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In the silent pursuit of justice

County prosecutor keeps tight lid on key details

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

It's a key question in any homicide case: How did the victim die? In the killing of Twin Falls teenager Dale Miller, it's a ques-

tion that law enforcement authorities refuse to answer, even though two men have been in jail for more than a month, on first-degree murder charges. Since then, graphic rumors have abounded on the death of

Miller, who was discovered Sept. 12 in a barrel in a Twin Falls garage. With no word from authorities, mystery endures. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb has known for weeks how the 18-year-old died, but he

sees no reason to clear up the mystery.

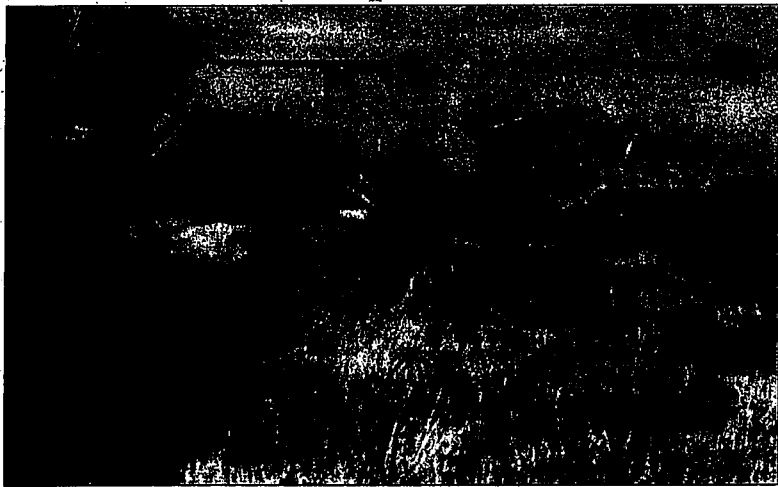
"There isn't a right-to-know issue here," said Loeb, who routinely tells police to say nothing about the crimes they investigate and seldom makes public statements about the cases he prosecutes.

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Aiming at Idaho



Bullet casings fly from a full-automatic Olympic AR-15 with a sound suppressor as it is fired in the high desert. Idaho officials are taking a proactive approach to attract firearms manufacturers to the Gem State as other states continue to expand gun control laws.

Firearms manufacturers looking to 'gun-friendly' states for business

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

When it comes to guns, Idaho economic development officials are starting to see green.

The Gem State, eager to attract new jobs and industry, is positioning itself as the best possible home for the nation's 200 small arms manufacturers — companies worth a collective \$2 billion per year but unwelcome in many of the states that have long been their home. It appears that the attrac-

tion is mutual.

"Like any smart business, gun manufacturers are looking for places that facilitate low operational costs, such as business taxes, utility costs and a good place for employees to live," said Richard Schelowitz, an analyst

for AFC, which monitors the firearms industry.

"But unlike some businesses, this industry is also growing weary of regulations and public perceptions that might make it more difficult — and therefore more costly — to do business."

Almost by accident, Idaho has created a business environment that gives gun makers exactly the tax and regulatory climate they like.

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Gun manufacturing by the numbers

\$2 billion	About 200	3 million	620,000	320,000	1.3 million	700,000	60,000
Combined annual revenue	Number of U.S. gun manufacturers	Number of guns manufactured annually	semi-automatic handguns	revolvers	rifles	shotguns	machine guns

STATE CHAMPS



TWIN FALLS CROSS COUNTRY AND HAGERMAN VOLLEYBALL TEAMS TAKE THEIR STATE TITLES.

MORE DETAILS IN SPORTS, D1-2

The trail of a buttery flavor

Chemical causes sick workers, lawsuits — and a painful legacy

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press writer

Each morning, Eric Peoples sits up in bed and starts his day with a cough. A deep, long, hacking cough. He plants his feet on the bedroom floor and immediately feels as if someone is standing on his chest. That's a good day. When it gets really bad, it seems as though a giant creature is crushing his lungs, squeezing the breath out of him.

Eric Peoples has lived this way for several years. He got sick while mixing butter flavoring at a Missouri microwave popcorn plant, developing a ravaging lung disease that has tormented a small but alarming number of food workers across the nation.

Peoples sued. He won millions of dollars. Money isn't a worry now. His health is.

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Dr. Allen Farnel, a public health physician, poses in his Kansas City, Mo. office Oct. 10, beside a chest scan of one of his patients who contracted a lung disease as a result of exposure to buttery popcorn flavoring.

Hunting treasure from outer space

By Nicholas Riccardi
Los Angeles Times

HAYLAND, Kan. — Steve Arnold is driving the yellow Hummer in circles around a Klowa County wheat field, towing an 18-foot-wide metal detector. For an hour, nothing but silence.

Finally, the detector whines and Arnold slams the brakes. "That is so good," he says.

Arnold jumps out, pinpoints the location with a smaller detector and starts digging. The renowned meteorite hunter is hoping for a big score. He has had three false hits today, unearthing a bit of barbed wire, a fragment of a "pink" squashed Dr. Pepper can.

"What's the definition of insanity?" Arnold asks. "Doing the same thing over and over again."

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Justice

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A tight ship

If Loebes does make public comments, these days, it's usually the bare minimum and only what's available in open court records. His deputy prosecutors are told not to speak with the press.

And even the court record is kept to a minimum because of Loebes's favored legal mechanism.

Prosecutors can either file charges and state their case to a judge in a preliminary hearing or seek an indictment from a grand jury. The difference: The preliminary hearing is open to the public; grand jury proceedings are done in secret.

In each of the past 16 homicide cases Loebes has handled he has opted for the grand jury.

Twin Falls County runs a much tighter ship than most when it comes to making information public about criminal proceedings. In Ada County, police have more liberty to release details about homicides to the public. In Payette County the prosecutor is comfortable revealing facts of a case as long as the release doesn't interfere with a police investigation.

Loebes' style is a matter of debate in criminal justice circles. "The prosecutor and I have a philosophical difference, about what should and shouldn't be released to the media," Twin Falls Police Chief Jim Munn said last month after Twin Falls County deputies took custody of John Horony from a Missouri prison. "I would like to release this information, but in these cases, he's the boss."

For almost two years Munn was kept from discussing Horony's February 2006 first-degree murder indictment stemming from a 1997 strangling of a Twin Falls waitress

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— Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebes

he was dating. After the grand jury indictment was handed up, Loebes asked a judge to seal the court record, ensuring that the existence of the indictment would be kept secret.

"I don't call a press conference every day," Loebes said. "I don't run out and scream on the steps of the Courthouse, 'Hey, look I've charged somebody.'"

Even now that Horony is in Twin Falls County jail and the seal has been lifted, Loebes continues to demand that Munn not discuss the case.

That bears a sharp contrast to the way Ada County prosecutors allow police officers who investigate the crimes and make the arrests describe their cases to the public, even if a grand jury has been involved.

In April 2007 when Ada County Sheriff Gary Raney held a press conference in which he revealed initial details about a suspected serial killer, the prosecutor did not see a need to even get involved.

"Law enforcement can say things that I can't say," said Ada County Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecutor Roger Bourne. "Sometimes we talk about things and sometimes I will give them advice but they can't tell them to... throw press conferences. These guys don't work for me. I am not in a position to tell them what to do."

The killings in that case were so heinous — the Boise victim was shot twice and then dragged into a pond —

that Bourne considered seeking the death penalty. Trial for the accused killer, who was already in custody, is pending. Payette County prosecutor Brian Lee is even more open before a trial. When police stop actively investigating, Lee's ready to disclose his records about a homicide to the public.

There are exceptions, Lee says, but his philosophy is to be open with the public unless it materially conflicts with the investigation.

All for a fair trial

Loebes says one reason he stays silent before trial is out of fairness to the defendant.

On Wednesday — 42 days after Miller's body was found — Loebes denied a *Times-Herald* public records request for documents listing Miller's cause of death. His reason: If people knew how Miller was killed it would inflame them so much that the defendants would not get a fair trial.

"That's always a possibility," said Boise attorney Debora Kristensen, who specializes in media law. "But the public has the right to know about horrendous crimes committed in their jurisdiction. It's not up to the prosecutor to play mium and pop." University of Idaho criminal law Prof. Alan E. Williams said it's "unfortunate" that the cause of death is not listed in court records, where it would be accessible to the public. But Loebes might in fact be the public and thus violate a rule of ethics if he were to say

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how Miller died.

Moreover, a judge could determine that the information had caused the general public to develop a prejudice in the case and, if defense attorneys asked, might order the trial moved elsewhere, costing taxpayers more money.

"I don't think they (prosecutors) have to tell you cardiac arrest, multiple stabblings," Williams said, listing causes of death. "Defense attorneys have a lot more leeway to talk about a case. Prosecutors have to be a lot more cautious."

Loebes' quiet style has not hurt his conviction rate: He's won 16 homicide cases in a row. In fact, Loebes conviction rate has been so strong voters have elected him twice since he was appointed to the position in 1997. In prior years, the homicide conviction rate in Twin Falls County was significantly lower.

Choosing his words

Loebes has drawn a firm line by refusing to give a cause for Miller's death. But he's stood up at pre-trial press conferences, added coroner's reports to the public record and has used passionate language to denounce killings.

"This is a horrendous crime," Loebes said at the 2005 arraignment of Jim Junior Nice, whom Loebes had charged with three counts of murder. The fact that Nice had poisoned the children's pudding was made public at the

time of his arrest. Nice pleaded guilty before trial in a plea deal that allowed him to avoid the death penalty.

And in May 2001, Loebes announced the arrest of Orlando Gonzales-Leon, 22, in Nogales, Ariz. Authorities also released an investigators' report following an autopsy that showed the victim was shot numerous times, even after death. Loebes still got a conviction; Gonzales-Leon got 25 years to life.

A cause of death is normally made known in a police affidavit, which the prosecutor screens and files with the court. Loebes said he spoke up in those cases to put the public at ease, letting them know authorities had tracked down a killer.

In the case of John Henry McElhinney and Cameron Warts, however, Loebes argued that the cause of death was not included in the probable cause affidavit because it was filed before the autopsy was performed. He also cites state laws that prohibit a prosecutor from commenting on grand jury proceedings, but Loebes knew preliminary autopsy findings before the grand jury met.

On both the preliminary grand jury proceedings, the autopsy report, Loebes has denied public records requests. In his response, Loebes cited laws and rules on grand jury limitations and rights to a fair trial.

Matt Echolaw, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union in Boise, suggested that prosecutors who want to keep things from the public hide behind an expansive interpretation of professional regulations and the law. "Maybe it's a convenient excuse for them when they say they want to preserve the right to a fair trial" he said.

Silence on the facts

Which leads back to the facts known in Dale Miller's case, and that's not very much.

McElhinney's girlfriend, Rachel Madrid, told police she saw him and Warts carry Miller wrapped in bed linen after what sounded like a fight in another room. Her statement, made after her arrest on a probation violation, is the only evidence in the public record. She faces no charges except the probation violation.

Neither of the defendants' attorneys returned repeated phone calls.

Loebes will likely continue pursuing indictments of murder defendants by a grand jury, which he calls the most practical, effective way of showing probable cause.

As for what the public doesn't know at this point, Loebes says no case is ever fully revealed.

The public knows "that a man was killed," Loebes said.

"They know that two people have been charged with that killing. They know that a grand jury process was held. They never know all the evidence."

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Meteorite

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He has dodged police in Oman, had his truck break down in a desert in Chile and been the stowaway of a suburban Chicago holding a broomstick with a magnet tied to its end — searching for space rock.

But it was here in Kansas that he found the meteorite that would make him famous.

In 2005, Arnold systematically began to search the meteorite-rich prairies of western Kansas. Within two weeks, he unearthed the world's biggest intact pallasite. Weighing 1,400 pounds, the pallasite — the most sought-after type of meteorite, composed of iron streaked with dazzling crystals — is believed to be worth between \$600,000 and \$1 million. It will be featured in the first all-meteorite auction, scheduled for today in New York.

The world of space rocks attracts all sorts. Professionals like Arnold comb the tundras of Siberia or Norway and the deserts of South America. Nomads in the Sahara search for rocks to sell to collectors looking for the perfect piece of intergalactic debris. Some collectors are drawn to meteorites for purely aesthetic reasons — the rocks can be startlingly colorful — but many are also captivated by the scientific novelty of the pieces.

"It's from outer space," said Darryl Pitt, who curates a major meteorite collection. Ten pieces from that collection also will be auctioned today. "There's a romantic notion of being able to have something from between Mars and Jupiter."

Arnold, 41, grew up in a small town in Eastern Kansas and knew nothing about meteorites. What he did know was that he wanted to be his own boss.

His parents operated their own business; his father, an accounting office; his stepmother, a bookstore. Arnold went to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa — not for religious reasons but because he liked its business program. He met and married his wife, Wynne, at the school and after graduation purchased cleaned houses in Tulsa to make ends meet. One day in 1992, he wandered into a Barnes & Noble and spotted a book on treasure hunting.

In a chapter on finding buried caches of coins or old homesteads, the book advised checking historical records to locate areas where epidemics or drought wiped out the population. Arnold went to the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka and began to thumb through newspapers. In the following pages, he found stories about farmers digging up meteorites. "I realized — oh my God, these

are treasure maps," Arnold said.

He began driving to rural communities in Kansas and offering to buy meteorites from farmers. Then he sold them to retailers or collectors. As the years passed, he spent less time acting as a middleman and more time hunting the rocks himself.

Meteorites are extraterrestrial debris from asteroids and comets that collide with the earth. Treasure hunters like Arnold are generally on the prowl for meteorites that break up as they fall through the atmosphere and scatter

across what is called a "strewn field." These are simplest to find in dry, flat places where the dark rocks are preserved and easy to spot, like the Great Plains or the basins of the American Southwest.

For years, Arnold's list of hunting grounds was topped by a less exotic place — western Kansas.

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Aiming at Idaho

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During the past decade, several small gun manufacturers have relocated to Idaho. More may be on the way.

In recent weeks, at least one supplier of parts for internationally known gun manufacturer ArmaLite visited Southern Idaho to survey potential manufacturing sites.

State and local economic development officials are saying little about the visit, citing confidentiality requirements during business negotiations. However, it's clear that state officials are working hard to court major players in an industry that is valued at \$2 billion a year in civilian sales alone.

In February, economic development officials from Idaho will go to Las Vegas to visit with gunmakers at the Shot Show, a trade show featuring gun manufacturers from across the nation.

More welcome in the West

Idaho's campaign to put out the welcome mat for gunmakers comes at a time when other states would be happy to see them go.

Illinois, home to gun manufacturers such as ArmaLite, DS Arms and the Springfield Armory, is one of 12 Eastern and Midwestern states that have either passed or are debating legislation that would restrict firearm sale and production.

