt-in." By absolving companies of the liability for an automatically-enrolled worker's investment losses, officials hope to spur more companies to start this type of plan. Some 18 percent of employers now offer automatic enrollment for 401(k) and other similar pension plans, department officials said.

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# Lower the bills with 5 energy savers

By Mary Ellen Slayter  
The Washington Post

This time of year, homeowners' thoughts often turn to ways of keeping their heating bills in check as the weather cools.

If the brisk air isn't enough to motivate you, the federal government is kicking in a little incentive. Tax breaks for installing and replacing energy-efficient doors, windows, water heaters, and heating and cooling systems are set to expire at the end of the year.

But boosting your home's energy efficiency need not empty your savings account or hand your house over to contractors for a week.

"Different homeowners need to do different things, in different orders," said Peter Van Buren, of TerraLogos Green Home Services in Baltimore.

Here are five things every homeowner can do now to cut energy bills this winter.

- **Unholster the caulk gun** and make ready the weather-stripping. So boring, so basic and so absolutely necessary, say energy efficiency experts. Air leaks around windows and doors. In particular, can be huge energy

**Energy Star efficiency**

- Unload your old clothes washer. Get a new one with the Energy Star rating and save more than \$100 a year on utilities, compared with a washer made before 2004. Qualifying washers use 40 percent less energy than standard washers and about half as much water. But you can hang on to the old dryer until it expires — most dryers use similar amounts of energy and none has earned the Energy Star rating.
- Hire an energy auditor. A professional inspector can pinpoint the energy wasters in your home and suggest the most cost-effective improvements.

That can be especially helpful if you've already covered the obvious points of energy waste. To find leaks, the inspector will perform what's called a "blower door test," in which a big, calibrated fan is sealed into an outside door.

When it's turned on, the effect is like having a 20-mile per hour wind whuffing, puffing, trying to blow into the house.

wasters. They're easy and inexpensive to fix. Other common trouble spots include outdoor faucets, dryer vents, and vents for bathroom and kitchen fans.

- Swap out a few light bulbs. Shorter days mean increased need for lighting. As bulbs go out in your home, replace them with compact fluorescent bulbs, which use 75 percent less energy than their incandescent counterparts. As a bonus, they also last up to 10 times as long, so you'll make fewer trips up and down the step ladder to replace them.
- Install a programmable thermostat. Why heat the house when no one is in it? But by allowing you to sync the heating and cooling systems with your daily and weekly habits, an Energy Star programmable thermostat can save you about \$150

in the first year of operation. Most models sell for less than \$100, so the return on your investment is quick. Pick one that's easy to use.

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## The fine art of balancing a room

By Margi Vorder Bruegge  
and George Sneed  
of the Stamford Advocate

Every room needs balance, places for the eyes to focus, weight distributed throughout the room so it doesn't appear lopsided. Think of your room as a scale and always add a bit more to one side or the other so as not to tip it too much in one direction.

**The challenge:** Let's say you have a room with a single, overwhelming focal point: a large fireplace or a large, dramatic window. If there's nothing else in the room, your eye would go directly to that spot. That's fine — it gives you a starting point — but it's not the only thing you want to see.

**The solutions:** There are several approaches to balance.

Sometimes you need to enhance an architectural focal point. For example, a large window framed with draperies needs to be anchored with something of substance — maybe a sofa or a pair of large chairs angled around a table. If not, that focal point seems too top heavy. In many public rooms, the fireplace is the focal point. It is usually centered on a long wall, with space on either side — a good place for matching chests or demilune tables with lumps and perhaps artwork above them. You could argue that we are just adding more weight to that side of the room, and you would be correct. The trick is to tack across the room and create another focal point, or to triangulate and create more than one anchor.

The two easiest ways to create weight in a room are to add artwork, and/or case goods (wooden pieces of fur-

niture). The furniture is a no-brainer. Think piano. A baby grand is an ideal way to fill a bay window or an asymmetrical alcove in a large room. What if you need weight on one side of the room but have no space for a chest or an end table? Hang one or two pictures, stack two similar prints or paintings above each other, or group a collection of smaller prints gallery style. Grouping paintings creates drama, and creates peaks and valleys in a room.

In addition to balancing the weight from one side of the room to another, you also want to give your eye something to focus on as you move from top to bottom. This will help any sized space appear larger.

In general, the concentration of weight in a room should be greater on an interior wall and dissipate as you move to the lighter perimeter of the house.

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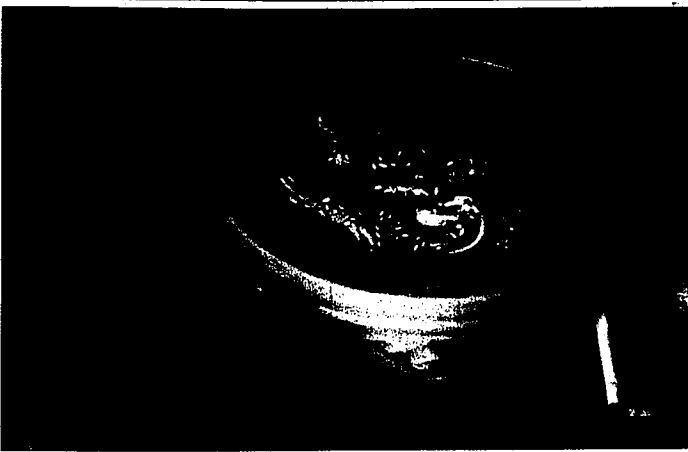
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## An Asian affair

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### ASIAN NOODLE SALAD

- 1 8-ounce package of udon noodles (whole wheat or brown rice) or pasta
- 1 1/2 cup frozen, shelled edamame, blanched
- 1 cup carrots, cut as matchsticks, blanched
- 1 cup bok choy, chopped with leaves and stems separated, blanched
- Pinch of sea salt
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds
- Cilantro, finely sliced as a garnish
- Peanut dressing:**
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons juice of freshly grated

ginger  
1 garlic clove, mashed  
1/2 cup cilantro, rinsed and chopped

Bring large pot of water to a boil. Add noodles and cook according to the package. If using udon noodles, drain and rinse 3 times in cold water.

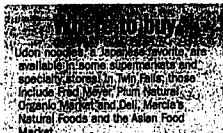
Blanching veggies: Heat a pot of water and bring to a boil. Add a pinch of sea salt and put the bok choy stems in first for 30 seconds, then remove and drain excess water.

When water boils again, submerge bok choy leaves; remove and drain excess water. Allow water to boil again and blanch the edamame 1-2 minutes. Blanch the carrots for 30-60 seconds or until the color of the carrots is the brightest.

Let veggies cool before mixing them with the noodles. Combine dressing ingredients.

Add dressing to veggies and noodles and mix together gently. Garnish with cilantro and sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds. Chill at least 1/2 hour prior to serving.

Toasting sesame seeds: Rinse sesame



seeds and put in a stainless steel skillet over heat. Continuously move the seeds until they turn golden brown. Place in a bowl to cool.

### KALE CHIPS

Kale leaves, rinsed and dried with stems removed  
Olive oil  
Sea salt  
Parchment paper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly brush both sides of each kale leaf with olive oil. Sparingly sprinkle one side with sea salt.

Cut kale into bite-size pieces and place them on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake for 10 minutes until kale is dry but still has a green color.

## A seasonal treat

### GINGER SQUASH SOUP

Layer the romaine lettuce, hummus, sliced cucumbers, red onion slices and kalamata olives in the whole-wheat pita. If you use whole-wheat flatbread, you can grill it and cut into triangles. Then spread the hummus on top and garnish it with the vegetables.

Layer the onion first, then the squash, in a soup pot. Cover with water and add a

pinch of sea salt. Bring to a boil without the lid and boil for 2 minutes. Cover, then simmer about 15 minutes or until veggies are soft. Puree the veggies either with a hand-immersion blender or in a regular blender and return the mixture to the soup pot. Add 1/4-1/2 teaspoon sea salt, simmer for 5-7 minutes and taste.