Illinois is mulling a ban on the manufacture of ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. Connecticut, meanwhile, is considering a ban on the sale of "assault-style weapons" and semi-automatic handguns — including those made near its own state capital by the legendary Colt company.

In the '90s, gun control campaigns turned their focus from regulating the sale of firearms to regulating the manufacturing of firearms as a way to slow the trickle of guns into the civilian market," said Schelowitz, the industry analyst. "Right now, I don't think you are seeing a mass exodus of large manufacturers from states that are imposing tighter regulations, but some of the spallier and more mobile ones are leaving. If the trend continues you should expect to see even the large ones make the move to states that are perceived as 'gun friendly'."

Already in Idaho, operating discreetly

Idaho is already home to one of the largest commercial ammunition manufacturers in the nation, as well as several smaller makers of firearms and shooting accessories. Some are widely known, but others — particularly those with government contracts — closely guard their anonymity.

Within the past year, a small company that makes

silencers for law enforcement and some federal agencies — relocated from Alabama to a nondescript building near Twin Falls. When contacted for this article, the owner of the firm asked that the location of the company — even its name — remain confidential because some of its contracts are classified.

Idaho was an attraction, the owner said, because of lower operating costs, favorable taxes and a culture that actively embraces firearm possession as one of the most important civil rights.

"Idaho is a good place to do business, and our business has slowly picked up as we picked up contracts with other manufacturers in Idaho," said the owner. "Most of my suppliers are as close as Kennewick (Wash.), and there are plenty of machinists in this area who know how to do the work we need."

Another company, ChevyTac, manufactures high-end sniper rifles for military and law enforcement agencies in Arco. And in White Bird, Evolution USA manufactures large-bore rifles available in most gun stores.

The state's largest firearm-related business has long been located in Lewiston, where ATK CCI Spears, manufacturer of ammunition for law enforcement and civilian use.

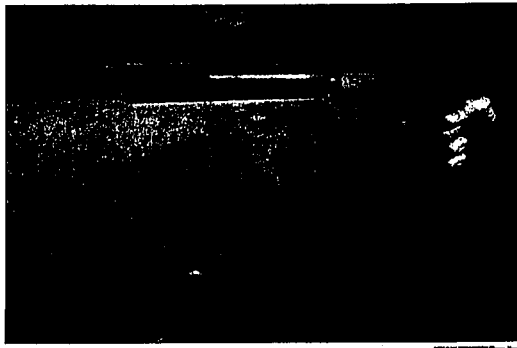
"We're the largest producer of rimfire ammunition in the nation," said Murray Zacha, general manager of the Lewiston plant. "Most people probably aren't aware of it, but if you have ever fired a .22 caliber rifle or pistol, then you have probably fired a round that was made in Idaho."

Some of Idaho's firearms manufacturers chose the state to be closer to a market rich with hunters and shooting enthusiasts. Others value Gem State politics.

Going against the grain

During the early 1990s, when almost half of the states were discussing bills that would tighten gun control laws, Idaho turned the other way. The state Constitution was amended to specifically protect gun owners and manufacturers from licensing and registration.

While other states tried to



A Gen State 17C with a sound suppressor is displayed against the backdrop of the High Desert in south-central Idaho. The Gem State is vying with open arms for gun manufacturers that are threatening to leave other states because restrictions and public opinion have made business operations more difficult.

follow suit, Idaho went one step further by making itself the only state where firearm sales cannot be subject to any special tax — a hedge against efforts to use prohibitive taxes to discourage gun ownership.

On the federal level, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, a director of the National Rifle Association, introduced the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which protects gunmakers from lawsuits filed by people injured in shootings.

Idaho didn't wait for the federal law — it became one of the first states to enact a comparable statute, in 2005. But it wasn't until earlier this year that economic development groups in Idaho realized the state's potential as a home to a major industry that might bring in hundreds of high-paying jobs.

It certainly would be an industry that would thrive in Idaho because of the interest we have in hunting and the way the state embraces firearms," said Jan Reeser, regional labor economist with Idaho Department of Labor. "I think Idaho is on its way to developing an indus-

try base because we already have companies such as ATK and Buck's Knives."

This summer, one major Idaho economic development group for the first time added a gun-parts maker to its 90-plus-name list of "businesses of interest" — it's target list for active recruitment.

Keen competition

Idaho isn't the only state to see the potential in building an armaments industry. Montana, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming all hope to attract firearms manufacturers.

Lawmakers in Montana have been pushing without much success to get Gov. Brian Schweitzer to go after gun makers. They even proposed House Bill 420, "An act exempting from regulation under the Commerce clause of the Constitution of the

United States, a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition manufactured and retained in Montana." The bill was similar to Idaho's current laws regarding the manufacturing, ownership and sale of firearms within the state. However, it was killed this year in the Montana Senate.

When more than 600 firearms-related exhibitors meet at the annual trade show in Las Vegas in

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States without second amendment provisions
Iowa
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States that prevent additional taxation of firearms
Idaho

Idaho is the only state that specifically protects gun owners and manufacturers from special taxation on the ownership or possession of firearms or ammunition.

February, the competition between Idaho economic development officials and those from other states is expected to be fierce.

"Much of what it will come down to is which state will be the most aggressive in appealing to the industry," Schelowitz said. "And if the industry continues to grow in the civilian and military markets, which we believe it will be judging by current events, the state that wins will certainly reap the economic benefits."

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"At 35, he has lost three-fourths of his lung capacity. He relies on oxygen when it's humid; one day, he may need a double lung transplant.

Peoples says no amount of money can make up for missing out on the chance to play ball with his son or teach his daughter to ride a bike. He isn't as angry as he once was, he says, and is thrilled that some microwave popcorn makers will stop using the chemical tied to his illness.

But even now, it's confounding to him that a pungent-smelling flavoring he poured in giant vats, a bright yellow pudding-like substance used to improve the taste of a common snack — popcorn — could change his life.

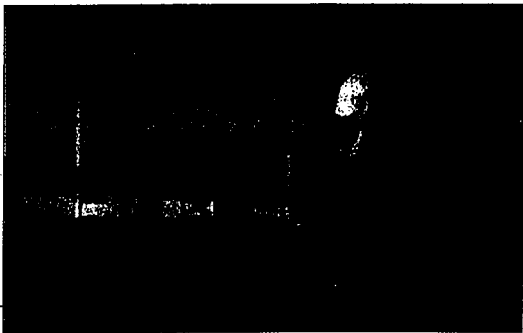
"When I first started getting sick, I was trying to figure out what it was," he says. "It never dawned on me that it was the butter flavoring. It's food. You eat it. I kept telling my family, surely it can't be. Why would something like that be harmful? How could it be bad?"

In a world filled with haze, some workers obviously face perilous conditions: miners burrowing hundreds of feet in the earth, farmers spraying pesticides, meat-packers wielding long knives to carve up huge carcasses moving quickly down a line.

By that yardstick, mixing an additive that's used to flavor popcorn, candy, baked goods and other foods — it's also found naturally in small amounts in staples such as milk and butter — almost seems innocuous.

But to many, it's not. For several years, diacetyl, a chemical that gives foods a buttery taste, has been linked to a rare, irreversible lung disease. The result has been a public health debate that has stretched from Congress to courtrooms across the nation, leading to tens of millions of dollars in judgments.

Scientists, doctors, politicians, food companies, labor unions, lawyers and others have weighed in — some



Keith Campbell, who was forcibly retired after he developed severe lung disease while working two years at a ConAgra microwave popcorn plant, stands across the street from the plant in Marion, Ohio, Oct. 4.

pointing angry fingers at the government — as hundreds of workers have claimed they have severe lung disease or other respiratory illnesses from inhaling diacetyl vapors.

And it may go beyond workers. It was recently disclosed that a man who ate at least two bags of buttery microwave popcorn daily for several years may have the same disease found in workers. His lung problems were linked to breathing the vapors.

Now some major microwave popcorn companies have eliminated or plan to drop the ingredient, while Congress — with the support of the flavoring industry — is looking to reduce the danger in the workplace. But the Bush administration, some business groups and others say there isn't enough scientific evidence to warrant immediate government limits.

Edwin Fouke Jr., a top federal official, testified this spring at a congressional hearing that diacetyl is a "substance of suspicion," but there's no clear evidence it's the one chemical that causes this disease.

But the doctor who was one

of the first to detect the illness in workers says the science is solid and popcorn makers are right to drop diacetyl.

"I just wish this had been done earlier," says Dr. Allen Parmet, a Kansas City public health physician. "There are hundreds of people who are sick and who are hurt and it never should have happened."

Seven years ago, an attorney asked Parmet to review the medical records of several workers with some unusual lung problems.

Within 20 minutes, Parmet says, he knew what it was: bronchiolitis obliterans, a devastating disease that destroys the small airways of the lungs, leaving victims coughing and gasping for air.

Parmet had seen it only three times in 25 years. Now he was poring over documents indicating several people had the disease — all employees of the Glister-Mary Lee microwave popcorn plant in Jasper, Mo.

"It was 'holy smokes!'" he says. "I've got eight or nine cases here in a group of 200 people in a town of 1,000. Mentally, I've made this leap

— that's an epidemic."

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health dispatched investigators to the plant. By 2001, it had reported a link between butter flavorings and the disease, which became known as popcorn lung.

Three years later, the agency sent an alert to 4,000 companies with about 150,000 workers explaining steps that should be taken as safety precautions, such as respirators and better ventilation systems.

Keith Campbell already was sick.

It says he was diagnosed with bronchiolitis obliterans in 2002, after working two years at a ConAgra microwave popcorn plant in Ohio.

Why, he asks, did it take five years to do something about this? "Once something is found out something is bad for you, instead of trying to control it, I think it should be banned," he says. "I don't care if it's butter flavoring or a nuclear power plant."

Campbell doesn't blame the plant. He used the flavor companies, winning an undisclosed settlement.

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— Keith Campbell

But it's a hollow victory. "I got a new truck and new home, but I paid a high price for it," he says. "They tell me I've got the lungs of an 80 year old. If I was 80, I'd be pretty perky. But when you're 50, it stinks."

Bronchiolitis obliterans can be confused for asthma or bronchitis. Sometimes, the disease progresses very quickly.

"In months you can go from being a healthy person to hardly being able to breathe, coughing all the time, not being able to do your job," says Dr. Richard Kanwal, a NIOSH medical officer who has investigated the illness since 2001. "It's terrifying."

Over the years, NIOSH investigators have identified or reviewed medical records of dozens of cases in microwave popcorn plants in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Ohio and flavor-making plants in California, Indiana, New Jersey, Maryland and Ohio. There have been three reports of deaths among workers.

How many people are ill is unclear.

Kanwal says some cases may have gone undetected many years ago — a few go back to the 1980s — and he has heard reports of sick workers at candy and potato chip plants but has not yet been able to investigate them.

"There could be dozens or hundreds more that we're not aware of," he says.

There are, however, hundreds of claims filling the court dockets.

Missouri attorney Ken McClain has more than 500 lawsuits pending against the companies that produce or use the butter flavoring.

About \$50 million has been awarded in verdicts that were later settled for confidential amounts. Another 100 cases have been settled that reportedly involve tens of millions of dollars. As civil lawsuits have increased, so, too, has pressure on federal agencies by scientists, unions and some in Congress to do more to protect workers.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has been criticized by some researchers, unions and doctors who claim the agency has been lax, not ordering safety standards or increasing inspections at plants using diacetyl.

"Their performance has been miserable," says David Michaels, a professor of occupational and environmental health at the George Washington University School of Public Health who writes about diacetyl on his blog.

This spring, Fouke, assistant secretary of labor for OSHA, defended his agency, saying that after the 2001 Missouri cases, it alerted its regional offices and ordered them to look into the issue. He also said the OSHA region that included many popcorn plants produced a brochure.

OSHA has increased its activity on diacetyl since April, with stepped-up inspections of microwave popcorn plants that use the flavoring and a program to minimize or eliminate the workers' exposure to chemical hazards.

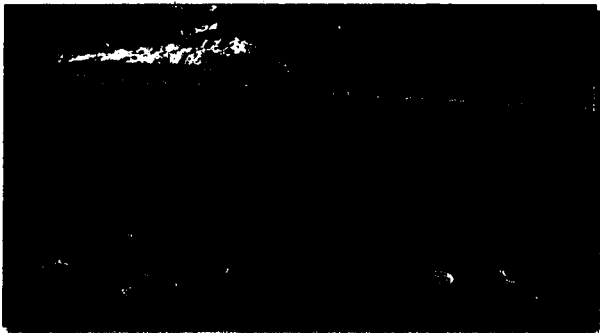
For Michaels, it's too little, too late.

Why, he asks, weren't plants inspected earlier, and why hasn't there been more attention on flavor workers who've become ill?

"It would have been better," he says, "to be safe than sorry."

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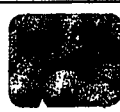
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Quick rebound? Wall Street cheers finances of Countrywide

Los Angeles Times

Countrywide Financial Corp. reported its first loss in 25 years Friday — a sobering \$1.2 billion — and Wall Street cheered, sending the mortgage lender's shares up more than 32 percent in heavy trading.

Although losses exceeded the average expectations of analysts, investors appeared to be encouraged by Countrywide's assertion that the third quarter ended Sept. 30 was "the trough" of its troubles. The Calabasas, Calif.-based lender said profits would resume this quarter and continue through 2008.

"With our focus and our mission we have a much better chance of success than any other player in the mortgage space," Countrywide chairman Angelo Mozillo told analysts.

Mozillo, who ramped up his stock sales before Countrywide shares plunged earlier this year, said he was cooperating with federal regulators examining his trading. He asserted that he never made any trading decisions based on information that wasn't publicly known.

Countrywide shares, which Thursday had closed at a four-year low of \$13.07, soared \$4.23, or 32.4 percent, to finish at \$17.30. Trading volume was massive, with 123 million shares changing hands.

Analysts said the buying Friday included "short sellers" who had borrowed the stock and said it buying would decline. Some of those traders were buying shares to close out their positions and take their profits.

"The short covering was huge," said Frederick Cannon, a Kiefe, Bruyette & Woods analyst who has been critical of Countrywide.

The shares of other mortgage lenders also rallied. Washington Mutual jumped \$1.31 to \$28.61. Downey Financial gained \$2.19 to \$42.17, and First Federal Financial was up \$1.82 to \$44.17.

Countrywide's \$1.2 billion loss, or \$2.85 a share, contrasted with a year-earlier profit of \$946 million, or \$1.03 a share. It included write-offs for dud loans, losses on mortgage sales and markdowns on the value of riskier loans Countrywide had intended to sell but which no one will buy. The accounting adjustments were so extensive that revenue, \$2.8 billion in the third quarter of 2006, was recorded at a negative \$50 million.

But the nation's largest home lender said its plan to shun sub prime lending to borrowers with scuffed credit, along with other higher-risk loans, is shaping up successfully. The strategy will cost the jobs of up to 12,000 employees Countrywide is letting go, about 20 percent of its workforce.