If the soup is not sweet enough, add a pinch or two of sea salt and simmer another 5-7 minutes. Salt brings out the sweetness of the squash.

If the soup is too thick, add more water to achieve the desired consistency with another pinch of sea salt, and cook it in.

Grate ginger and squeeze the juice into the soup right at the end. Ladle soup into a thermos and garnish it with scallion.

## Poached salmon an easy, elegant dinner

By Bonnie S. Benwick  
The Washington Post

This is an entree so light, elegant and easy to make that it is suitable for dinner tonight. Serve with steamed broccoli.

"The dish is one of the 140 recipes in "The Great American Eat-Right Cookbook," a new collection from the American Cancer Society. To order a copy, go to [www.cancer.org/bookstore](http://www.cancer.org/bookstore), or call 800-227-2345. Adapted with permission from Jeanne Besser and Colleen Doyle.

### GINGER-POACHED SALMON WITH ORANGE AND HONEY

- 4 servings
- 1 large orange
  - 1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
  - 2 teaspoons freshly grated ginger root
  - 2 teaspoons finely chopped pickled ginger
  - 2 tablespoons honey
  - 4 center-cut salmon fillets (about 1 pound), preferably skinless, pin bones removed
  - 1 to 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

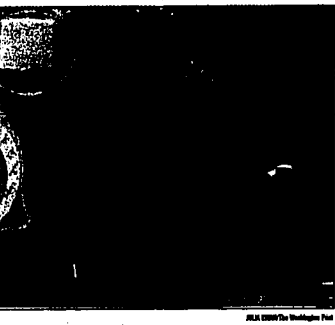
Grate the zest and squeeze the juice from the orange (there should be 1/4 to 1/2 cup juice).

In a large lidded skillet, combine the orange zest and juice, chicken broth, both types of ginger and the honey and bring just to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring to mix well. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add the salmon, cover and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, then use spatulas to carefully turn the fish over and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, or until cooked through. Transfer the salmon to a plate and cover loosely to keep warm.

Increase the heat to medium-high and cook just until the sauce in the skillet comes to a boil.

Whisk in the butter, stirring until the sauce has slightly thickened. Divide the fillets among individual plates; spoon the warm sauce over and serve immediately.

Per serving: 264 calories, 26 g protein, 12 g carbohydrates, 12 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 65 mg cholesterol, 84 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber



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# Granola without the sweet sting

By Susan LaTempa  
Los Angeles Times

It's a coolish morning. You're invigorated by your morning run or yoga class — and famished.

At home, before dressing for work, you breathe in the heart-gladdening aroma of coffee and, then, amazingly, something that, even better, the seductive, toasty fragrance of roasted grains, seeds, nuts and spices.

Just-baked granola. It's comfort in a bowl — and high-quality fuel to boot. And easy? Can you measure, stir and spread some stuff on a baking sheet? You're golden.

There are some foods so elemental, so satisfying, that although they represent an ancient cooking idea, they're reinvented in each era. The combination of toasted grains and nuts that we call granola (or "granola") is in some old cookbooks, a name that dates from the 1800s, is one such food.

But with each generation's rediscovery, it seems, this essentially homespun, wholesome food is burdened with unnecessary ingredients that mask its appeal.

Granola's making a comeback — again. Well-regarded restaurants, bittersip coffeehouses, luxury hotels and artisanal bakeries tout their often super-luxurious versions studded with whole nuts and exotic dried fruits. But the tendency is toward a richness achieved with lots of sweeteners and fats. Too much of either — and it's incredibly easy to step over the line — flattens the flavors and textures of the cereals and seeds that are the heart and soul of a great granola.

Let's get one thing straight: Great granola is not crumbled cookies. And in spite of the spin, whether the granola is made by a coffeehouse staffer or a restaurant pastry chef, it's invariably too sweet.

Cookbook recipes — whether published in the bulk-grain-loving 1970s, the go-with-ats 1990s or Whole Earth-meets-suburbia present — are the same. They not only call for lots of butter and brown sugar, but also require multiple stages of cooking so as not to scorch particular ingredients such as dried fruit.

A great granola has crunch, mellowness, warmth, savory, a bit of spice — it's all there, not weighed down by sticky or overwhelmed-by-sweet. There's interplay: light, crisp oatmeal flakes and smoky, earthy bits of pecan in one mouthful. Or a cheery, mysteriously sweet tangle of coconut combined with the firm, toasty bite of slivered almonds. You just need half a cup per serving. It's so filling, but that half a cup makes for a happy whirligig of flavors and textures.

Once you start experimenting with unsweetened granola, you'll find that because dried fruit is not soaked or softened, it comes across in this context like little nuggets of candy, adding only calories. Instead, walk till the granola in the bowl, then play the fragrance of toasted grains



Fresh fruit provides a cool contrast to toasty granola.

against fresh fruit — seasonal or tropical. It provides the right note of cool, slightly acidic contrast, as does plain unsweetened yogurt.

Moving away from dried fruit allows for an incredibly simple quick-cooking method. And there's an easy rule of thumb for combining complementary flakes, seeds, nuts and meals — it's almost a "one from column A, one from column B" approach — that helps you keep in mind how they play off one another and become so pleasing in concert. It's a simple approach for making a small batch of granola so good that although it'll keep for a few days, it may not be around that long.

Once I figured out how to do it, I got hooked on making a batch of granola once or twice a week, mixing the dry ingredients the night before, then in the morning, simply tossing in the oil, juice and/or flavorings and baking for the mere 15 to 20 minutes it takes.

For each batch, begin with rolled oats, the signature ingredient of granola. Next add a contrasting textural base — unsweetened coconut flakes, usually. Follow with smaller amounts of a meal — wheat germ, nut meal, corn meal, ground flax — and small seeds (sesame, sunflower, pine nuts) or chopped nuts.

Add the show off ingredients: large whole (or halved) nuts or seeds such as cashews, almonds or pumpkin seeds. Add a small amount of canola oil and a touch of liquid — such as prune juice or maple syrup — for each batch.

Pecan-peppita granola is a wonderful basic granola that has a light, crunchy base of oatmeal, coconut and wheat germ that gains depth with the addition of pecans daintily spiced with cinnamon.

Almond-cashew granola is a bit more luxurious and, depending on the kind of nut meal used, takes on almost creamy notes (with almond or hazelnut meal) or an intriguingly bitter crunch (with flax seed meal).

And if you're an inhabitant

of the savory breakfast universe, whether your favorites are miso soup and pickles, leftover pizza or rice and beans, try the savory granola recipe. Spiced with cumin, and mustard seeds, it's also great with yogurt — for lunch or an afternoon snack, maybe, after a trip to the gym.

Once you've measured in your chosen ingredients, just toss to combine and coat, then spread the mixture on a baking sheet and bake (now's the time to grab a shower or check your e-mail).

When the granola's golden brown, pull it from the oven and allow it to cool. One spoonful will take the edge right off your day.



## SAVORY GRANOLA

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup steel-cut oats
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/4 cup raw sunflower seeds
- 1/4 cup black sesame seeds
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 1/2 cup raw pumpkin seeds (peppitas)
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard seeds
- 2 tablespoons cumin seeds
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, combine the rolled and steel-cut oats, the wheat germ, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, pine nuts, pumpkin seeds, mustard seeds, cumin seeds, oil and Worcestershire sauce. Stir well.

2. Spread the mixture on a lightly oiled cookie sheet. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown, stirring once for even toasting.

3. Allow the granola to cool on the cookie sheet. It can be stored in an airtight container

for no more than one week. For each serving, combine one-half cup granola with one-fourth cup each plain yogurt and diced fresh fruit.

Total time: 25 minutes  
Servings: 6  
Each serving: 360 calories; 11 grams protein; 28 grams carbohydrates; 6 grams fiber; 25 grams fat; 3 grams saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 61 milligrams sodium.

## PECAN-PEPITA GRANOLA

- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 2/3 cup shredded unsweetened coconut
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 cup chopped raw pecans
- 1/2 cup whole raw pumpkin seeds (peppitas)
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 3 tablespoons prune juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Measure the oats, coconut, wheat germ, pecans, peppitas, oil, prune juice, cinnamon and salt into a medium bowl. Stir well to combine.

2. Spread the mixture on a lightly oiled cookie sheet. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown, stirring once for even toasting.

3. Allow the granola to cool on the cookie sheet. It can be stored in an airtight container for no more than a week. For each serving, combine 1/2 cup granola with 1/4 cup each plain yogurt and diced fresh fruit.

Total time: 25 minutes.  
Servings: 7.

Each serving: 278 calories; 7 grams protein; 20 grams carbohydrates; 5 grams fiber; 21 grams fat; 6 grams saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 172 milligrams sodium.

## ALMOND-CASHEW GRANOLA

- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup shredded unsweetened coconut
- 1/4 cup almond, hazelnut or flaxseed meal
- 1/4 cup raw sesame seeds
- 1/2 cup raw almond slivers
- 1/3 cup raw cashews
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Measure the oats, coconut, almond (or hazelnut or flaxseed) meal, sesame seeds, almonds, cashews, oil, maple syrup and salt into a medium bowl. Stir well to combine.

2. Spread the mixture on a lightly oiled cookie sheet. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown, stirring once for even toasting.

3. Cool the granola on the cookie sheet. It can be stored in an airtight container for up to a week. For each serving, combine 1/2 cup granola with 1/4 cup each plain yogurt and diced fresh fruit.

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There are significant differences in the burning qualities of various types of firewood. For example, the heating value of a cord of firewood can vary from a low of 12.5 million Btu for aspen to a

high of 24.6 million Btu for shagbark hickory. These values are for air-dried wood with a moisture content of about 20 percent. Green wood contains about 40 percent moisture. Burning most air-dried

woods produces about 7,000 Btu of heat per pound, so heavier, more dense wood provides more heat per cord. If you cannot tell what type of wood it is by the bark, color or grain, pick up several pieces to determine their rel-

ative weight. The differences will easily be noticeable.

Knock several pieces of wood together and listen to the sound. Dry wood makes a sharp ringing sound. Green wood makes a dull thud. Looks for checks, cracks and a dark color on the log ends as indications it is well-seasoned and dried. Shorter logs also tend to be drier because most of the moisture escapes from the ends of logs, not from the exposed split face.

Most of the firewood you select should be hardwoods. These are generally heavier and burn much slower and cleaner than softwoods. In an efficient fireplace which controls the amount of combustion air, clean burning (low creosote buildup) characteristics of the firewood are important. A dirty-burning fire can result in a dangerous chimney fire after a long season.

The resins in the softwood actually create extra heat. Fruit and nut trees also burn quickly and give off a wonderful aroma similar to the fruit or nut.

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20 inches long and a foot in diameter. If smoke from the chimney is an issue for you or your neighbors, avoid burning elm, sycamore, gum, aspen, basswood and most softwoods. Many of the softwoods also pop and throw sparks as they burn, so be careful when adding the firewood to a just-started fire of softwoods.

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In the main house, a wide foyer links to a sunny, well-lit living room on the left, and leads into a window-bright dining room at the rear. A meandering covered patio runs along the exterior windows while wrapping around a garden courtyard.

Glass paneled cabinets mark the dining room/kitchen boundary. Ideal for displaying and easily accessing fine china, these cabinets could be set high to leave the lower counter open on both sides for use as a buffet. The kitchen has a large, free-standing table at center and a traditional wood-burning stove and cooktop accessible from both the dining room and kitchen. But the owners needn't rely solely on wood for cooking.

Modern appliances are built in as well, and the roomy pantry has space for an upright freezer.

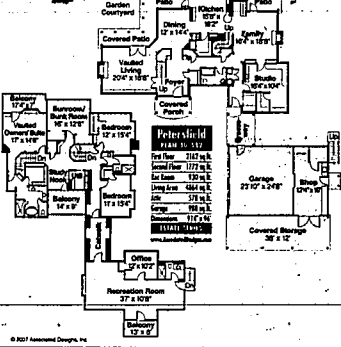
A desk nook is to the right of the kitchen. Just inside a large family room with plenty of windows and a masonry fireplace.

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# Radiators under clever cover

By Terri Sapiezza  
The Washington Post

Looking for a way to work around awkward radiators without spending a fortune on custom—and often unlovely—covers? We love the clever way Caroline Verschoor, owner of Ekster Antiques in Leesburg, Va., (www.eksterantiques.com) turned the tables on this familiar problem.

being unable to use the space beneath a living room window because of a bulky radiator, she decided to slice an old round table down the center to fashion two identical demilunes. Now they sit below a pair of living room windows, one fitting perfectly over the radiator. The table halves were attached securely to the wall with screws and brackets to hold them in place and bear the weight of anything placed on top.

Tables can be easily modified to fit the size of the radiator and the height of the window sill. Verschoor says: Just lower the table by cutting the legs, or raise it by adding casters.

She has used different styles and shapes of tables to cover several radiators around her home and to gain storage and display space.

"I have a desk covering one," she said, "and we hide a bunch of stuff underneath."



Caroline Verschoor modified tables to fit over and disguise radiators in her home.

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When it's necessary to do a biopsy, Gilman helps the patient through the pre-biopsy procedure where a radiologist uses a fine needle, guided by either mammogram or an ultrasound, to locate the area for surgery. She remains with the patient when the radiologist takes a key sample of tissue. "It's a time for me to try to help reduce anxiety, because the fear factor is so high," she said. "I know the patient's family, and I know what's going on in their lives. It's a time for me to try to help reduce anxiety, because the fear factor is so high," she said. "I know the patient's family, and I know what's going on in their lives. It's a time for me to try to help reduce anxiety, because the fear factor is so high," she said. "I know the patient's family, and I know what's going on in their lives."

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...them for the diagnostic process and results," she said. "And this is where we find them on to the nurses in the cancer center for the actual treatment process."

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Employees at Lincoln Financial Group listen to Republican presidential hopeful Rudy Giuliani speak at a town hall meeting at the company in Concord, N.H. Tuesday.

# Giuliani declines to say where he agrees with conservative Republicans

By Sara Kagler  
Associated Press writer

CONCORD, N.H. — Republican Rudy Giuliani declined to tell a voter on Tuesday where he agrees and disagrees with conservative members of his party, saying it's about more than "just an ideology."

The former New York City mayor, who has made conservative Republicans nervous with some of his more liberal views — his support of abortion rights and gun control, for example — was asked pointedly at a town-hall-style meeting to outline where his views align with conservatives.

Giuliani chuckled, took a deep breath and then told the questioner it was up to him to figure that out.

"And I ask you to consider: doing that, not as a conservative Republican, or as a right-wing something or a left-wing something or a middle-wing something or a hawk," Giuliani said. "Why don't you try doing it as an American voter? Figure out what you agree with and disagree with."

The voter, Peter Sajko, nodded broadly as Giuliani went on, describing his record as mayor of New York City, where crime declined and unemployment went down.

To try to analyze it from the point of view of just an ideology — a few people do that, but basically my hero was Ronald Reagan, and my 80 percent friend is not my 20 percent enemy," Giuliani said.

Sajko, a 55-year-old registered Republican, said afterward he was not satisfied with the responses.

"I think it was 'Let's dodge the bullet here, let's not deal with specifics but let's bring up Ronald Reagan and appeal to the charisma and nostalgia for Ronald Reagan and let's carry it over to Rudy Giuliani,'" said Sajko.

Giuliani had also used the Reagan quote last weekend when he appealed for support at a conference of religious conservatives in Washington.

"He offered that group assurances that despite his support for abortion rights, he would seek to lower the number of abortions. He pledged that if elected, he would appoint conservative judges, support school choice and insist on victory in Iraq."

# Stark apologizes for remarks on Iraq

By Johanna Neuman  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Rep. Pete Stark apologized Tuesday for saying last week that the White House was sending young Americans to Iraq "to get their heads blown off for the president's amusement."