By focusing on plain-vanilla mortgages, safer and more stable than the exotic loans that helped fuel the housing boom, Countrywide has "taken the steps we believe are necessary to address the current challenging market," Mozillo said.

Trouble brewing

Shortage of beer ingredients may mean higher prices

By Shannon Dainy
Associated Press writer

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. — Fans of Snipes Mountain Brewery's cloudy Helweizen relish the subtle wheat flavor of the bright, summery brew, and like beer drinkers everywhere, they know when their favorite brew tastes a little too hoppy or bitter.

Connoisseurs could be in for a surprise this year, and they may not be alone.

Small brewers from Australia to Oregon face the daunting prospect of tweaking their recipes or experimenting less with new brews thanks to a worldwide shortage of one key beer ingredient and rising prices for others.

Oh, and one other thing: Beer prices are likely to climb. How high is anybody's guess. Craft brewers don't have the means to hedge against rising prices, like their industrial rivals.

"I'm guessing, at a minimum, at least a 10 percent jump in beer prices for the average consumer before the end of the year," said Terry Butler, brewmaster at central Washington's Snipes Mountain.

Sales have been relatively flat in recent years among the country's big three brewers — Anheuser-Busch Cos., Molson Coors Brewing Co. and SABMiller PLC, unit Miller Brewing Co. — while small, independent brewers have experienced tremendous growth. The craft brewing industry experienced a 12 percent increase by volume in 2006, with 5.7 million barrels of beer. Sales among microbreweries, which produce less than 15,000 barrels per year, grew 16 percent in 2006.

Now the bright spot in the brewing industry is facing mounting costs on nearly every front. Fuel, aluminum and glass prices have been going up quickly over a period of several years. Barley and wheat prices have skyrocketed as more farmers plant corn to meet increasing



Terry Butler, brewmaster at Snipes Mountain Microbrewery and Restaurant, holds a handful of hops in Sunnyside, Wash., Thursday.

demand for ethanol, while others plant feed crops to replace acres lost to corn.

A decade-long oversupply of hops that had forced farmers to abandon the crop is finally gone and harvests were down this year. In the United States, where one-fourth of the world's hops are grown, acreage fell 30 percent between 1995 and 2006. Australia endured its worst drought on record. Hail storms across Europe damaged crops. Extreme heat in the western United States hurt both yields and quality.

Big brewers can hedge against rising prices for raw ingredients and can negotiate

better, longer-term contracts for ingredients, while smaller brewers generally are left with whatever is left.

Snipes Mountain saw its barley malt prices grow between 10-15 percent this year, and paid \$12.35 per pound for Cascade hops, far beyond the \$5.60 per pound all last year.

Those rising prices and, in some cases, shortages, may force Butler to rethink his lineup of 13 beers in the months ahead. He'll also be tinkering with a Helweizen recipe that relies on Saaz hops, a mild variety popular with Bohemian pilsners, after severe weather in Europe

dinged as much as 40 percent of the crop.

"Palate-wise, it may change the flavor a little bit, but only a little bit," he said.

Brewers at Tommyknocker Brewery in Idaho Springs, Colo., already have been doing some tinkering of their own. Last year, a slim supply of blistering Hallertau hops forced them to substitute the Mount Hood variety, slightly altering their three lagers: Alpine Glacier Lager, Butt Head Back and Ormerly Amber Lager.

The brewery contracted for hops a year in advance, allowing it to switch back again this year, led brewer Eric Rode

Terry Butler, brewmaster at Snipes Mountain Microbrewery and Restaurant, pours a beer in Sunnyside, Wash., Oct. 18. Small brewers from Australia to Oregon face the daunting prospect of tweaking their recipes or experimenting less with new brews thanks to a worldwide shortage of one key beer ingredient and rising prices for others.

said. But recipe tweaking is becoming more common, and it's likely to continue, he said.

Those contracts also enabled Tommyknocker to hold the line on prices, with only a 50-cent increase per case wholesale, largely due to rising glass prices. The numbers could be much bigger when spiking costs of raw ingredients are factored in next year, he said.

So far, price increases have been pretty modest — less than a dollar a 12-pack at retail, said Harry Schuhmacher, editor of the online trade publication Beer Business Daily.

"Brewers are trying to take pricing up, but it's hard when beer is pretty sensitive to pricing per volume. And when drinkers are leaving beer to go to wine and spirits," he said.

On the other hand, smaller brewers have more pricing power than the big guys do.

"They're able to increase pricing more without losing drinkers," he said.

Big Sky Brewing Co. in Missoula, Mont., which distributes in 16 states, has increased the price of its Big Sky IPA by \$1 a six-pack because barley prices doubled. The beer makes up only about 6 percent of the company's line, led by the popular brown ale, Moose Drool.

Going forward, Big Sky will see what the big breweries do before making changes to pricing, brewmaster Matt Long said.

"Many of the craft brewers don't give it that much thought to have six packs on sale half the time, and I don't know how they can continue to operate that way," he said. "The trend is going to be toward six packs."

But Long also said he doesn't think that trend will last long.

"Maybe the pendulum will swing back," he said. "It might not be the 2008 crop, but maybe at some point, if it come back halfway, which would be nice."

GREEN BUSINESS

Ceramics maker part of sustainability effort in manufacturing

By Jeff Bernard
Associated Press writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — A lot of people talk about sustainability.

Barry Russell, CEO of a small high-end decorative tile manufacturer called Encore Ceramics, goes way past the point that he can obviously justify it for the bottom line.

All three cars owned by the company are hybrids. Russell buys carbon-offsets for air- and highway miles logged by the company. Solar panels on the roof produce some electricity and the rest is green-tagged. More solar panels are going in. L leftover clay and glazes are recycled so they don't become pollution. Packaging is almost exclusively recycled paper. Motion-detector switches turn lights on and off automatically.

"Am I crazy?" says Russell.



Encore Ceramics CEO Barry Russell shows how his decorative tile manufacturer in Grants Pass, Ore., operates some of what he calls the effort to maintain a green building. Russell says his company is part of a growing trend among manufacturers to become more energy efficient, produce less waste, and reduce the need for raw materials.

"Maybe... big business ethic that is saying companies need to save energy, recycle more, pro-

duce less waste, and reduce the need for foreign oil," said James Sweeney, professor of management science and engineering at Stanford University.

"Most every company I ever worked with has its own internal set of principles that restrict them from being willing to do a group of things that may be legal but they think are unethical," said Sweeney.

"What seems to be happening now, more and more, is understanding one of those ethical principles is that we need to take personal responsibility for our impacts on the environment."

When it comes to acting on that ethic, small privately held companies like Encore Ceramics have a big advantage over large publicly held ones, said Deborah Gallagher, professor of environmental policy at Duke University's Nicholas School

of the Environment.

"You have stockholders and other stockholders that are interested in the bottom line, and they only let the public corporations go so far," she said.

"If you have a private company it's a little easier. The same goes for small versus large."

However, dominant corporations have a far greater impact when they take meaningful steps to go green, such as Wal-Mart demanding its suppliers become more sustainable, she added.

She remains skeptical large corporations will go to the lengths that some small companies are going to without government mandates, or that sustainability will have much impact on the environment. But market corporations make big commitments.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Ariel Hansen

Ariel Hansen, a *Times-News* features reporter, was promoted to assistant features editor. She'll start her new role on Monday.

Reporting to Features Editor Virginia Hutchins, Hansen will oversee two weekly sections — Religion and TNT, which is the *Times-News*'s arts and entertainment publication — and continue to write a variety of feature stories. She welcomes readers' ideas at ariel.hansen@ec.net or 733-3376.



Hansen

Hansen, a Washington state native who joined the *Times-News* in February, graduated from Haverford College in Pennsylvania before returning to the Pacific Northwest. She was a reporter with the *Sequim Gazette* in Washington from 2004 to early 2007.

Randy Grubbs and Norma Brown

Reeder Flying Service announced that Randy Grubbs and Norma Brown have completed 31 years and 40 years, respectively, as dedicated employees.

Grubbs began work on Aug. 27, 1976 starting in the spray department, later transferring to line service. He has been the line service manager for more than 25 years. His hobbies include race car driving in the Pony stock class at Magic Valley Speedway, where he recently completed his seventh season. He has helped several drivers, including his son Kevin, in their pursuit of racing by dedicating much of his free time working on the cars. One of his biggest fans is his 5-year-old grandson, Darius.



Grubbs



Brown

Brown began work on Oct. 15, 1987 starting at the front desk with some light accounting. In 1989, she became the office manager. She is also a corporate office for the company as secretary/treasurer. She enjoys her time at Canyon Springs Golf Course where she and her husband, Joe, are members. She has four children, thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Roger Curtiss

GOODING — Roger Curtiss, Licensed Addiction Counselor, National Certified Addiction Counselor II, has been hired as chief executive officer at the Walker Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Inc.

Curtiss served as president of the NAADAC (National Association for Addiction Professionals) for two years and prior to that as president elect. He also served as treasurer of NAADAC for four years and as the Northwest Regional Vice President of NAADAC for four years (which included Montana, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon and Alaska). He has served as NAADAC Leadership Committee Chair, as NAADAC Finance Committee Chair and is the NAADAC Personnel Committee Chair. He also served as ex-officio member of the NAADAC Certification Commission as well as being the Chair of the NAADAC Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Prior to coming to the Walker Center, he worked as the clinical manager of a large inpatient treatment facility in Great Falls, Mont. He has received many prestigious awards including 1992 "Substance Abuse Director of the Year Award" from the Wyoming Counselors Association and "The 1992 Boss of the Year Award" from the Professional Secretaries International and the City of Gillette, Wyo. He received the "1989 President's Award" from the Montana Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors for his continued commitment to the addiction profession. In October 1999, United States Senator Max Baucus presented him with the "Founders Award" for his vision and leadership in founding a Drug Treatment Center in Bozeman, Mont. The "Appreciation Award" was given to him by the International Soap Box Derby of Akron, Ohio, for his leadership in making the first Annual Montana/Big Sky All-American Soap Box Derby a reality in 2001.

Curtiss has been married for 24 years to Kathleen Curtiss, a Montana Licensed Addiction Counselor and a Nationally Certified Addiction Counselor II. They have six children and eight grandchildren.

Patti Luper

JEROME — Patti Luper, of the financial-services firm Edward Jones in Jerome, was recently named meeting coordinator for branch office administrator meetings by the firm's regional leader, Neil Anderson.

Luper will be responsible for planning and facilitating the regional meeting for about 50 branch office administrators in the south east Idaho to central Utah region.

"I am honored to have been chosen for this role," said Luper. "I believe that it will really allow me to share my experience with other branch office administrators. Additionally, it allows me to further develop my leadership skills, as well as represent Jerome's Edward Jones office."

MILESTONES

SUMMIT DENTAL



Summitt Dental located at 142 River Vista Place, Twin Falls, held a ribbon cutting recently assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. They celebrated their new office and their new membership with the Chamber. Visit their office for all of your dental services and let their professional staff provide you with the best care. For more information: 733-9999. Pictured from left, Alisa Frame, office manager; Amber Shrenk; Gary Kadi, consultant; Heidi Barbas; Dr. Bryce Barbas; and children, Makayla, Logan and Maddison Barbas.

SYRINGA PLAZA



The Board of Directors of Syringa Plaza Apartments hosted a breakfast for the Mini-Cassia Ministerial Association Oct. 10. They took a tour of the building and learned more about this unique retirement community that recently celebrated its 11th year of providing affordable apartments to people 62 and over.

The board is composed of Cheryl George, president; Doug Newton, vice president; Julene Kerbs, secretary-treasurer; and directors Gay Fisher, Harvey Reimann, Bob Bischoff, Norma Morrison, Raymond Strulberg and Maureen Newton.

Syringa Plaza's board, staff and residents say they were honored to recognize the Ministerial Associations' members during Church Appreciation Month.

XAVIER CHARTER SCHOOL



The Twin Falls Chamber's Ambassadors assisted Xavier Charter School staff as they celebrated the opening of their new education facility in Twin Falls with a ribbon cutting. Their education facility is located at 771 N. College Road, Twin Falls. Xavier Charter School is a public, tuition-free charter school offering kindergarten through eighth grade. They implement a classical education curriculum with an emphasis in the fine arts. They believe that all students benefit from a rigorous, cost-effective educational program that develops academic potential and personal character. For more information: 933-XAVR. Pictured from left, Scott Husnaker, board of director; Nathan Huettig, board of director; Cindy Fleisher, principal; Becky Baird, teacher, original founder; Stacy Lanier, administrative assistant.

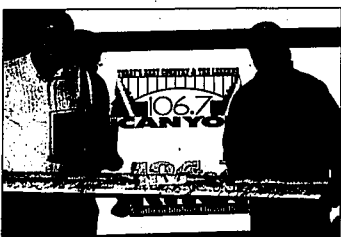
Not pictured, Renee Robbins, board of director chair; Debbie Jackson, board of director; John Coleman, board of director; Tracey Meyerhoffer, board of director.

JAYCO EXPANSION



A ribbon cutting was held recently in the industrial park for Jayco's second location assisted by the Twin Falls Ambassadors and community members. Since opening, Jayco's second location, which started production on June 25th, has produced over 460 units. Jayco, Inc. manufactures a full line of recreation vehicles. For more information: 736-1782. Pictured from left, front row (knocking), Bob Miller, Carl Overlin, Lulla Walls, Russell Bowles; middle row, Eric Wallace, quality control; Moss Sefcalk, assistant manager; Deb Yoder, office manager; Leanne Clow, Mayor of Twin Falls; Dave Yoder, general manager; Wilber Bottrage, owner; Troy Pressell, foreman; back row, Jim Jacobs, marketing/sales; Glenn and Michael Arntang, Star Corporation.

RADIO CONTEST



The Hoagie Street Deli-Music Radio Competition Contest is a new radio contest where ratings are determined by the people, by popular vote. Radio listeners must go into a participating local business and vote on their favorite music radio station. One vote per person, per month is allowed. The winners are announced as the local Street Voted and Rated No. 1 Music Radio Station. There will be six winners throughout the six month contest.

For the month of September, the winner was KAYV/CANYON 106.7. Winners of the contest receive one six foot hoagie, 50 giveaway gift certificates totaling \$250, and one free lunch that month for staff employees and their kids at the Hoagie Street Deli location in Murtagh.

Votes are counted by local school students under supervision. The participating small businesses where participants can cast their vote include: Hoagie Street Deli in Murtagh; Advantage Signs, The Steam Store, Welch Music, Dunkley Music, and The Music Center in Twin Falls; Les Schwab Tire Center, The Nutrition Center, and Ramsey Heating and Electric in Berjer; and Les Schwab Tire Center in Paul.

The reason behind the Music Competition Contest is to bring about something fun and fresh to the community that centers around music and the awareness of how much of an impact it has on people's lives.