Stark's apology, on the House floor, came after Republicans failed to win a vote censuring the California Democrat for "despicable conduct." The vote was 196 to 173 to kill the measure, with 168 Republicans and five Democrats supporting censure.

"I hope that with this apology I will become as insignificant as I should be," Stark said.

He directed his apology to his colleagues, "the president" and his family "and U.S. troops."

The 17-term congressman from the state's 13th District made his comments during a debate Thursday over President Bush's veto of a \$35-billion increase in a program to provide health insurance to children.

"You don't have money to fund the war or children," Stark said. "But you're going to spend it to blow up innocent people if we can get enough kids to grow old enough for you to send to Iraq to get their heads blown off for the president's amusement."

Republicans condemned the remarks. A video clip of Stark's comments posted Friday on YouTube was viewed about 300,000 times.

Initially, Stark refused to apologize. He issued a statement the same day, calling opponents of children's health insurance cowards. "I have nothing but respect for our brave men and women in uniform and wish them the best."

Stark said in the statement. "But I respect neither the commander in chief who keeps them in harm's way nor the chickenhawks in Congress who vote to deny children health care."

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# U.S. airstrikes kill 11 Iraqis, including 5 women and a child in Sunni stronghold

By Kim Gamal  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — A U.S. helicopter opened fire Tuesday on men seen planting roadside bombs in a Sunni stronghold north of Baghdad, then chased them into a nearby house and continued to shoot, killing 11 Iraqis, including five women and one child, the military said. Neighbors and relatives of those killed said 14 civilians

were killed. They prayed and wept over the bodies, which were wrapped in colorful blankets for burial in the desert north of Samarra. The attack began after men were seen placing bombs near the volatile city 60 miles north of Baghdad, said Maj. Peggy Kagelely, a U.S. military spokeswoman. An Apache helicopter engaged these enemy forces, and the enemy forces ran into a house and took over

the structure," she said, adding the attack aircraft continued to fire at the suspected militants as they tried to escape. A known member of a roadside bomb-making network was among five military-age men who were killed, but the dead also included five women and one child, the military said in a statement that cited Iraqi sources. The statement said the circumstances surround-

ing the airstrikes were under review. Kagelely expressed regret for the deaths of the civilians but blamed the insurgents for putting lives in danger by running into the house to escape attack by the U.S. forces. Dhurgham Hamid, a man from the area that was hit, said the dead included a man who was a supervisor at the provincial education directorate, his wife, and an

accountant at the agency. "They were peaceful people, who had nothing to do with the resistance or gunmen," Hamid said. It was the third claim of civilian casualties from U.S. airstrikes in as many days, raids that have prompted complaints from both sides of the sectarian divide that too many Iraqis are losing their lives, particularly as the Americans increasingly rely on air power to

attack militants. The hard-line Sunni Association of Muslim Scholars said the raid struck families who were celebrating the release of one of their sons from U.S. custody. The group "condemned the brutal crime that shows the savagery and brutality of the occupation in targeting disarmed civilians" and placed blame on the Shiite government and the U.S. military.

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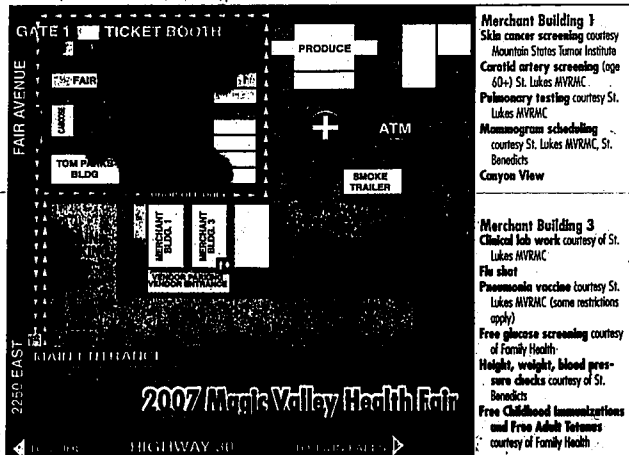
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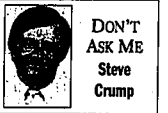
## Living with a bird isn't domestic bliss

I've got this parakeet named Dulcy.

Dulcy was acquired last spring to keep me company in my Twin Falls apartment. She was supposed to chirp, sing from time to time, and sit on my shoulder while I cleaned her bird cage.

Hasn't turned out that way. This particular budgie is convinced that I'm a predator although any sensible creature could take one look at me and tell I'm only a danger to doughnuts — so she slips out of her cage whenever the chance arises and hides in the fake plants around my flat.

Dulcy's a sneaky bird, but I'm sorry to say not a very smart one.



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

Parakeets, as you know, come equipped with long tailfeathers. Dulcy hasn't yet come to grips with the need to hide those, too, when she skulks in the ficus tree in the corner of the living room.

She also favors ducking under furniture, and because the bird has a lousy sense of direction she gets lost beneath the couch and I have to move it to retrieve her.

I blame the absence of large, goofy dogs during her upbringing. They tend to focus a parakeet's tiny brain wonderfully.

Dulcy's predecessor, Sam, was so street-smart that she'd land on top of my head and stay there whenever mutts were on the premises. Have you ever tried to dislodge a budgie from your hair when the bird does not wish to leave?

Wouldn't work with Dulcy, though. She'd land on the dog's head.

Scientists tell us that birds are evolutionary geniuses, but I'm not so sure.

I came home from work the other evening and turned on the light. The parakeet had been hanging upside down from the top of her cage, pitching the bird in her mirror in total darkness.

A couple of days later, I was sitting in my living room watching TV when I heard the avian equivalent of hysteria. See, Dulcy has a bell-in her cage, and likes to play with the clapper. So she'd poked her beak all the way inside the bell and it got stuck on her head.

Scientists tell us that birds are evolutionary geniuses, but I'm not so sure.

The other day while I was cleaning her cage, Dulcy started bobbing her head up and down furiously.

And then she vomited all over me.

I looked it up on the Internet, and discovered that parakeets regurgitate for two reasons: to feed their young and to show affection for their mates.

That's right: A budgie's idea of plying you is to throw up on her date.

Shoot, that hasn't happened to me since senior prom.

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## Police still looking for robbery suspect

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

Don't do a double take. Meridian Police say an armed robbery suspect caught on tape Monday afternoon at a Wells Fargo Bank in Meridian matches the man who carried out an armed robbery at the Wells Fargo Bank at 1303 Addison Ave. E. on Oct. 9.

In fact, the FBI suspects the same man of robbing Wells Fargo Banks in New Mexico and Arizona, said Meridian Police Lt. Bob Stowe.

The suspect used his apparent signature disguise of a tan, full-brimmed hat that blocks the surveillance camera from catching his face. He wears a white long-sleeved shirt and light colored cargo type pants. Since the Twin Falls robbery, he has discarded a bandage over his

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chin. He displays a handgun but does not point it at the teller. He takes the money. Then he's gone.

In Twin Falls, police spent hours canvassing streets after the suspect was seen heading east from the bank. After leaving the bank in Meridian, the suspect ran towards the rear of the building. Police searched the area but again found nothing.

"With his past history it could indicate he's probably moved on," Stowe said. "But we are not going to assume



The FBI believes a man who robbed the Wells Fargo Bank at 210 E. Corporate in Meridian (left) on Monday is the suspect who robbed the Wells Fargo Bank on Oct. 9 at 1303 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls (right).



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Police and Meridian Police

that we are going back tracking down tips and leads."

Stowe says police don't know why the suspect targets Wells Fargo banks.

"We probably won't know that until we catch

him," Stowe said.

Meridian police are looking for a man in his 30s or 40s. Twin Falls police say he is in his 20s.

Anyone with information about this robbery is urged to

call Meridian Police at 888-6678, or Crime Stoppers at 343-COPS.

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## Curriculum showcase



Dorothy Morris, a first-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Jerome, left, and Lisa Burke, a fourth-grade teacher also in Jerome, participate in one of many presentations held at a showcase of new academic materials sponsored by the Idaho State Department of Education Tuesday afternoon at the Best Western in Burley.