EXIT REALTY CONCEPTS



The Bryan and Christy Newberry Group has recently joined Exit Realty Concepts located at 378 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. The group includes Bryan Newberry, associate broker; Britt Giff, Christy Newberry, Realtor and over construction specialist; Joanne Robertson, Realtor, relocation and buyer specialist; Gary Shook, Realtor, buyer specialist and listing partner; and Filomena Sadtler, Realtor, buyer specialist. Exit Realty Concepts also welcomed Debra Procco and Marla Rogers, Realtors, to their staff. For more information: 833-4444. Pictured, from left, front row, Joanne Robertson, Filomena Sadtler; middle row, Bryan Newberry, Gary Shook; top row, Christy Newberry. Not pictured, Debra Procco, Marla Rogers.

CONTRIBUTION



The local subchapter of the International Association of Workforce Professionals (IAWP) held a silent auction to raise money for their subchapter (Socor and Services) and to donate to a local cause. When the members discovered how many services the South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) provides to the community, they wanted to get involved. Nan Robinson, executive director of SCCAP, and Leanne Trappan, Community Services Director for SCCAP, were on hand to accept the check of \$1225 from IAWP members. The money will go to the emergency medical program, which is only funded by community contributions. It will be used to assist with prescription costs, travel expenses for medical treatment, dental and doctor visits for qualified applicants.

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Closer to home

Companies put a twist on offshoring

By Peter Pao
Los Angeles Times

CORSICANA, Texas — Gary Richardson left this boomtown-gone-bust in 1996 for a computer job in Dallas, the big city 60 miles north.

"I didn't think I would ever come back," Richardson recalled recently, "because there were no jobs like mine here."

Not until this year, when Northrop Grumman Corp. opened an information-technology center in town and began recruiting IT specialists and software engineers.

In a twist on offshoring that Northrop has dubbed onshoring, the global defense and technology corporation is now shipping computer work to small-town America, shunning India's Bangalore and Mumbai.

Los Angeles-based Northrop picked Corsicana and six other small cities, including Lebanon, Va., and Helena, Mont., as locations for employees who develop software and troubleshoot technical problems for clients hundreds or thousands of miles away.

It costs Northrop about 40 percent less to have the work done in Corsicana than in Los Angeles — and is similar to what would be achieved by sending jobs overseas.

"We're getting very high quality and a dedicated workforce," said Thomas Shelman, president of Northrop's Information Technology Defense Group and creator of the company's onshoring program.

Onshoring, in fact, is becoming trendy.

Some U.S. companies recently have pulled back from India to set up shop in Los Angeles where access to high-speed broadband connections isn't the problem it was just a few years ago, and where lower real-estate prices and wages are attractive.

Xpansion, an Atlanta-based software developer, relocated its test operations to Kearney, Neb., from Pune, India, because the time difference was hampering communications.

Computer maker Dell Inc., once at the forefront of outsourcing to foreign countries, opened a technical support center in Twin Falls, Idaho, after customers complained about overseas workers' English-language skills.



Gary Richardson, a Corsicana, Texas, native, moved away in 1996 for a job in Dallas. But he recently returned to his hometown to work at Northrop Grumman's National Workforce Center as a software developer. As a result, his commute has been cut from 90 minutes to 10 minutes each way.

Big differences

Northrop Grumman says it's saving money by locating information technology workers in such places as Corsicana, Texas, rather than the Washington suburb of McLean, Va., where the company's IT operations are based. A comparison:

	Corsicana, Texas	McLean, Va.
Population	25,627	38,852
Median age	32.1	46.0
High school graduates (age 25+)	68.4%	97.1%
Median household income	\$20,893	\$142,341
Nearest major airport	Dallas/Fort Worth, 77 miles	Reagan National, 12 miles
Median owner-occupied home value	\$71,790	\$286,670

Source: Census, Times research. Graphics reporting by SCOTT WILSON



Accenture, the world's largest consulting company, is building a document-processing center on an Unmilla Indian reservation in Oregon.

"We're responding to the tremendous demand among Accenture clients for outsourcing services performed by professionals within the U.S.," Randy Willis, a senior Accenture executive, said when the project was announced last fall.

A few companies based in India are turning outsourcing on its head, too. Wipro Technologies, a software-maker based in Bangalore, is establishing a service center in Atlanta that could employ about 500 computer programmers.

"The work we're doing requires more and more knowledge of the customers' businesses — and you want local people to do that," Wipro President R.R. Chandrasekar said in a recent statement.

It's not that offshoring isn't popular in corporate America anymore.

A survey of more than 500 large U.S. companies last year by consulting company Booz Allen Hamilton found that 60 percent had shipped some work to other countries.

Another company, Forrester Research, predicted that about 3 million high-tech jobs would head overseas by 2015.

But Dan Sernett, a partner in Los Angeles with Ernst & Young, a professional advisory company, said many companies were reassessing offshoring. "It's not a slam-dunk, as it was several years ago," he said. "They're looking for alternatives closer to home."

Northrop would rather stay home, in part because so many of its government contracts are for national-security projects. The company hires 5,000 software engineers every year, and putting some of them in its

new small-town centers could save at least \$15 million annually in payroll costs. The plan is to have 50 such centers around the United States.

The starting salary for a software engineer with one year's experience is about \$42,000 a year in Corsicana and \$56,000 in Los Angeles or McLean, Va., the Washington suburb where Northrop's IT operations are based.

One reason: A three-bedroom home in Corsicana sells for about \$125,000, compared with about \$700,000 for a similar place in Los Angeles.

For communities such as Corsicana, white-collar jobs are seen as a way to elevate and diversify a local economy that long has been dominated by low-wage, blue-collar work.

"It's not something people are used to seeing around here," said Kevin Culpepper, a systems engineer and native of nearby Ennis, who returned to the Corsicana area to manage the new center after having worked in Dallas.

Enticed by the potential for a new pool of middle-class buyers, developers are talking about building 200 homes in Corsicana.

"That's significant for us," said Lee McCleary, the town's economic-development director. "We've basically been stagnant."

McCleary said Northrop's presence was prompting other high-tech companies to consider opening offices in town. "It's taken us to another level in types of industry we can recruit."

XM loss deepens in 3rd quarter; subscriptions up

By Kim Hart
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — XM Satellite Radio Holdings said Thursday that its third-quarter loss widened 70 percent from a year earlier, as it continues to push for regulatory approval to merge with smaller rival Sirius Satellite Radio.

The company added more customers, but its losses increased primarily because sales in retail stores such as Best Buy and Circuit City fell.

XM added 315,000 net subscribers compared with 286,000 in the third quarter last year, the first year-over-year customer growth in more than a year.

XM finished the quarter with 16 million subscribers, compared with 7.2 million at the end of the third quarter of 2006.

People who bought cars equipped with XM radios accounted for 47 percent of XM's subscribers, said Nathaniel Davis, president and chief operating officer. This customer base grew during the third quarter primarily because XM made more deals with automakers.

But a 22 percent drop in sales through retail channels deepened the company's loss. XM also made money during the quarter because of merger-related costs and severance pay to its former chief executive, Hugh Panero. The company, which has never earned a profit, also struggled to keep customers.

"We're obviously not happy with the third-quarter results from the retail channel," Davis said during a conference call with analysts. XM expects to add more customers in the fourth quarter, when retail sales usually increase, he said.

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Vail Resorts' CEO gets \$1.9M in compensation

DENVER (AP) — The chief executive of Vail Resorts Inc. received compensation valued at \$1.9 million in fiscal 2007, including ski school and lodging privileges, according to a regulatory filing submitted Friday.

Robert Katz earned a base salary of \$829,929 but no bonus in an annual filing.

Katz also received \$1.01 million in non-equity incentive plan compensation and \$19,754 in other compensation, including contributions

for insurance, matching 401(k) funds and \$9,057 in lodging and ski school privileges and discretionary bonuses for goods and services at resort properties.

The company outlined the compensation package Friday in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing. It says in an annual filing that 7 board shareholders will elect board directors and approve annual incentive compensation, among other business.

Sustain

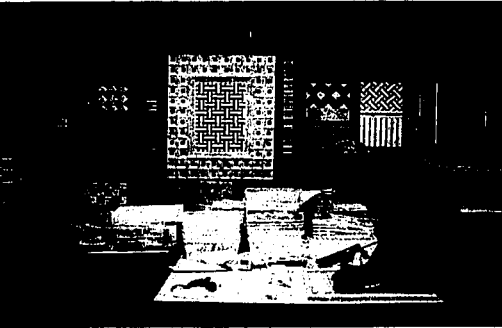
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One big hurdle CEOs face is accounting for the benefits of sustainable manufacturing practices, such as disposing of hazardous wastes, recycling, and dependence on fossil oil.

Likewise, there are few computer tools for engineers and designers that easily calculate the embedded energy costs and recyclability of materials the way those tools figure the strength and flexibility.

But as manufacturers face the prospects of taxes on greenhouse gases, tougher disposal laws, and penalties for not using green power — all being talked about in California — companies like Encore Ceramics will be ahead of the curve, said David Dorfeld, professor of manufacturing engineering at the University of California at Berkeley. Conventional accounting practices don't reflect them.

Breakthroughs can be expected once a company commits to examining every aspect of a business through the lens of sustainability, said Jim Harzfeld, managing director of InterfaceAHS LLC, a sustainability consult-



Michael Nice assembles a panel of tiles on Aug. 28 of Encore Ceramics in Grants Pass, Ore. The small high-end decorative tile manufacturer has focused on making the company as sustainable as possible, maximizing recycling and minimizing pollution and energy use.

ing firm that is a spinoff of Interface Inc., an Atlanta carpet tile manufacturer dedicated to sustainability.

He advises companies that beyond cutting costs for energy and waste, embracing sustainability can improve their reputation, attract bet-

ter employees, get better performance out of employees and foster innovation.

"It's a huge business opportunity to retool and reimagine what you do," he said.

Harzfeld credits the sustainability lens with two

breakthroughs at Interface. One was making each carpet tile a little bit different from the others in a given lot, eliminating the need for a customer to buy extra for replacements because the dye in the next lot wouldn't match exactly. The other was

a decision to develop a process to make carpet backing from recycled materials.

"We invested \$12 million in a new way of making carpet backing that we barely penciled out as an investment at \$25 (per barrel) oil," he said. "These guys look like geniuses now."

Still, getting consumers to accept green products remains a tough sell, said Kathy Sheehan, senior vice president of GIK Roper Consulting, which produces the annual Green Gauge report on consumers and the environment.

More than 70 percent of consumers contacted for Green Gauge say a company's environmental practices are important in deciding what products they buy where they shop, where they work, and where they invest. But 74 percent say green products are too expensive and 70 percent feel they don't work as well.

"They are not giving up something in order to be green," Sheehan said. "One of the themes that comes out is that if you can make it easy for people, it's much more likely to be effective."

Russell's epiphany came 15 years ago while working at a different tile manufacturer in Santa Rosa, Calif., where an engineer friend explained the threats to future generations from global warming, pollution, and wasting natural resources.

When he examined the tile manufacturing process, he found 70 percent of the production to waste, boosting product costs because it had to be trucked to a hazardous waste dump.

When Russell and his wife, company President Debbie Russell, started Encore Ceramics and brought it to Oregon, their first goal became no waste.

"That's a difficult thing to achieve — something that requires a lot of persistence," he said.

Instead of letting leftover glaze run down the drain, Encore captures it and puts it in trays on the kiln to evaporate the water, then mixes the residue into the clay used to make tiles. Leftover clay is dried, ground up, put in bags and sold as a sand substitute. Because sand is so cheap, recycling leftover clay costs Encore money.

Weather conditions improve as Calif. fires burn on

By Garance Burke
Associated Press writer

LAKE ARROWHEAD, Calif. — Firefighters battled stubborn wildfires across Southern California on Saturday, but cloudy skies scattering occasional raindrops brought a welcome improvement in conditions. Tropical moisture flowing from the south replaced the hot, dry Santa Ana winds that roared in a week earlier and spread fires over more than a half-million acres, destroying more than 2,300 structures,

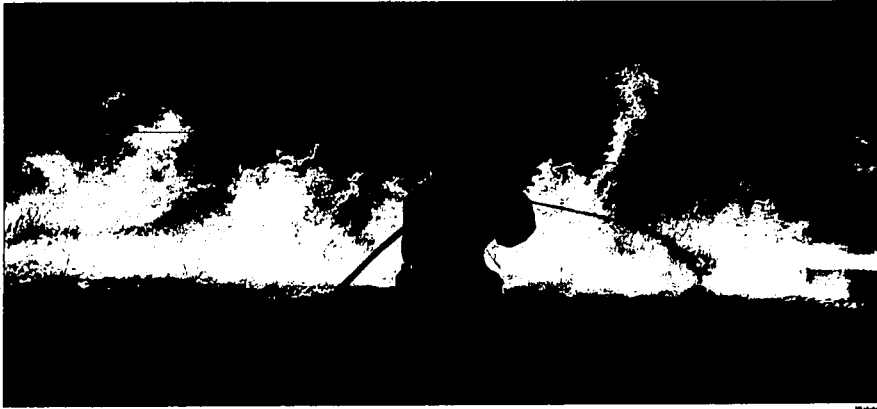
including 1,700 homes. The number of deaths directly attributed to the fires officially rose to seven with the addition of four suspected illegal immigrants whose charred bodies were found east of San Diego on Thursday. The four deaths were confirmed as caused by the Harris Fire near the U.S.-Mexico border, said Jose Alvarez, a public information officer for San Diego County emergency services. Although more than a dozen blazes were surround-

ed, containment of nine other blazes ranged from 97 percent to just 25 percent. More than 21,000 structures were considered threatened, and more than 15,000 firefighters were on the lines, the state Office of Emergency Services said. "It's very overcast right now, no wind. Low humidity, about 30 percent. They're talking about rain," said Audrey Hagen, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in San Diego. Active fires burned in the Lake Arrowhead resort region

of the towering San Bernardino Mountains 100 miles east of Los Angeles, and in rugged wilderness above isolated canyon communities of Orange County southeast of Los Angeles. A big blaze 60 miles northeast of San Diego stopped its advance toward the mountain town of Julian. One home burned Saturday morning in Arrowhead east of Lake Arrowhead, where a spot fire broke out. The main blaze, the Slide Fire, was about a mile from 10,000 homes in Arrowhead, Green Valley Lake and Running Springs.



A sign hanging along Greenwood Drive is shown in front of a house that survived the wildfire in Lake Arrowhead, Calif., Saturday.



Firefighters from the Orange County Fire department work a 3800 acre brush fire near Irvine, Calif., Oct. 21. Nearly a dozen wildfires driven by powerful Santa Ana winds spread across Southern California Oct. 21, killing one person near San Diego, destroying several homes and a church in Malibu, and forcing hundreds from their homes.

Fueled by ferocious winds, fires cut weeklong path of destruction

By Pauline Arrigo
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — They knew what the winds can do. They forecast them. Fight the fires the winds fan. Prepare for evacuations that, in years past, never came. They thought they knew, until seven days of fury began a week ago. From almost the beginning, this Santa Ana was different somehow.

Meteorologist Phillip Gonsalves recognized it when he saw the smoke through the picture windows of the National Weather Service station in Rancho Bernardo closing in on the office itself. He had helped forecast the tempest an ominous combination of strong gusts, low humidity and soaring temperatures. In weather speak, red flag fire conditions.

Fire Battalion Chief Tom Zeulner understood it, too, when en route to his first blaze of the week, his wife called to tell him five more fires had begun.

Dan Crane thought it was "situation normal," his words for the Santa Ana fire season that torments Californians every October through February, when blustery winds blow out of the desert. He's lived through a half-century of them, and never once had to evacuate — not even during the two-week onslaught of 2003, when fires burned 750,000 acres and killed 22 people.

By Saturday, more than a half-million acres would be gone, 1,700 homes destroyed, with the damage surpassing \$1 billion. Stunned homeowners who just last weekend were setting out Halloween decorations and watching football would find themselves sitting through kindling and ash,

mumbling things like: This used to be my bedroom. This used to be my kitchen. This used to be my bedroom. Even a week after it all started, several thousand would remain evacuated as blazes burned on relentlessly. There would be questions about prevention in the midst of persistent drought, lack of preparation in a fire-plagued state and whether resources were put to use as fast as possible.

Gonsalves is a man who usually takes things in stride, especially the weather, perhaps because he knows it so well. He knows how easily a fire can kick up when the winds get going, and computer models at work had predicted a nasty Santa Ana for days.

And so, on Sunday morning when he stepped out of church and sniffed smoke, he was hardly surprised. "It's begun," he thought. "Here we go again." The surprise came hours later, when Gonsalves arrived home from the gym and turned on the news.

Fires — plural — were everywhere: The Ranch Fire, sparked at 9:42 p.m. the night before, raged through 500 acres some 50 miles northwest of Los Angeles. The Canyon Fire, ignited at 4:50 a.m. in Malibu, forcing 1,500 people — even Hollywood's elite — to evacuate.

The Harris Fire, begun at 9:23 a.m. southeast of San Diego, exploding to 500 acres in just over three hours. At the Weather Service office in the San Diego suburb of Rancho Bernardo, Gonsalves' colleagues watched as satellite images showed plume after plume of smoke roaring over a swath of Southern California. Their computers are programmed to display wildfire hot spots as little red squares. Red squares



Thomas Goodlett, center, hugs his neighbors Jodi Tyrrell and John Monson after they return to see their destroyed home in Ramona, Calif., Saturday.

seemed to cover the lower half of the state. By evening, the forecasters had to shut off the air conditioning to stop smoke from seeping into the office. Back at home, on his day off, Gonsalves was thinking about what to pack — just in case his own family had to flee.

Sunday was an off-day for Zeulner, as well. He, too, had gone to church, near his home in San Luis Obispo, and was having lunch when he got word: "You guys are going." A battalion chief with the city fire department, Zeulner commands a 20-member strike team that operates five, Type 1 fire engines, ideal for defending homes and structures. The team, when called upon, can be dispatched anywhere.

They were summoned to the Ranch Fire, to help protect homes in the tiny citrus-growing village of Pina. By 2 p.m., the caravan of engines was on the road. Zeulner monitoring AM radio for fire updates. The 33-year veteran was alarmed by what he heard. Winds were gusting from 60 to 80 mph in some places, they exceeded 100 mph.

"That's hurricane force," thought Zeulner, who knew from experience that anything over 60 mph was unusual during Santa Ana season. Crane awoke early Monday and looked at the clock: 4 a.m. He smelled smoke coming through his bedroom window, but when he got up to shut it, he heard something on the street below. A car honking, he thought. He peered outside. Rancho Bernardo's Lanchshire Way, Crane's home for 20 years, looked like an erupting volcano. "We gotta go!" he yelled to his wife, Sherry, still in bed. "Now!"

Their neighbor's wooden fence was ablaze, the palm trees in front of that house igniting like matchsticks. Glowing embers shot horizontally across the street. To the north and east, a line of flames lit up the ridge near a subdivision called The Trails. To the south, Battle Mountain, directly behind Crane's home, went up like a Roman candle.

Terrified neighbors roused one another with phone calls and knocks on the door, driving past police officers who cradled a nearby street, about-igniting through bulb horns. "Evacuate! Now!" By nighttime, more than 500 homes had already been demolished in San Diego

County. Two fires that began just that day in the mountain vacation haven of Lake Arrowhead would destroy 300 more. Elsewhere across California, more than a dozen fires were now burning, incinerating 374 square miles in seven counties. And Monday afternoon, this warning from the Weather Service: "Strong winds are expected to redevelop tonight." The wrath of the Santa Ana was far from over.

All the chatter on the radio was about San Diego. But Zeulner and his crew had their own fight to deal with — for 4½ hours Tuesday afternoon near Pina, after a steep ember landed in a blowing vegetation. They had spent much of their time doing structure protection — gutting away brush and moving wood piles stacked next to wood-sided homes, work homeowners themselves should have done in this drought-stricken state. The Ranch Fire, 1,000 acres for the assignment, had grown to almost 40,000.

But he was proud that his crew had yet to lose a home. In San Diego, Crane couldn't say the same. Tuesday, watching the news with his son at a friend's house where they'd taken refuge, he saw a reporter walking up and down Lanchshire Way. Flames still burned from the remnants of some houses. "Twenty-five homes, on this one block... have burned to the ground," the reporter was saying. And then, he started reading off house numbers. For a moment, Crane and his son thought they didn't hear 18626. Then: "835... 829... 826..." the reporter said. Crane and his boy, whose own family lived a mile away but whose house survived, looked at each other.

"Now we know," Crane said. Authorities investigating a destructive Southern California wildfire set by an arsonist asked for the public's help Friday in finding a pickup truck seen in the area where the fire started. Officials released a picture of a white Ford F-150 and said they wanted to talk to the driver, but they stopped short of calling the person a suspect. The vehicle was spotted around the time the fire broke out in an Orange County canyon, according to county fire Chief Chip Prather. Authorities began looking for the truck, believed to have been made between 1990 and 2004, based on information received from a tip line. Additional details were not released. The fire has burned 27,600 acres and destroyed 14 homes in the foothills east of Irvine. Authorities believe the blaze was deliberately set because they found two ignition points within a short distance — a common sign of arson. About 55 agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, as well as the FBI, have joined the investigation. Officials have received some 700 tips and offered at least \$250,000 in rewards in the case. At least five people have been arrested and booked for investigation of arson since wildfires broke out across Southern California this week, though none has been linked to any of the major blazes. In one case, a man suspected of starting a fire on a San Fernando Valley hillside pleaded not guilty Friday to one count of arson. Catalina Pineda, a Guatemalan native, was being held on \$75,000 bail and scheduled to return to court Nov. 7. Police said witnesses saw Pineda, 41, start a fire at a nearby restaurant where police arrested him. Pineda is currently on probation for making excessive false emergency reports to law enforcement, police said. If convicted of the arson count, he faces up to six years in prison.

Authorities seek driver of truck seen when SoCal fire started

By Jeremiah Marquez
Associated Press writer

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Canadian Mounties rookie nabs U.S. fugitive

By Richard A. Serrano
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Richard Lee McNair, America's wildest prison escapee, met his match after 18 months on the lam when he was outrun by a cop who had just graduated from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police training academy.

Pulled over while allegedly driving a stolen van and carrying two fake IDs, McNair tried to make a foot race out of it. But his dash for freedom ended a quarter-mile down a gravel road in Campbellton, New Brunswick, on Thursday morning.

"That young Mountie just didn't give up on McNair," Rich Sansone, a deputy U.S. marshal who had helped coordinate the manhunt, said Friday in announcing the arrest.

A convicted murderer, McNair is being held in the Canadian province northeast of Maine while authorities sort out his future. Canada likely won't want to keep him on a stolen vehicle charge, and there's good reason to get rid of him quickly: The escape artist already has embarrassed sheriffs and prison wardens in North Dakota and Louisiana.

McNair, 48, kept vigorously

in shape while inside the federal maximum-security penitentiary in Pollock, La., running up to eight miles a day while plotting his escape — which he pulled off in April 2006.

He first was arrested at age 28, burglarizing a grain elevator in Minot, N.D., where he shot one man and killed another. Taken to the sheriff's office downtown, he found some lip balm in a desk and slid out of his handcuffs. Bolted down the street, he stole a car, climbed onto a roof and fell from a tree — and back into custody.

Held next in the county jail, he fled a hammer and flashlight and began loosening cinder blocks. But the jailers caught him and held him until he was sentenced to two life terms in prison.

Hustled off to the maximum-security state penitentiary in Bismarck, N.D., McNair soon busied himself removing security fixtures from inside an air vent. After an inmate ratted, authorities found McNair had a jacket, glasses, food and a word-processing diskette. A year later, he slithered down a prison ventilation chute. It was 10 months before the police nabbed him in a stolen van in south-central Nebraska.

In a prisoner-exchange program, North Dakota sent him to Minnesota, and then Minnesota traded him off to the federal prison system.

McNair did about five years in Supermax in the Colorado Rockies, the highest-level security penitentiary in the United States. In 2005 he was transferred to the prison in Louisiana because of his good behavior.

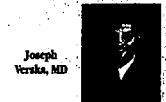
Four months later, McNair was free again, this time concealing himself in a pallet of old mailbags that had been fork-lifted outside.

Dressed in a T-shirt and running shorts, he was even questioned briefly by a local officer who had joined the manhunt.

Get Back Into Life!

Rest, or exercise for your back pain. Which is the better alternative?

A Brief rest, combined with anti-inflammatory medications, is often recommended to help reduce acute back pain. It's also generally advisable to return to normal activities and begin gently exercising in order to stretch out back muscles. Avoiding activity can actually make muscles weaker and even more susceptible to injury. Ask your doctor. The quicker you do, the quicker you can get back into life.



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Getting you back into life

Homeland Security strikes deal with New York on driver's licenses

By Devin Barrett
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration and New York cut a deal Saturday to create a new generation of super-secure driver's licenses for U.S. citizens, but also allow illegal immigrants to get a version.

New York is the fourth state to reach such an agreement on federally approved secure licenses, after Arizona, Vermont and Washington. The issue is pressing for border states, where new and tighter rules are soon to go into effect for crossings.

The deal comes about one month after New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer announced a plan whereby illegal immigrants with a valid foreign passport could obtain a license.

Saturday's agreement with the Homeland Security Department will create a three-tier license system in New York. It is the first state to sign on so far to the government's post-Sept. 11 effort to make identification cards more secure.

Spitzer, who has faced much criticism on the issue, said the deal means New York "will usher in the most secure licensing system in the nation."

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said he was not happy that New York intended to issue IDs to illegal immigrants. But he said there was nothing he could do to stop it.

"I don't endorse giving licenses to people who are not here legally, but federal law does allow states to make that choice," Chertoff said.

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at **Utah Valley Regional Medical Center** use catheters to treat tumors, aneurysms, and strokes. **Dixie Regional's** high-tech joint center is improving hip, shoulder and knee replacement. And **McKay-Dee Hospital's** 64-slice CT scanner provides ultra-high resolution images for their cancer and heart patients. These are just glimpses of how Intermountain Healthcare and its family of hospitals utilize technology, caregivers' skill and compassion to help patients.

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EDITORIAL

The rising stakes of standardized testing

Think students around south-central Idaho are facing some important tests this year? They pale in comparison to what's in store for some of their schools.

Friday was the deadline for Idaho schools to complete fall Idaho Standard Achievement Tests. At stake for some of them is the possibility of serious sanctions.

In school districts whose assessment test scores don't reflect adequate yearly progress, or AYP for five straight years, the state will draw up corrective plans for spending, curriculum, staff, training and/or administration. Some schools might be closed, or they might be warned they could get the "death penalty" — abolishing or restructuring the district itself.

By Year 6 of not making AYP, prescribed corrective actions are implemented.

That hasn't yet happened to any Idaho school district, but 21 of the state's 126 districts are in Year 4 — including Gooding, Shoshone, Jerome, Buhl, Cassia County and the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Let's just say that administrators in those six districts will be checking the email often by May, after the spring round of ISAT.

AYP was mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and the proficiency levels required to make the cut are rising.

Shoshone Superintendent Mel Wiseman told the *Times-News* last week he was nervous about what could happen if his district continues to fall short of AYP. "I would welcome someone that could come in and show us what we could do better," he said, noting that more staff and time could prompt AYP success.

That's a common sentiment among teachers, administrators, superintendents and school board members in Idaho who feel testing has gotten out of hand.

So much so that many feel there simply aren't enough hours left in the school day to prepare students adequately for ISAT, the only assessment test actually required and the make-or-break standard in Idaho public education.

Meanwhile, the pressure keeps rising. No Child Left Behind mandates 100 percent proficiency by 2014; that's just seven years away.

The law, which is expiring, seems to have enough support in Congress to be reauthorized. But its critics are hoping to change No Child Left Behind's gold standard from AYP to AYC, or adequate yearly growth. They argue that AYC would be a fairer and more accurate measurement because different school districts face different demographic, economic and social challenges.

"I think the biggest issue we have is reaching a bar of proficiency for all kids, rather than looking at growth of all students," Wiseman said.

That makes sense. But whatever Congress ultimately decides, Wiseman and his colleagues have their work cut out for them this school year and next. No school board wants change imposed by the state. It seems to us the danger in all this increasingly feverish testing is that learning will get lost along the way.

Curiosity is fostered by good teaching and challenging curriculum, not by No. 2 pencils and rows of boxes on a piece of paper.

Good schools are not like Fortune 500 companies whose worth is judged by their stock prices. They're institutions where kids succeed and fail, and — if all goes well — acquire some wisdom from the experience.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re-elect Marj Schmidt to Jerome City Council

As one of the directors of Jerome Pet Pals, I have had the opportunity to work with some Jerome officials for the past seven years. Pet Pals conditions are to improve conditions at our

city's animal shelter. One of our biggest supporters was Councilwoman Marj Schmidt. Without Schmidt's support, many of our goals would not have been accomplished. Schmidt not only worked with us through City Council but also gave her time to help us with our fundraisers. She was

there to help with dog adoptions. She was there to help remedy the animal shelter.

Schmidt has given tons of her time to numerous other committees as well. She is the driving force in getting things done. She goes above and beyond the city council duties and is always willing to

listen to citizens of Jerome. If you want a City Council person with integrity, fiscal responsibility, experience, knowledge, and good common sense, I urge you to vote Nov. 6, for Marj Schmidt for Jerome City Council.
KAREN KRAMER
Jerome

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Why men are happier than women

Like many I was puzzled by the recent study that concluded men are happier today than women, and so I put the question to those in the business of observing such things.