## New materials target students with limited English at Burley presentation

By Andrea Getes  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The tables were neatly set Tuesday morning during the 2007 Idaho Curricular Materials Caravan, but something was obviously missing.

Teachers.

Textbook covers shined in fluorescent overhead lights at the Best Western Burley Inn and Convention Center, while country music quietly hummed in the banquet room of the highway stop motel.

Smiling salespeople from prominent publishing companies — many of whom were once teachers — hovered at tables eager to talk

about their products.

Under the backdrop of a dozen booths, only five teachers had shown up Tuesday — at least during the morning hours.

But Val Fenske, State Department of Education curricular materials coordinator, crossed her fingers that more teachers would make it.

"It's like throwing a party and no one comes," she said. "I hope we get more."

"Choosing a book that fits everybody's wishes and needs is a difficult task."

— Paul Remealy, a representative from the Idaho Association of School Curriculum Directors

Fenske speculated that more teachers might arrive after schools let out. The event lasted until 5 p.m. and it was the first time it was held in Burley — in an effort to reach more rural schools.

In previous years the curriculum showcase was held in Twin Falls.

The state shows its approved curriculum to schools on six-year cycles for different subject

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## Twin Falls crash victim in coma

### Rupert woman taken to SLC burn center

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

More than two-thirds of the surface of Cynthia Slack's sleeping body is charred.

The 50-year-old Rupert woman remains in a coma at the University of Utah Hospital's Burn Center in Salt Lake City. Tubes running into her head control brain swelling. A constant team of eye specialists, skin graft experts, surgeons and nurses at one point grew to 44 professionals operating all at once around her lone bed. It was more staff working on a single patient than one nurse said she had ever seen.

"She's not very good at all," said her daughter Angela Solis of Declo, calling of from the burn center's waiting room.

The dedication of the medical staff is the one and only thing Angela Solis can take heart to when her mom faces a mere 50 percent chance of surviving.

Slack's doctors told her daughter, Slack lost control of her 1985 Mercury Topaz Monday morning — her daughter believes from a stroke — on Addison Avenue East. The vehicle plunged off the

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A charred car that was driven by Cynthia Slack rests in a shallow waterway on Monday, about 10 feet under the south side of a bridge on Addison Avenue East at 3625 East.

## Krear assumes position of captain at TFPD

### Stotts promoted to lieutenant

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

"Hey, Sergeant...uh, no I mean, Lieutenant...LT!"

The stammering substitute for a conversation has become all too frequent in the hallways of the police department since Bryan Krear was promoted to captain this summer.

But his new title has yet to stick for many colleagues at the Twin Falls Police

Department. That's not surprising. In the course of a decade, Krear went from officer to corporal to staff sergeant, pausing for three years at lieutenant before making captain. For now, with only the chief above him, he can rest a bit.

"It's been a dream of mine," said Krear, who assumed the captain's title before Capt. Jim Massey retired last week after 27 years with the TFPD. That makes Krear the newest of three captains supervising the department's three divisions.

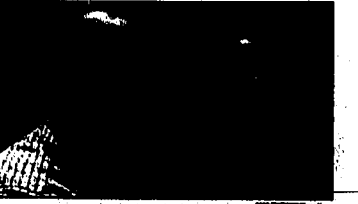
Capt. Matt Hicks manages criminal investigations and

Capt. Brian Pike continues to run administrative services. Krear will supervise the patrol division.

Krear's new job means less time on the streets and more administrative work. He talks about the outlook of the city five years ahead.

Of all Krear's leap-frogging between titles and across divisions in 17 years at the department, he said his job has never been a launch pad toward a bigger agency.

"The glamour of extremely large departments wasn't appealing to me," said Krear.



Bryan Krear, left, was promoted on July 24 from lieutenant to captain at the Twin Falls Police Department and is heading the patrol division. Craig Stotts, right, moved up from sergeant to lieutenant on Sept. 7 and will assume responsibility for the city dispatch center.

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### Chuck (Charles) Barnes

Chuck (Charles) Barnes passed away on Oct. 22, 2007. Chuck was born in 1918 in the town of Mexico, N.C., on March 10, 1930.

"My girls wouldn't do it here is a brief synopsis of a long and good life."



He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, played semi-pro football in Maryland, worked for Tupperware 1980 to 1990, 1 worked in Aerospace in Sylmar, Calif., for 12 years, 1 met Wanda during those years, which started the best years of my life. We were married in 1973; Kristen was 6 years old. We moved to Twin Falls in 1980, lived in the west for 10 years. In 1994, moved to Twin Falls, joined the Jerome Country Club in 1980 and golf was the big thing in our life. My first marriage produced four children, Lisa, Kelly Scott and Brett.

I was preceded in death by my parents; a brother and two sisters; a daughter, Kelly; and son, Scott. I am survived by my wife, Wanda, my love and best part of my life; daughter, Lisa; son-in-law;

Ken; daughter, Kristen; granddaughters, Katie and Holly; grandson, Doug. (Stephanie).

I never was four Fs but a three-F man—Falth, Family, Friends. Some won't believe it, but I prayed most nights. My family was the best, as was my North Carolina family. Friends, I don't know why, but we were blessed with so many friends. You are all special, some very special. Dinner and a movie! Well, the best of the best—our night golf partners! If anyone has a few minutes sometime, stop by and have a cup of coffee or cocktail and a smoke with me. I don't discriminate.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2521 Kimberly Road, Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. At Chuck's request, friends and family will be gathering at Jerome Country Club immediately following the service to celebrate his life. Donations may be made to Rocky Mountain PGA Foundation, for Idaho Junior Golfers, at the Jerome Country Club, P.O. Box 2630, Eagle, ID 83616, in memory of Chuck Barnes.

### Ralphine Lucille (Ralphie) Cook

Ralphine Lucille (Ralphie) Cook, 60, died Oct. 20, 2007, in Twin Falls, Idaho, following a brief illness.

Ralphie was born June 20, 1947, in Tropic, Utah. She graduated from Moses Lake High School in Moses Lake, Wash., in 1965. Ralphie attended beauty school in Moses Lake and eventually relocated to Pasco, Wash., in 1976. In 1980, she moved to Green River, Wyo., and later became an aerobics instructor.



Ralphie married Rocke Cook in Pensacola, Fla., in 1989. Ralphie resided in Green River, Wyo., until 2000, when she relocated to Twin Falls. On Dec. 26, 2004, she exchanged marriage vows with Edward Pastoor of Twin Falls. Ralphie had a variety of interests, which she enthusiastically pursued throughout her life. Her love of children and animals was perhaps her greatest passion—it was hard to determine if she were more drawn to them or to her. Ralphie was creative in all of her endeavors and was witty and a joy to be around. She loved being with her family and friends, camping, fishing, traveling, water skiing and making people laugh. She will be

dearly missed by all she leaves behind.

Ralphie was survived by her husband, Edward Pastoor, who brought to her life three sons, two daughters and 14 grandchildren of Twin Falls; son, Justin Cook, staff sergeant, USAF stationed in Baghdad and wife, Tammy; granddaughter, Kylie; and grandson, Matt of Warner Robins, Ga.; sister-in-law, Janet Vermilyea of Twin Falls; brother-in-law Ted Cook and wife, Susie of Green River; father and mother, Ed and Sherley and Sue Cook of Green River; niece, Marcella Yergensen and husband, J.D. of Twin Falls; niece, Meagan O'Connor and husband, Brandon of Twin Falls; nephew, Ryan Vermilyea; and wife, Stephanie of Twin Falls; one great-nephew and seven, great-nieces, all of Twin Falls; and puppy, Crystal of Twin Falls. Burial was preceded in death by her mother, Erna Charline Wenz; father, Raffael Maffio; husband, Rocke Cook; brother, Samuel; sister, Samuel E. Vermilyea; and grandmother, Nemy Vermilyea.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Mortuary Chapel by the Park in Twin Falls. A service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at St. Edward's Catholic Church, with burial immediately following at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Murray, Utah, and formerly of the Magic Valley area, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the South Cottonwood LDS Chapel, 5605 S. Vine St. in Murray, Utah; visitation from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday at the church; interment at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Middlefield Cemetery in Middlefield, Utah. Burial Home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Bette Eckles of Wendell, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 101 Bliss St. in Wendell (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Grace Louise Tingstrom of King Hill, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Glens Ferry VFW Hall (Rost, Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home).