SUSAN SWARTZ

A woman I know who did counseling until she was in her 80s said that women do seem more discontented these days, and that men "are more obviously OK than women." Women in recent years, she said, have increased their expectations about what it means to be fulfilled. And this doesn't always happen, she said, and so they complain "because women are more verbal than men in expressing their dissatisfaction."

She's right about the verbal part. Deciding if you're happy takes some talking to yourself. Do you mean "happy" in the way new shoes make you happy? Or "unhappy" in wishing you could do more to save the world?

The happiness study was reported in the *New York Times* and was based on two different research studies that separately concluded that the happiness advantage has switched from women to men in three decades. Back in the 1970s more women said they were happy. Now men are the happier horse.

Some will remember the 1970s as a time of dramatic shake-up in gender roles. Women were starting to do more things, like leaving home and going to work. Men were doing the same things they always had.

Now, the thinking goes, women are doing a lot more things, like leaving home and going to work. Men are doing the same, and this makes



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someone would ask him why not and he'd be up all night arguing about why he can't express his feelings.

Women love to talk about their feelings, especially since the 1970s.

"Men are dogs and women are cats," said a male therapist who works in the same building as a friend of mine and got involved in our discussion. "Men don't think about happiness as much as women do, and if you ask they would usually say, 'Sure, why not? I guess I'm happy'."

A woman therapist says she sees more unhappy women because in general women tend to go into therapy more than men, and then it's usually to talk about their relationships with men who "are less conscious about

what is bugging them." It's like the New Yorker cartoon with the man saying to the woman, "Quit asking if I'm OK. If I'm ever OK, I'll let you know."

Men are "more likely to settle and to easily compromise," said a male lawyer. As evidence he said, "We'll watch anything on TV as long as it's a fairly short picture."

Women, he said, will ask, "Is that all there is?" My friend who teaches grade school says little boys and girls are equally happy in her class and she thinks that's because they get to be themselves and are not pushed into rigid gender roles. She encourages the boys to dress up, play with dolls and work out their emotions with words, something that would likely drive the anti-feminists berserk but she believes could lead to a generation of happier men and women.

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Columnist Susan Swartz of the *San Diego Democrat* in Santa Rosa, Calif., can be reached at swartz@presdemocrat.com.

Forget the exercise: How's my breath?

Imagine that I had misgivings about Japan's new way of doing things. I'd recently feared that I'd not lose weight at a sufficiently brisk pace, a fierce robed warrior would appear and chop off my head.

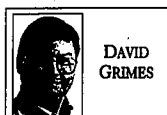
The man would say, bowing, "I have just removed from you 30 pounds of unwanted fat."

(Devotees of the samurai diet did suffer a setback recently, but it had nothing to do with the forcible removal of body parts via sword.)

A middle-aged man died of a heart attack while jogging. In the way you chose to go is a matter of personal taste, I suppose.)

But the Japanese are nothing if not innovative, so I was not surprised to learn that their fitness has moved on from the samurai diet, which is really just another name for the tired old wheeze of sensible eating and exercise, to other forms of weight control.

And wouldn't you know that they managed to combine two of the things I hate most: diets and cell phones.



DAVID GRIMES

Called a "fitness phone," the new gizmo targets overweight, middle-aged men with bad breath. I fully expect to find one under the tree this Christmas. (The phone, not the middle-aged man.)

The fitness phone has many, many buttons and switches, as all new technology must these days. It would be an incredible loss of face if the Japanese marketed a phone that had just one button that, when pushed, emitted a voice that screamed "Put down that doughnut" or "Get off the couch and move, lard butt!"

So don't expect anything like that. Instead, you get a phone that comes equipped with a pedometer, a heart-rate monitor and a Global Positioning System, presumably so you'll know exactly

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where you are when you have your heart attack.

The phone can also take your pulse, check your body fat (I'm not sure how this function works. Maybe a hand comes out of the phone and pinches your love handles. I don't know), time your push-ups, assess your stress levels (presumably by not yelling at you about the doughnut you have clutched in your chubby mitt) and even give you a pep talk.

"That was an excellent five-mile run you just completed, Mr. Grimes. Mr. Grimes? Mr. Grimes! Oh, my God! Somebody call 911! Wait, I can do that myself. I'll just push this little button right here! Dang! That's the one that checks his body fat! Must be this one here. Dra! That's the one that keeps the satel-

lite! How about this one? Nope, that's the one that sniffs his breath. Well, at least that's improved."

So the fitness phone is probably not for me. I'm still trying to figure out the remote control for my DVD player, and it may be years before I'm able to successfully operate my digital camera.

By that time, an upgraded fitness phone will be out with even more bells and whistles that I will be unable to comprehend.

So, you see, the reason why I don't diet and exercise is not because I'm a lazy bum with low self-esteem.

It's technology's fault.
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OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... Gas tax hike

Moscow-Pullman Daily News

Like it or not, there are times when taxes, for whatever reason, have to be increased. This is one of those times for Idaho. The state's infrastructure is in bad shape. Many road repairs have been delayed for years because the money needed to repair the roads comes up short by about \$200 million a year.



It is estimated roads will cost \$20 billion over the next 30 years in Idaho. It will take more taxes to generate that amount of revenue.

The Idaho Transportation Department will ask the Legislature to approve a fuel tax increase of 7 percent to 10 percent.

Without the increase, TFD officials say new construction projects will be stopped, maintenance projects will be scaled back and snowplowing of roads will be reduced.

Doom and gloom aside, the Legislature should give the proposal more thought to be increased.

The additional fuel tax would be paid by more than Idaho drivers. As a user tax, the burden will be on every operator of a motor vehicle who buys fuel in Idaho. With interstate highways, there should be plenty of out-of-state drivers to contribute to the "road fund ..."

... Craig's lawyer

Lewiston Tribune

What is Larry Craig trying to do to his Idaho constituents, wear them down with infamy

fatigue? Craig tells Idahoans he can continue representing them well in the U.S. Senate despite his disorderly conduct conviction stemming from a men's room sex sting. But revelations keep coming that serve to contradict his version of events and confound him as a public official.



Martin

Wednesday, it was another inconvenient truth that Craig had neglected to volunteer: The high-powered, highly paid lawyer now representing him in an attempt to reverse his conviction was already working for him before his June 11 arrest. Yet his staff insists Craig told no one about that lawyer, about the arrest, or his agreement to plead guilty seven weeks later.

According to Craig's spokesman Dan Whiting, Craig in February hired a lawyer specializing in white collar criminal defense to

look into filing a civil lawsuit against the Idaho Statesman for investigating his sex life. That lawyer, Billy Martin, sent a lengthy letter to the Statesman's owner, on June 7 "outlining our beef with the Idaho Statesman," Whiting says ...

Four days later, Craig was arrested for what an undercover police officer said was sending signals soliciting sex.

Whiting still insists, however, that Craig never spoke to either Martin or his internal counsel about his arrest at any time during the next seven weeks, and later ...

... Bad teeth

Idaho Press Tribune, Nampa

Who take our teeth for granted. The number of adults who are missing all their natural teeth has continued to decline. That's good news and a result of better access to dental care and fluoride in water and toothpastes.

But that's where the good news stops. Dental health care is expensive and not accessible everywhere. Idaho recognizes the need for better care and has planned a summit for Nov. 9.

It's not just for the experts. This is an opportunity for people who care for children and families to gather and discuss ways to improve dental care in Idaho ...

46 percent of Idaho adults have no dental insurance.

Two-thirds of the Gem State's children have a cavity by the third grade and half of those will go untreated.

More than 80 percent of Idaho is designated a dental

health shortage area. These are frightening statistics when you consider the risk of oral cancer and the fact that oral disease is linked to diabetes, heart and lung disease and other medical conditions.

These numbers underscore the need for dental care that is more accessible and more affordable in Idaho ...

The Idaho Oral Health Alliance is hosting the Nov. 9 summit in Boise. Featured speakers will include Congressman Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, who is a dentist.

For more information, call (208) 243-5020.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pristine image of milk and dairy products is no more

How could the dairy industry think self-serving threats would increase its popularity and acceptance in Gooding County? Our feathers have already been ruffled by the environmental neglect and health problems we have and will continue to endure. Surely the industry has noticed how the lack of professional pride and caring on the part of some operators has changed opinions about the dairy business. The pristine image of wholesome milk and milk products is no more.

I consider the recent confined-animal feeding operation suit a personal attack on my county. I am sure. Surely you must realize there is a limit to the number of animal units our county can handle. Your accumulated effect has disrupted business for many agricultural industries. Affected county residents have stepped forward to let our commissioners know. We are embarrassed by our county and called the sower of Magic Valley and used as an example of what not to do. How special is that!

Our county established a working CAFO ordinance. That committee spent more than a year trying to figure out how to best protect our citizens while promoting our economy. Representatives from the dairy industry were part of the decision-making process and both sides were willing to compromise. It's hard to believe you would stoop so low as to take back your word by suing the county.

Yes, there is support for our new CAFO ordinance. Our county has the right to make and enforce regulations. We are motivated when the state is unable to correct violations.

I wish to compliment our commissioners and working committee on understanding that this issue has two sides and decisions for the greater good of the county must prevail.

To my knowledge, the right to say no is not reserved exclusively for coal fire power proposals.

PATTY HOOPER
Bliss

Johnson has proven himself to be a leader, team player

This letter is to express my support for David E. Johnson, incumbent Twin Falls councilman who is running in this Nov. 6 Twin Falls City election. Since his appointment to the council in early 2006, David has proven himself to be a hard-working member who listens to diverse points of view and seeks information on what is best for the city.

David works alongside various citizen groups, council members, business and civic leaders, and just plain citizens.

He has worked hard to update the city's comprehensive and transportation plans, which will help guide

Luna plan could give Idaho even lower state ranking

A recent Time-News editorial stated, "Luna hopes his 'cover letter' proposal will help address state education shortcomings, including the oft-cited statistic that only about 40 percent of Idaho's high school graduates go on to college among the lowest rates in the nation."

I have asked Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna for references to academic studies indicating that the quality of K-12 teaching is correlated with the low rate of continuing education in Idaho. Luna has not replied.

Idaho ranks 44th in K-12 per pupil spending, 30th in K-12 teacher salary.

Idaho has difficulty filling K-12 teaching positions, as well as retaining teachers.

These rankings do not imply that the quality of teaching is inferior but imply the state is not willing, or does not have the fiscal ability, to fund K-12 education as well as most other states.

The low rate of continuing education is due to other factors. The scarcity of community colleges in a relatively poor, primarily rural and sparsely populated state deters higher education. This demographic situation makes it difficult to justify the cost of building just

community colleges.

Many prospective college students feel they cannot afford to leave home, pay rent and go to school with little or no income. Connecting this situation with relatively few jobs in Idaho requiring the knowledge gained through higher education and the fact that trades often pay more than entry-level jobs that require a bachelor's degree, it is not surprising Idaho has a low rate of high school graduates attending college.

Luna calls for a market-based salary. If that were his genuine motivation, he would be proposing across the board salary increases with no strings attached. His actual agenda is to destroy the state's teacher's union (Idaho Education Association), making Idaho vulnerable to even lower state rankings.

JIM STIVA
Hansen

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ATV warning highlights challenges facing consumer agency

By Annsy Shin
The Washington Post

"The problem with (a warning) is that it doesn't get that much attention. ... It's a very weak remedy."

— Pamela Gilbert, former CPSC executive director

WASHINGTON — In June, the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued an injury warning about a four-wheeled all-terrain vehicle designed for children, calling it "defective and dangerous."

"Children are at risk of injury or death due to malfunctioning brakes with this off-road vehicle," the agency said in a news release.

That vehicle, the Kazuma Meerkat 50, was not recalled, however, which prompted consumer advocates to raise the question: If it was so dangerous, why did the CPSC allow it to remain on the market?

"The reason was simple but revealing. At the time, the CPSC did not have enough commissioners to approve a lawsuit to force a recall. Consumer Reports called the warning 'a non-recall' and a dangerous precedent for a hamstringing agency."

"The problem with (a warning) is that it doesn't get that much attention," said Pamela Gilbert, former CPSC executive director. "No one is going to put you on the 'Today' show. It's a very weak remedy."

The story of what led to that warning and what has happened since illustrates how difficult it can be to get a dangerous product off the market and the constraints the CPSC faces when dealing with companies that do not cooperate.

Some of those limitations are written into law. Some are the result of the commission's reluctance to aggressively use the tools it has. ATVs in particular have proved difficult for the CPSC to regulate. About 22 million people ride ATVs in the United States. More than 700 die in ATV accidents each year, 25 percent of whom are younger than 16. Most of the ATVs involved are made domestically by companies such as Honda, Polaris and Yamaha. Consumer advocates blame the injuries and deaths on weak voluntary standards.

In the late 1990s, CPSC officials thought they could develop engineering solutions to make ATVs safer and adopt regulations to make the changes mandatory. The agency never moved forward, however, because it calculated that it did not have the money or the staff to do so and would not have been able to fight the industry in court over new standards, Gilbert said.

More recently, consumer groups sought to ban children younger than 16 from riding ATVs, a ban that the ATV industry said could not be enforced. The number of children hospitalized because of ATV accidents rose 17 percent from 2000 to 2004, said Jim Helmkamp, an injury researcher at West Virginia University. In 2006, the CPSC rejected the proposed ban, saying it could not be enforced.

Even as the ATV industry was fighting that ban, it faced a new threat: a rising tide of cheaper direct imports from China and Taiwan, which more-established ATV makers said did not meet safety standards. Fearful that the cheaper imports would undermine public perception of ATV safety, the Sports and Vehicle Institute of America, the trade group for the largest ATV manufacturers, hired two former CPSC experts on ATVs to examine the Kazuma Meerkat 50 and three other imported models made for young children and teenagers. The other imported ATVs were the Long Chang 110cc, the SunL SLA 90cc and the Bajaj Motorsports 90cc. While the importers of the four ATVs said they had no reports of injuries on their machines, the June 2006 SVIA study found that three of the four failed to meet voluntary safety standards to such an extent the ATVs should be recalled. One, marketed at children as young as 6, had no front brakes. Another was too powerful for its intended riders, teens. And two vehicles could be started in gear.

importers of the four ATVs soon after, the companies said.

Jason Tsai, president of the Meerkat 50 importer, Kazuma Pacific of Stafford, Texas, said that after the CPSC first told him of problems with the Chinese-made vehicle in December, he ordered changes to the vehicle, which was made for children as young as 6. According to the report commissioned by

SVIA, the Meerkat lacked front brakes and adequate suspension, and reached top speeds that exceeded industry-accepted limits for young riders. The voluntary standard for an ATV's maximum speed for children 6 through 12 is 15 mph.