Elmo Elison of Malta, Elmore at 11 a.m. Monday at the Malta LDS-1st and 2nd Ward Chapel; visitation from 8 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1830 E. 18th St. in Burley and from .10 to 10:40 a.m. Monday at the church.

### SERVICES

Griseida "Grace" Salinas Lopez of Rupert, funeral, Mass at 11 a.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic church in Rupert; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Belva V. Douglas of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Sandra Jean Parker of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 8 to 8 p.m. today at 1618 St. Paul Home, 1650 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Thursday at the church.

James Edward Stinson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Twin Falls LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 229 Park Ave.; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2521 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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### Eduardo Rangel Campos

Eduardo R. Campos, 73, of Rupert and formerly of Buley, passed away peacefully in his sleep Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at his son's home in Rupert after a courageous battle with cancer.



Eduardo was born Oct. 14, 1934, in Chichimequillas, Queretaro, Mexico, to Felisa Rangel and Andres Perea Campos. Eduardo married Manuela Aguinaga on Dec. 7, 1963, in Burley, Idaho. Born to this union were four sons, Jesse (Kristen) Campos of Boise, Eduardo "Eddie" (Sarah Jones) Campos of Twin Falls, Rojelio (Krista) Campos of Poacatlaco and Robert (Amanda Garner) Campos of Rupert; grand children, Bode Campos, Abbejacob Campos, Jarom Campos, Jacob Campos, Jace Campos, Jessa Campos, Mercedes Campos and Tristen Campos; stepchildren, Jacoby Kechter, Kaylee Kechter and Landon Beale.

He is survived by three brothers, Roberto, Pedro and Temigiro; seven sisters, Adela, Guadalupe, Maria, Esther, Estela, Consuelo and Maria de la Luz, all currently residing in Mexico with the exception of Estela, who lives in Spain. Eduardo was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Campos; his mother and father, Felisa Rangel and Andres Campos; and a brother, Rogelio Campos.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at the Little flower Catholic Church, with Father Reginald Nawozar as celebrant. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen-Payne Mortuary.

### Jerome to begin water line project; traffic will be redirected

JEROME — The city of Jerome will start trenching Thursday to install new water lines along Highway 25 from 200 East Road to the Highway 25/93 Junction (Dinking light).

The westbound lane of Highway 25 will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for a minimum of two weeks. Flaggers will direct traffic, and the speed limit will be reduced.

The city apologizes for any inconvenience travelers may experience during the project.

Questions: Public Works office, 324-9669, 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

### Charlene Mae Wright Daggett

Charlene Mae Wright Daggett, 51, of Kuna, passed away at home Oct. 19, 2007, after a courageous seven-year battle with cancer.



An memorial gathering will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road in Boise.

Charlene was born Jan. 24, 1956, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Elbert Henry Wright and Irma Clodene Wiggins Wright in 1904. Charlene met the love of her life, Dan Daggett, and they were married the following year. His love and support pulled her through and kept her strong throughout her battle with cancer. They were true

soul mates.

Charlene is survived by her husband, Dan; two daughters, Trisha Ellonberger and Shannon (Keth) Kennedy of Boise; two sisters, Sherry (Richard) Kersting of Nampa and Kathy Rhodes; stepchildren, Dan "Dino" (Chika) Daggett of Twin Falls and Tista (Tom) VanWinkle of Arizona; six grandchildren; and one special nephew, Shane Wright. She has also left behind many friends who loved and whom she loved more than words can explain.

Charlene will forever be remembered for her love of life and beautiful spirit. She had a heart of gold. Anyone who ever met her could see that. She was the best and we will truly miss her.

Services are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

### Jerry A. Davis

Jerry A. Davis, 81, of Richfield, passed away in his home Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007.

Jerry, born on Jan. 5, 1926, in Elkville, Ill., was the first-born child of Joseph Benjamin and Adeline Alice Davis. In 1929, the family moved to Idaho and settled in Richfield, where he graduated from Eden High School in 1944 and joined the United States Navy.



He was honorably discharged in June 1946. On Jan. 5, 1947, he married Pearl J. Radford. He later would be known to comment that by getting married on his birthday guaranteed that he would never forget their anniversary.

In 1948, Jerry moved his family to a home north of Richfield, where he farmed and drove truck for Stubbs Trucking. In 1960, they moved into the town of Richfield, where Jerry began his full-time and prestigious trucking career which lasted more than 30 years. He drove for Ward's Cheese and then for Avmore, Jerry was an avid fisherman, with the Richfield canal and Ward's Reservoir being his favorite places to go. He also loved bowling, playing cards and was an active member of the Richfield American Legion.

Jerry is survived by his six daughters, Elaine (Bob) Faddis, Diana (Dennis) Behrens, Susan (Dan) Cox, Christine (Ben) Kerlin, Vickie (Mike) Sand and Terri Davis; the surviving son is Allan

(Sabrina) Davis. There are 14 grandchildren, which Jerry was proud to call his own, as well as 10 great-grandchildren, with one more due in February. Many friends who Jerry enjoyed the company of many step-grandchildren as well as all the kids that knew him in the town of Richfield. Dad was preceded in death by his beloved and loving wife of 58 years.

Pearl; his parents; one brother, Nell; a brother-in-law, Jay Radford; and a son-in-law, Mark Hinrichs.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Richfield. Final rites will follow at the Richfield Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Memorials or donations in his honor may be sent to the Richfield Senior Citizen Center or the Richfield Quick Response Unit.

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# Crash

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south side of the road, coming to rest on its side in a shallow waterway that passes under the road.

The car caught fire, probably in the engine compartment, firefighters said. The flames erupted into the passenger area, covering 70 percent of Slack's body in burns before firefighters pulled her from the vehicle. The worst of it may be on her legs where certain sections burned down to the muscle, Solis said. Doctors told Solis they may have to amputate both legs.

Solis, who drove to SLC Monday after receiving a call from the burn center, did not get to see her mom before she slipped into the coma, she said. She, who wanders about in the waiting room, says her husband Ivan Solis.

She also consults the university's library, researching on her mother's burns. At night, the couple sleeps in a nearby hotel.

Slack is also suffering internal trauma. Doctors planned a neurology appointment after they discovered blood inside her

skull over her brain. They say if she survives or comes out of the coma, she may have a damaged brain.

"Yesterday they found out she has a broken heel, a broken pelvis — it was out of wack, out of place — and a broken wrist," Angela Solis said Tuesday.

Slack worked at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley until three months ago when she began radiation therapy to treat her cancer. The family is hoping that because she was still employed at the hospital, she'll be covered by her

insurance. Her car insurance should also pitch in some money, Angela Solis said.

Angela Solis said even the best case scenario, that Slack emerges from her coma and survives, would still mean a bit less than six months at the burn center. She's planning for the long haul and is asking the community to help with the costs of driving back and forth to see her mom.

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# Showcase

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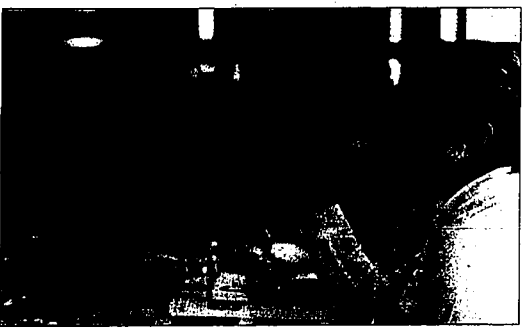
matters. This year's focus was on K-12 reading, along with "research based" reading curriculum, and new materials focused on teaching to students with limited English proficiency.

"That could be an important display for school districts as they analyze the most recent fall results from Idaho Standard Achievement Tests. The majority of Idaho's schools did not meet federal and state benchmarks last year, which factor more than 40 criteria, such as English levels, race and economics.

Elementary schools in Twin Falls that did not meet state and federal benchmarks last year each had between 30 and 45 students with limited English proficiency, compared with Morningside and Sawtooth elementary schools, which met the goals and had a total of only 17 students with limited English skills.

"We don't use that as an excuse," said Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs. The numbers show the schools each have unique academic challenges based on their differing student populations, he said.

Twelve different languages are spoken by around 201 students with limited English proficiency in the 7,500-student district; the majority being Spanish, Turkish and Bosnian/Serbian. Around 65 students throughout the district speak English as a second language, spanning 22 languages, according to information from the Twin



Sandra Thompson, Director of Curriculum for the Jerome School District, right, takes part in a presentation held at the Best Western in Burley Tuesday afternoon. The Idaho State Department of Education sponsored the showcase of new academic materials.

Falls School District.

Some educators have said it can take seven years to become fluent in another language.

But with new state approved products, some potential capabilities for English learners stood out. One program teaches children how to read, and its interactive capabilities are impressive.

When students struggle on pronouncing a word, or give up and stop reading, the program talks to them. It even works in different languages.

Darrell J. Sanborn from Western Education Inc., was promoting the product, and said with earphones on, while switching power cords on his laptop.

"I believe in it," he said. Selecting curriculum is

complicated, a representative from the Idaho Association of School Curriculum Directors said.

"Choosing a book that fits everybody's wishes and needs is a difficult task," the representative, Paul Reimley said.

Fenske likened curriculum choices to selecting a car — except, she said, curriculum choices involve more people.

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# Minico High to present fall choir concert today

RUPPERT — Minico High School is having a choir concert at 7:30 p.m. today in the Minico High School Auditorium.

Reflections, Spartan Singers, Serenity Sounds and Concert Choir will perform with Jeff Collier directing.

Some of the featured music will be "Danny Boy," "Africa," a 1984 hit by Toto, "Nelly," "Bly," and "Scarborough Fair."

Admission is a suggested donation of \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and \$10 for families.

For more information: Jeff Collier, 436-5355 ext. 153.

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# TFPD

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who likes rural living for the fishing and hunting. "To me (Twin Falls) is the right size. We as police have a better chance of having a one-on-one relationship with the citizens. And to me, that's appealing."

When a captain leaves, it's more than just his vacancy that needs to be filled.

Former Staff Sgt. Craig Stotts, an 11-year TFPD veteran, has been named a lieutenant and will manage the dispatch center.

"I didn't anticipate promoting so quickly," Stotts said.

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**Auction Calendar**

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**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24, 11:00AM**  
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**SUNDAY, OCT. 28, 11:30AM**  
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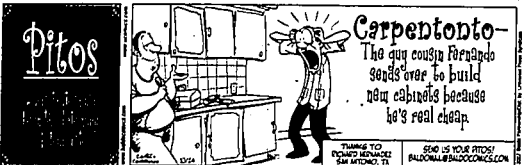
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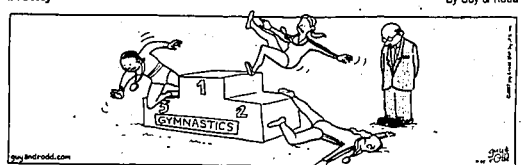
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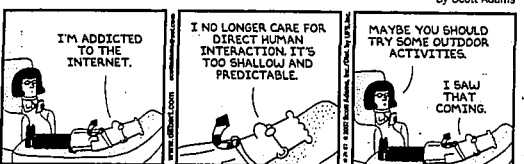
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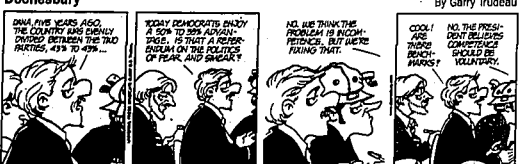
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The Elderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Tropea



For Better or For Worse

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Frank and Ernest

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Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



It might be time for a change, Aquarius

HOROSCOPE  
Jeraldine Saunders

IF OCT. 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have a year ahead in which you can achieve your most important ambitions. Because you are willing to work hard you can make a success of anything close to your heart, especially between now and December when you will be more optimistic, meet helpful people and attract more luck than usual. In December, turn problems into assets by getting a lucky break or helpful advice. By this time next year you could be strung on easy street and enjoy some well-deserved rewards. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Show appreciation for the people who have stuck with you through thick and thin. You may have an opportunity to pay back a good deed. Singles may have more than one amorous choice. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Some self-discipline could be good for you. Eat just half a sandwich for lunch or walk up the stairs instead of taking the elevator. Get in shape for romantic wrestling matches. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There is a romantic sparkle in the air. Pursue the object of your desires and you won't be disappointed. A casual friend-

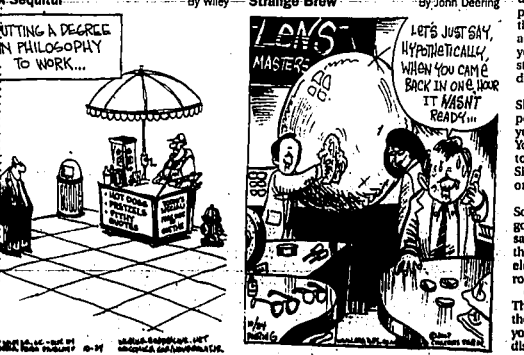
ship could turn into a more intimate bond or move towards commitment. CANCER (June 21-July 22): One phase must end before another can begin. Reflect on ways to repair damaged relationships and find just the right words to banish an awkward situation. Put recent problems to rest. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let your hair down. Someone might prove to you that it is OK to unbend or relax in public. New companions might sweep into your life like a breath of fresh air and alter your perceptions. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Learn the secrets of success. Hold onto the old as long as it is viable and reach out for the new as soon as it is available. You have a good eye for ways to increase your net worth. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a chance. Numerous new friends, business contacts and amorous hookups may appear at your doorstep. You are at your best when meeting people who have common interests. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Seek a little tenderness. Hang out with the guys or gals from work. A budding office romance could blossom under these conditions. An ongoing relationship could emerge from a rut. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Chase for the home line. Teamwork will also accomplish much more than individual effort. Strengthen commitments by demonstrating your devotion in unusual or unique ways. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Follow the rules of etiquette. Win Brownie points by being diplomatic and tactful. Maybe you will fritter your money away on something unusual, but it will give you a great deal of pleasure. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It might be time to switch partners or make a beneficial change in a relationship. What starts out as a mere friendship or fling could turn into a lifelong hookup. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may meet up with someone new who drags you out of your rut and puts a smile back on your face. This person might not be there long, but you can still pass on the encouragement.

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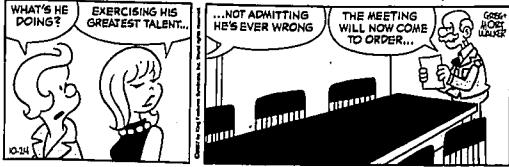
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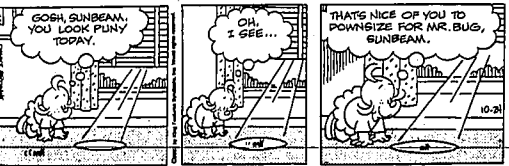
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Beau's constant attention is too much of a good thing

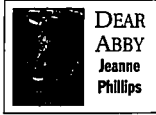
DEAR ABBY: I know I should be telling the world how lucky I am and I should be happy, but I'm miserable. I am a 30-something mother of two, recently divorced.

I have started dating my husband's polar opposite. My ex was an alcoholic. He was in trouble with the law and could not earn a living to save his life. I not only supported us, but shouldered all the responsibility for our home and our children while he led his own life with his drinking buddies. But that is in the past.

Today I am seeing "Gary." We have been dating nine months. Gary treats me like a queen and is fabulous with my children. I think he worships the ground I walk on. He's loving, affectionate, generous and caring.

So why am I complaining? Because he is ALWAYS HERE! He never leaves! Yes, I get to work all day and he steps in only a few times a day, but the minute I am done, he is at my door. He usually has dinner with me or wants to take us out. I have a hard time saying no.