While the new Meerkats were being made in China, Tsai refused to order a recall or stop selling the ATV. He said he knew of no safety

problems with the Meerkat after having sold more than 100,000 in the United States since 2000.

Tsai, in an e-mail to The Washington Post, said that because there have been no

reported deaths or injuries related to the Meerkat, "how could it be a severe hazardous product?"

When confronted with a firm that does not want to cooperate, the CPSC faces constraints. Under the Consumer Product Safety Act, it cannot release information about products for 30 days without getting comment from the manufacturer. If the

manufacturer does not like what the agency intends to disclose, then by law it can take the CPSC to court. In practice, that can translate into delays while every word of a recall news release is negotiated.

The CPSC could do little, but issue the June press release warning Meerkat owners their ATV was too dangerous to use.

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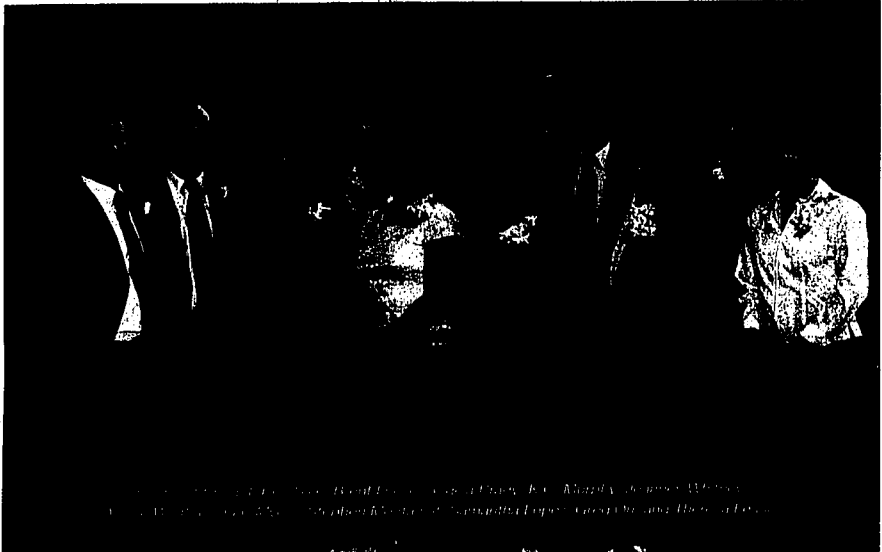
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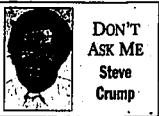


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Uncovering Twin Falls' inner Pocatello

I'm from Pocatello, and you're not. Pleased to know you anyway, but if you're a relative newcomer to the Twin Falls area you must understand that refugees from that charmingly gritty eastern Idaho city are everywhere in these parts. Maybe even on the brink of taking over.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

In the early '90s, we came close — a majority on the Twin Falls County Commission came from Pocatello, as did the superintendent of schools and the chairman of the School Board. The twins who now runs Idaho's prison system, fetched up on these shores from Pocatello many years ago, opened up a cafe and got himself elected to the Twin Falls Council and then to the county commission. In 1997, then-Gov. Phil Batt appointed him to head the new state Department of Juvenile Corrections.

Some market entrepreneur Jerry Ridley, a former Jerome County commissioner who owns grocery stores in Buhl, Gooding, Jerome, Kimberly, Rupert and eight other Idaho and Utah cities, stacked his first display of soup cans in the City Hall.

Twin Falls engineers Gerald Martens and Scott McClure are former Pocatellans, as is Heritage Electric's Jim Woods, and Fran Turner, who ran the lighter and communications department at the College of Southern Idaho for 39 years.

We'll all here, I guess, because Pocatello is a good town to come from, but not so much a place to go home to. A newspaper reporter named Richard Neuberger (later a U.S. senator from Oregon) wrote a famous article for the Saturday Evening Post in 1946 titled "They Never Go Back to Pocatello," about the fact that once somebody has served in Congress, lived in Washington, D.C., and gotten a taste of power, there's not that appeal in returning to the podunk burg whence he or she came.

He had a point. Of the five Pocatellans who've ever served in Congress, only one — Rep. George Hansen — retired there.

See, my hometown is hardworking and friendly enough, but the gray smog from the plant phosphate plan on its southern outskirts the city for much of the year. The place just smells bad.

Plus, the lazy, muddy Fortneer River that flows through town was so foul for so many years, the city had to do everything it could to hide it. And the rail yards that bisect Pocatello from north to south are some of the biggest west of Omaha.

For years, the Pocatello Chamber of Commerce struggled to come up with an appealing marketing slogan for the city. It finally settled on "We're the Only Pocatello in the World."

Nobody can argue with that, not that anyone would wish to. So a lot of kids who grow up in Pocatello seek less-brown pastures elsewhere, like Twin Falls. One day, there will be enough of us here to take over.

And bring a phosphate plant to town.

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Farmers farewell



Andrew and Matthew Vawser serve customers at the Twin Falls Farmers Market Saturday morning.

Banjo-playing brothers usher out market with music

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Fresh produce, homemade crafts and spoon-sized samples are the weekly staples of the Twin Falls Farmers Market.

There's also banjo-playing. To close out the harvest season, the year's last farmers' market — held at Curry Crossing on U.S. Highway 30 — organizers asked Matthew Vawser, 17, and Andrew Vawser, 20, to strum their banjos and sing a few folk songs.

And why not? Since last year, when the brothers began their own produce booth, they have entertained shoppers and fellow merchants with classic folk songs, such as "Oh, Susannah." The Vawser's whose backgrounds are with violins, learned the banjo about three years ago.

"God, I just love it," Susan Bachold, a nearby merchant, said as she took a break from discussing peppers. "They add excitement and they make it an event."

Shortly after their performance, actively picked up again. About two dozen

merchants turned out for the event, which was held on the leafy grounds of the Twin Falls County Museum. There was a petting zoo, scarecrow and pumpkin contests, and a performance by the Twin Falls High School dance team. Vendors said that the finale drew more people than when the market is usually located off North College Road.

Nevertheless, the priorities remain, as always, foods and crafts — and deciding what to buy. For the Vawser's — who have father, Chuck, handle the heavy lifting, and mother, Carol, work the register — that means apples, melons and pumpkins. Chuck Vawser said selling a dozen pumpkins is typical.

The brothers usually take in \$200 to \$300 each week. And although they have a stand on Blue Lakes Boulevard, they hope to expand the business through a farmers' cooperative next year. But it's not just music and melons. This year, the Vawser's plan to learn the craft of welding — melting different metal

together — from friends to begin making figurines and trinkets.

Banjos, farming and welding might not resonate with most teenagers in this age. But the Vawser's cite a thrill for history, especially from watching documentaries and spending time with their grandfather.

"History isn't just out of a book. What we like to do is live it," said Matthew Vawser. "Living it makes it a lot more fun."

It also brought some unexpected surprises. Last month, the Vawser's were scheduled to perform at the Jerome Centennial celebration, but cold weather and strong winds forced people to stay at home — and the brothers to cancel their show.

But a woman with the Magic Valley Symphony still wanted to hear the music, so she called the Vawser's and they auditioned over the telephone. Two weeks later, they performed with the symphony. "That was a great audition right there," said Andrew, laughing.

Flapjack fundraiser helps two veterans

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Dean Hunsaker stood behind a grill and flipped some hashbrowns. He looked over some pancakes, and surveyed the scrambled eggs. The steam — and alluring smell of breakfast — rose to the sky.

"We're cooking and saving lives," said Hunsaker, a firefighter with Rock Creek Fire Department, in between laughter and the sound of sausages sizzling.

Hunsaker and friends cooked for the masses Saturday at Kimberly High School at a benefit pancake breakfast for Sgt. Duane Nelson, who has lymphoma cancer, and Spc. Andrew Pike, who was injured while serving in Iraq. Organizers said that about \$1,500 was raised.

Pike, a U.S. Army specialist, was paralyzed from the waist down after he was shot by a sniper in Iraq in March. His injury has sparked a flood of public support, including a fundraiser at the Turf Club in Twin Falls on Oct. 20 that drew about 200 people.

On Saturday, members of the National Guard and U.S. Army, their families, and dozens of residents came out to Kimberly. There were military vehicles set up in the parking lot for demonstrations, rock climbing and a prize raffle.

But despite the activities — and the fluffy pancakes — many people, including Pike and Nelson, spoke about the sense of community.

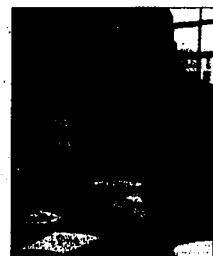


Sgt. Duane Nelson plays with his son, Ryley, during a benefit pancake breakfast Saturday morning at Kimberly High School.

Pike, who arrived to the event from Twin Falls via motorcade, said that the showing of support — about 300 people consumed more than 1,000 pancakes, according to organizers — is reflective of the strength and devotion of the Magic Valley.

"It's just a great feeling," he said in between bites of pancakes. "It's a great feeling I have being a part of this."

Nelson, a National Guardsman for about 10 years, was juggling his three



Andrew Pike visits with friends at a benefit pancake breakfast Saturday at Kimberly High School. Pike, who was paralyzed while in Iraq, received about \$800 from the event.

kids as he said the event's attendance was overwhelming. He called the people around him at the event his "big family."

"It's hard to put into words the feelings that you have," he said. "I'm grateful for these guys, and what it makes me want to do is get better and hopefully do the same thing for them if they ever needed it."

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Castleford ponders water rates

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Castleford residents have a question on their minds — how much are they going to have to pay?

City officials announced Wednesday that water user fees will be increased. Instead of paying \$41 a month, residents will now pay \$55 a month.

"We really don't have a choice," said Mayor Rita Ruffing. She said the increase brings total monthly charges for water, sewer and garbage service to \$75 for customers within city limits. The extra money will be used to pay for a class-three water operator, and backup operator required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Although the increase has been somewhat expected since the city began planning a \$1.6-million water system overhaul and an arsenic treatment facility, some residents have wondered how much their bills would be increased by. "Are we going to see another increase in a couple of months?" asked resident Timmie Fabela.

Ruffing said city officials hoped this would be the last use-fee increase residents see for some time, but admitted that she just doesn't know. Castleford leaders have talked with Buhl and Twin Falls officials about the possibility of sharing a water operator, but Ruffing said no decisions had been made, because cities don't really know that to expect.

But Ruffing said that the yearly cost for a class three operator may run between \$30,000 and \$55,000.

Castleford will see the billing increase reflected in the December statements.

Rupert woman dies from crash injuries

Times-News

A Rupert woman involved in an automobile accident last week has died.

Cynthia Slack was taken to the University of Utah Hospital's Burn Center in Salt Lake City with burns over more than 70 percent of her body after a one-vehicle crash on Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls. Slack died Wednesday from her injuries. She was 50.

While driving Monday morning on Addison, Slack lost control of her 1985 Mercury Topaz — probably because of stroke, her daughter Angela Sells of Declo had told the Times-News. The vehicle plunged off the south side of the road, coming to rest on its side in a shallow waterway under the road.

The car caught fire, probably in the engine compartment, firefighters said. The flames spread to the passenger compartment, burning Slack before firefighters could pull her from the vehicle.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel. Services will be at 11 p.m. Tuesday at the Holyburn 2nd Ward Chapel. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Donations can be made to the Cynthia Slack Trust Fund at DL Evans Bank.

Jerome fire, blamed on pellet stove, burns home

By Nate Pappas
Times-News writer

JEROME — A family living in the Little Big Ranch subdivision was safe but shaken Saturday night after their home was damaged in a fire. Jerome Rural Fire

Department Chief Joe Robinette said firefighters were called to the home, at 561 Silver Beach Drive, around 8:30 p.m. The family, which was not at home, had a fire going in a pellet stove in the house's basement. The fire spread from the stove

into a wall and went from there up into the home's roof, Robinette said. Three fire engines and several Jerome County Sheriff's deputies responded to the fire. Firefighters were still cleaning up and searching for hot spots at 9:30 p.m.

with broken glass and sheets of scorched insulation littering the lawn and interior of the home.

None of the home's residents were injured. Firefighters were still investigating how the fire spread.

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Ryker Allen Larson

Our perfect and handsome little boy, Ryker Allen Larson, was born Oct. 22, 2007. He was welcomed into the loving home of his parents, Eric Allen and Lisa Marie Glitens Larson. He passed away unexpectedly on Thursday morning, Oct. 25, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center, from an unknown heart defect.



He was born with his dad's striking hair, his mother's beautiful smile and he had the cutest little dimple on his chin just like his uncle, Brandon. The warmth and love we felt from his strong spirit will forever live with us until we leave together again as a forever family. Ryker leaves behind his loving and adoring parents; his grandparents, Linda Pickett and Gerald (Jenny) Larson, all of Burley, and his Aunt and Uncles, Scott and Rupert; his great-grandpar-

ents, Sharon Koyle and Craig and Mary Lou McFarland, all of Burley; Howard Livingston and Hazel Gudge of Rupert; his great-grandmother, Wilda Anderson of Rupert; many aunts, uncles and cousins and special friends, Kay C and Valerie Jones and Matt and Rachel Jones, all of Burley.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Burley LDS 5rd and 7th Ward Church, 2209 Oakley Ave., where friends may call one hour prior to the service. Officiating will be Bishop Mark W. Fillmore. Burial will be in the Pleasant View cemetery.

The family expresses their sincere appreciation to all the friends and family who have shown their love and kindness during our loss. We also thank the doctors, nurses and ambulance personnel who worked so diligently with Ryker.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Sarah Ellen Sandy Stutzman, 90 of Meridian and formerly of Shoshone, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her daughter's home in Gooding.