He respects the fact that he can't spend the night in front of my kids, but he stays until they are asleep, so the only time I have to myself is when I'm sleeping. He spends every waking hour with me and comes with me wherever I go.



Gary jumps in and pays for everything before I can even pull my wallet from my purse. I feel crazy for complaining, but it makes me feel so indebted. I also feel stalked, controlled and burdened. Am I just being selfish? Is there a way to train myself to like to be spoiled? Help!

—SMOTHERED—

DEAR SMOTHERED: You are not being selfish. You were striving for certain things in your marriage to your ex and have overcorrected in this new relationship. Please don't think you are the only person to do this. It happens quite often.

You are about eight months overdue for a frank and honest discussion with Gary about the personal space you need. You are still healing from a dysfunctional marriage, and he appears to be so smitten—or insecure—that he's preventing you from figuring out where you end and he begins. It would be interesting to know what baggage this man is carrying. Please, I urge you, set some

clear boundaries before you become so upset with him that you "toss the baby out with the bathwater."

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Logan," recently started at a new school, and we are getting calls requesting play dates. So far, I have responded by offering to host, but eventually I will have to decide if I feel comfortable letting my son go to a home I'm not familiar with.

I feel strongly that Logan should not go to a home where the parents—or children—own guns. How do I ask the question without passing judgment? I respect my neighbors' right to own a firearm and don't wish to challenge their choice, but I simply cannot in good conscience allow my son to play in a home with a gun.

—ATLANTA MOM  
DEAR ATLANTA MOM: Here's how to handle it. When your son is invited for a play date, say: "I'd have to come back before I agree." I have a few questions: Who will be supervising the children? Are there any guns in the house? Do you plan on taking the children anywhere "else"? They're all legitimate questions, and you don't come across as judgmental. As a parent you have a right to know.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Seek not the favor of the multitude; it is seldom got by honest and lawful means. But seek the testimony of the few; and number not voices, but weigh them."  
—Immanuel Kant, German philosopher (1724-1804)

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Football Hall-of-Famer Y.A. Tittle is 81. Rock musician Bill Wyman is 71. Actor-producer David Nelson is 71. Actor F. Murray Abraham is 68. Actor Kevin Kline is 60.

F o r m e r N A A C P President Kwesi Mfume is 59. Country musician Billy Thomas (Terry McBride and the Ride) is 54. Actor B.D. Wong is 47. Rock musician Ben Gillies (Silverchair) is 28. Singer-actress Monica Arnold is 27. Rhythm-and-blues singer Adrienne Bailon (3lwy) is 24.

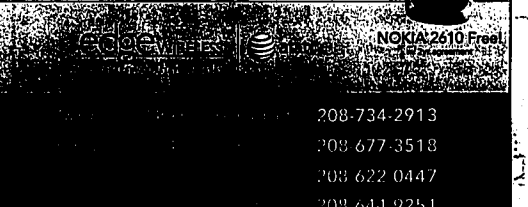
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# DEATH NOTICES

**Toshimi Ogata**  
Toshimi Ogata, 83, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.  
Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral in Jerome.

**James W. Shriver**  
James Walter Shriver, 68, of Buhl, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at his residence in Buhl.  
Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

**Loretta H. Stephens**  
Loretta Helen Stephens, 72, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at her home.  
Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

**Vernon H. Darby**  
Vernon H. "Vern" Darby Jr., 54, of Jerome, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, in Halley.  
Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**By Sven Berg  
For The Times-News**

**BURLEY** — City Engineer Brian Reiter and Burley City Council members discussed last week several details of proposed improvements to Overland Avenue in North Burley.

After meeting last week with personnel from Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and engineering firm Keller Associates, Reiter said ITD requested City Council input on the project.

Among the details discussed was proposed access

to D.L. Evans Bank between Third and Fourth streets on the east side of Overland.

Officials at the bank have long complained that proposed improvements to Overland would inconvenience its clients. They suggested as a solution the installing of a traffic light at Fourth Street. But engineers predict that would lead to heavily backed up southbound traffic just south of Fifth Street.

City Council members said they would like to see a median-controlled left turn into the bank for southbound traf-

fic on Overland Avenue, but would like to prohibit left turns onto Overland Avenue from Fourth Street.

Council members also expressed enthusiasm for the construction of a right turn lane for southbound traffic at Seventh Street. Reiter said as Burley grows, right-turning traffic at that intersection will slow traffic proceeding south through the intersection.

Reiter said building the turn lane is probably an important improvement, though it will shorten the

radius of turn that vehicles will make to enter the parking lot of Best Western Burley Inn.

"I think it will be very important in the future to have that turning ability without impeding the thru traffic," he said.

Reiter said ITD is also planning to provide capacity in the electrical circuitry at the north end of the project to allow for the future installation of street lights along the on- and off-ramps to Interstate 84.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Watts celebrates 90th birthday

**MURTAUGH** — Earl Watts of Murtaugh celebrated his 90th birthday Tuesday.

Watts was born Oct. 23, 1917, in Kanosh, Utah. He married Lovin Tulman on July 12, 1943, in the LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. He has lived in the Magic Valley since 1945.



Watts

Children include Stanford (Susan) Watts of Star; Doug (Cathy) Watts of Toppenish, Wash.; Rita Delaney, deceased; Kelly (Jane) Watts of Chile; Barbara Hadlock, deceased; Jeffrey (Kelli) Watts of Murtaugh; and Melanie (Ken) Thompson of Spokane, Wash. He has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Block Fest scheduled for parents, educators

**TWIN FALLS** — Parents and early childhood educators are encouraged to attend the second annual Block Fest, an event that illustrates the teaching power of vari-

ous kinds of blocks.

The free, public event is part of the annual Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children conference. Organizers encourage parents to bring their young children to the event, which will feature small groups at each block station.

Blocks of all sizes and shapes — soft, rigid, square, and round — are designed to assist children in learning math, science, and literacy skills. The event is targeted to children ages 8 months to 8 years.

The Block Fest will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension at 371 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

The conference will continue on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 276 and 277 of the Taylor building at the College of Southern Idaho. This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Julie Bicks Donceen who will speak on "Wrapping Children in Crazy Quilts of Understanding." She will also present a workshop on "Partners in Play: Children, Teachers, Families and Community Support the Project Approach."

Workshops on math, literacy, and the interactive

approach to working with children will be presented by Dana Morlin, Evin Fox, and Jennifer Patterson.

For more information: Alice Anderson at 732-5870.

## Nonprofit group hosts Bereavement Day

Kids Count, Too, Inc. will host a Bereavement Day Camp Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Boys and Girls Club on Frontier Road in Twin Falls. Camp registration begins at 8:45 a.m. and the camp will conclude at 5 p.m.

Any child between the ages of 6 and 16 who has experienced a loss of a loved one is invited to participate. A parent/guardian of each participant needs to complete a permission and health form for registration and submit it by Nov. 2.

Trained counselors and mentors will lead the day camp focusing on age appropriate activities.

There is no cost for the participants and lunch and snacks will be provided.

Kids Count, Too, Inc. is a local nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide help for children experiencing bereavement. For more information: Debra Gates, 736-0800 or Revis Turner, 404-3210.

## New clubs form in Jerome, Kimberly

Two new Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Clubs are starting in Jerome and Kimberly.

The Jerome club will hold its first activity at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at New York Fork Barrio, 1239 Poleline Road, Twin Falls. Trachelle Fullmer of Jerome will lead the club. Children up to age 11 are invited to the activity.

The Kimberly club will hold its first activity at 3 p.m. Saturday at 702 Ridge Circle in Kimberly. Jenny Hanson of Kimberly will lead the club. Children up to age 16 are invited to the activity.

Terry Downs of Twin Falls, a local Modern Woodmen representative, will sponsor the club's monthly activities.

Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal life insurance organization based in Rock Island, Ill. Modern Woodmen serves more than 750,000 members nationwide, offering life insurance, annuity and investment products, along with fraternal member benefits for families and their communities.

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