She was born July 19, 1917, to Horace and Ada Sandy on their ranch in the north of Shoshone, where she was raised. She was named after her two grandmothers, Sarah of England and Ellen of Shoshone. One of the highlights of her childhood was when her father hauled lava rock and built the family home in 1922, and at that time she got to have her own room. She attended a country school for eight years and then rode a school bus to attend high school in Shoshone, where she graduated in 1935. She then attended a special school for sewing and design in Los Angeles, Calif., returning to the ranch in 1938, where she secured a cooking job on a ranch in Gooding. Later she met her husband, Clifford Stutzman, and they were then married May 17, 1940. Their first son, Howard, was born the following year. Her father became ill and that fall they returned to the ranch, where her second son, Wayne, was born. When it was discovered that Horace would not be able to work again, the Stutzmans bought the ranch. Two daughters were later born, DeAnn and Denise. Clifford and Ellen were dedicated 4-H leaders for over 25 years, mentoring many of Shoshone's youth in livestock management. When Cliff became ill in 1983, they sold the family ranch and moved

to an acreage outside of Shoshone, where she enjoyed gardening, sewing for her granddaughters and spending time with her family. After her husband's death in 1987, she sold their house to reside in a smaller home in Shoshone, where she raised many beautiful flowers on "her rock wall." She also enjoyed many hours at the Shoshone Senior Center making patchwork quilts, playing pinocle and taking frequent sightseeing trips with her friends. She later moved into a condo in Gooding for a few years until ill health caused her to move to Meridian to be with her daughter, Denise, and where she enjoyed spending time with family and the occasional meal at the Meridian Senior Center. She is survived by her two sons, Howard (Laura) Stutzman of Twin Falls and Wayne (Terly) Stutzman of

Twin Falls; two daughters, DeAnn Morgan of Gooding and Denise (Chuck) Dalry of Meridian; eight grandchildren, Hall Stutzman, Alan Stutzman, Shawna Murphy, Danielle Morgan, Derek Morgan, Doug Morgan, Sara Dalry and Tony Dalry; along with seven great-grandsons and a special sister-in-law, Florence Mary Sandy of Hagerman. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cliff, and two brothers, Donald and Alfred.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the First Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W. in Gooding, with the Rev. Andy Morris officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shoshone Senior Center or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Beverly Jean Aslett

Beverly Jean Aslett passed away unexpectedly at her home on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007. She was a caring, generous person who was always there for others and she will certainly be missed by all. Jean was born in Plum City, Wis., on Nov. 27, 1939, to Samuel and Vivian Fisher. From childhood, she was affectionately called many as "Pudge." Jean married William Fuller on Aug. 5, 1961, in Minneapolis, Minn., and they later moved to Twin Falls and Buhl, where they raised four children. Jean loved spending time with her family. She took advantage of every possible opportunity to support her children from basketball games to rodeo parties and will be missed by all. Jean was preceded in death by her grandparents, Nels and Marjorie Ahlm and George and Eleanor Engel.



country airstrips with her beloved Tom. She continued flying after his death in 1987 and was a current member of the Twin Falls Flyers Club.

Jean later married her companion and friend, Jim Moore. She loved to travel and equally enjoyed spending time at her creek side home and garden. Jean spent most of her career at the USDA Rural Development offices and through it, helped many people and made many friends.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, James Fisher; her husband, Thomas D. Aslett; and son, Michael W. Fuller.

She is survived by her children, Kelly J. Szlezio of the Twin Falls Flyers Club, Phoenix; Susan L. Fullmer of Seattle and James R. Fullmer and his wife, Suzanne of Eagle; her sisters, Darlene Kearns and Patricia Cortes; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her nieces and nephews; and several friends.

Now she is free to fly like the birds and soar with the wind. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the United General Palmy of Idaho would be appreciated.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Brian S. Engel

Brian Scott Engel, 48, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of a sudden cardiac arrest.



He was born July 2, 1961, at the Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Mont. He was the son of John and Creta Engel of Twin Falls and was the fourth of five children. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1979 and attended the College of Southern Idaho for courses in diesel mechanics. He joined the Army after college and served for six years. He thoroughly enjoyed his time served in the Army — his favorite tour of duty was in the Middle East, where he visited the Holy Land. After he returned from the Army, he married Joan Neumeyer. They later divorced. Some of his favorite hobbies included reading books, and watching movies. He also loved playing board games with his family and friends. He had a strong passion for nature and the great outdoors. He is survived by his parents, John and Creta Engel; sisters, Terric Smith, Susie Grunder (Lyndon) and Sharon Gibson; brother, Matthew Engel (Laurel); daughters, Ashley Owens (Brad) and Chassidy Engel; son Justin Engel; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Nels and Marjorie Ahlm and George and Eleanor Engel.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Diabetes Association.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Nels and Marjorie Ahlm and George and Eleanor Engel.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Diabetes Association.

DEATH NOTICES

H. Dewayne Heffington

Huston Dewayne Heffington, 62, of Burley, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Church, 515 E. 16th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Evan Elliott

Evan K. Elliott, 73, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Catherine Reid

Catherine Naomi Reid, 45, of Gooding, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. No funeral is planned at this time (Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Polly Bickett

Polly Bickett, 81, of Jerome, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, in Jerome. A graveside memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Sunset Memorial

Park, 2296 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

John Christoffersen

John E. Christoffersen, 83, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City.

Eva Waggoner

Eva Nadine Waggoner, 77, of Kimberly, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Helen Krieger

Helen Ann Krieger, 94, of Burley, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

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SERVICES

Elmo Elison of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Malta LDS Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Theresa Sherlene Jarvie of Jackpot, Nev., memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Jackpot LDS Church; service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the LDS Stake Center on North Fifth Street in Elko, Nev., with visitation at 9 a.m.

James W. Shriver of Buhl, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Buhl United Methodist Church on Maple and Ninth Avenue.

Robert A. Wolff of Seattle, Wash., and formerly of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Tahona National Cemetery in Kent, Wash.

Linda Lee Trautwein Hitecock of Twin Falls, visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.



Mary Young, Linda Short, Dolly Freiburger and Verlee Frost of the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council sort gift item donations for this year's holiday season.

Mini-Cassia council seeking donations of Christmas cheer

By Trena Togan
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Inside a little store front in downtown Burley, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

In 2006 the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council found a permanent home at 1256 Overland Ave. Thanks to having a permanent location, the organization has been able to accept donations year round, but donations are still needed in order to provide Christmas for the 600 or so Mini-Cassia families who seek assistance through the organization each year.

Donations of cash, canned foods, toys, all sizes of quilts and blankets, toiletries or anything that would make a nice gift for someone of any age are needed.

"Gifts for men and boys are always in short supply," says Dolly Freiburger, one of the board members for the council. "Board games are also nice because they are suitable for boys and can be enjoyed by the whole family."

Freiburger said donated items need to be in "like new" condition. Minor repairs and cleaning can be done if time allows, but with the volume of donations and the number of people the organization serves, extensive repairs are not possible.

Canned foods, especially meats, fish and peanut butter, also are needed. The "Soupier Bowl" is the largest single food donation the organization receives. The Souper Bowl is a competition between Minidoka and Cassia County schools to see who can bring in the most donations of canned food. The event is held in conjunction with the Burley-Minico football game each year, and the winning school gets to display the traveling trophy.

The Christmas Council, whose goal is to help the underprivileged to have a

Want to help?

Donations can be made from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, 1256 Overland Ave. in Burley. Donations of items for giving this holiday season will be accepted until Dec. 8. Monetary contributions are welcome at any time and can be mailed to: Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, P.O. Box 332, Heyburn, ID 83336.

Need help?

Those in need of donations from the Christmas Council can register from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 27 or Dec. 7 at Heyburn Elementary School. For more information: Dolly Freiburger at 436-4057 or Verlee Frost at 878-7940.

happy holiday, has been serving Mini-Cassia for many years. The organization is non-profit and operates solely on donations. Coordinators are all volunteers and receive no pay other than the thanks of the families they help.

Verlee Frost, who has been on the board with the Christmas Council for several years shared a story of a young man who came to pick up his family's box last Christmas. The mother was sick and had asked him to go in her stead. As they gathered the items, the young man, who was only 16 years old, tried to refuse the gifts for himself. "Just give them to the rest of the family," he said. "I don't need anything."

"Of course we gave him his gifts as well as those for his family," Frost said. "But people like this young man are the reason we do this. He just wanted to help his family, without a thought for himself. That's what Christmas is about, the selfless act of giving."

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Jose F. Alcario Pacheco

Jose F. Alcario Pacheco, 58, of Jerome, passed away Oct. 26, 2007, at his home, after a lengthy struggle with cancer.



He was born Dec. 12, 1948, in Alamosa, Colo., the son of Jose F. Pacheco and Edulia Martinez Pacheco. Jose was raised in Grand Junction, Colo. He served his country in the United States Army

and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. Following an honorable discharge, he settled in Idaho, where he married Maria de La Luz Moreno-Gonzalez. They made their home in Jerome, where they raised their children. Jose spent most of his working life as a dairyman and worked at Aardema dairies for over 20 years. He was a member of St. Jerome's Catholic community. Jose will be remembered as a very loving husband and father who was always there for his family and taught

them to be loyal and responsible.

Jose is survived by his wife, Maria Pacheco, of Jerome, and his children, Amy Pacheco of Grand Junction, Colo., Brenda Pacheco, Jose (Jacqueline) Pacheco, Alejandro Moreno and Lucia Pacheco, all of Jerome. He is also survived by three grandsons, eight sisters, three brothers and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

A vigil service will be Tuesday, Oct. 30, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome, where family and friends may call at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, also at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Wekerle presiding. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Fairwinds Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

CSI LAW ENFORCEMENT



Students in the College of Southern Idaho law enforcement program presented Bob Moulton with a plaque that recognizes the financial support provided for the program by the James Moulton Foundation in recent years. The foundation was established following the death of James Moulton in the line of duty in 2001. Presenting the award to Moulton was CSI law enforcement Prof. Brett Redf. From left, back row, Powell Eaton, Harvey Blankenship, Josh Stank, Del Hauser, Jacob Hirsch, Reid, Chris Lubacky, Mike Thompson, Mike Shelamer and Michael Hirsch; front row (kneeling), Keyyn Childs, Victoria Marks, Brynn Blacker, Genoa Cook, Jason Atwell, Edward Gates, Cade McDonald, Brandon Weeks and Brian Worthy.

Pipeline company official says he bribed Alaska lawmaker

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The former head of a major Alaska pipeline services company testified Friday that he handed state Rep. Vic Kohring \$600 to \$700 or more on at least five occasions.

Bill Allen, former CEO of VECO Corp., also contradicted key parts of the defense case put forth by Kohring, who claims that money he received from the political power broker was a gift between men who bonded in part because of their relationships with women from Russia.

Kohring, elected seven times to the state House from Wasilla, is accused of demanding and accepting at least \$2,600 from VECO officials in exchange for his support on legislation.

Prosecutors also contend Kohring solicited a job from VECO for his nephew and that Kohring sought \$17,000 to pay off a credit card debt. Kohring is charged with four federal felony counts. Kohring resigned from the Alaska Legislature in July.

The federal government investigation of corruption



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Otter's pro-biz mantra may be tested in prison debate

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho's prison population could surge by more than 5,500 over the next decade, and lawmakers are split on whether to take a state step in and build new lock-ups, or let the expanding private corrections industry handle the overflow.

The agency is growing, as Idaho inmates shipped elsewhere have alleged poor treatment, and one killed himself in Texas in March.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, a Republican, leans toward paying companies such as The GEO Group, based in Florida, or Tennessee's Corrections Corporation of America, to build and run prisons with thousands of new beds to house an inmate population of 7,200 that's growing at 7 percent annually. The private sector can do it faster and cheaper, he said.

"A new prison built and owned by the state would take longer to construct, according to our experts," Otter said in an e-mail. "We have been told 18 to 24 months on the private side versus three to four years on the public side. We have an immediate need that needs addressing."

Meanwhile, members of Otter's own party, including Rep. Maime Bell, GOP chairwoman of the budget committee that controls money spent on prisons, would rather have Idaho build its own prisons. She said that letting a for-profit company take charge could mean losing control over how the state rehabilitates criminals, 90 percent of whom will eventually be released.

"The governor has a good strong philosophy on private and public cooperation," said Bell. "But in this situation, where you allow somebody to come in and build, and bring in other

prisoners from other states, I don't see I want to have control over contracts for medical care, education, things we need to do to get them clean and out in society again."

Idaho now owns all its prisons and operates all but one; Corrections Corporation of America runs the 1,500-bed Idaho Correctional Center near Boise. But as prisoner numbers grow, the state is sending more and more prisoners elsewhere, with 540 now in Texas and Oklahoma at a cost of \$13 million a year. Carter Goble Lee, a consultant hired this year, told Idaho Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke his agency needs room for 5,560 more inmates over 10 years, at a price tag of \$1 billion dollars. Even with 650 new prison beds in the works and additional proposals for 700 more beds slated to be introduced in the 2008 Legislature, Reinke said that's not enough.

"We need a new prison for Idaho and we need to get that operationalized as soon as possible," Reinke said. In an interview earlier this month, Idaho inmates shipped elsewhere since 2005 have bounced from prison to prison in three states. Reinke concedes officials didn't monitor their treatment properly, leading to conflicts with guards and poor conditions in Texas.

One inmate, Scot Noble Payne, killed himself at the GEO-run Dickens County Correctional Center in Spur, Texas; an Idaho investigator who inspected his cell said conditions there may have contributed to his suicide.

In August, his mother, Shirley Noble, lodged a \$500,000 claim against Idaho for her son's March 4 death. She also testified earlier this month at hearings in the Texas Legislature against shipping prisoners thou-

sands of miles from home to private facilities. It separates them from their families and leaves them vulnerable to companies that cut corners to boost profit, she said.

"It seemed there was no end to the degradation he and other prisoners were to endure with substandard facilities," Noble said at Oct. 12 hearings in Austin, Texas.

As Idaho's prisons bulge, however, private companies are eager to cash in here, too.

In 2006, GEO and Corrections Corporation of America handed out \$40,000 in campaign contributions to more than 30 GOP lawmak-

ers and one Democrat, in hopes of winning favor on possible new prison-building contracts.

Some lawmakers are heeding the call: Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hoyden, wants to make building an Idaho prison more attractive to the firms. He's drafting legislation that would let private prison companies bring inmates from other states to facilities they might build in Idaho, to guarantee their beds will be filled.

Steve Owen, a spokesman for Corrections Corporation of America, said such laws provide assurances for com-

panies like his that they can fill beds in their prisons — even if there isn't demand from the state where the prison is located.

"It helps us keep that oper-

ation financially viable during those time frames when the state is not utilizing the facility," Owen said. GEO didn't return calls seeking comment.

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Brother says Lankford might have killed six people in Texas

GRANGEVILLE (AP) — A man convicted and sentenced to death row in the slaying of a couple vacationing in northern Idaho in 1983, but who has been granted a new trial, might have killed at least six people in Texas, his brother said.

"He is a sociopath of the first order," Robert Lankford said about his brother, Mark Lankford, according to documents filed Friday in 2nd District Court by Prosecuting Attorney Kirk MacGregor.

MacGregor filed the document to support an earlier motion to set Mark Lankford's bail at \$10 million. A hearing to discuss bail, as well as DNA testing of evidence, is scheduled for Thursday.

"The state believes the defendant is a severe danger to society," MacGregor wrote in the court document.

Mark Lankford, 51, is being held in the Latah County Jail to be closer to his defense attorney, Charles Kovis. Kovis did not immediately return a call to The Associated Press on Saturday.

Mark Lankford was granted a new trial earlier this year when the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled he must be either retried or released because of an error in jury instructions during his 1984 trial.

Mark Lankford and a third brother, Bryan, were convicted in the 1983 beating deaths of U.S. Marine Capt. Robert Bravencroft, 27, and his wife Cheryl, 25, who were vacationing in Idaho. At the time, Mark and Bryan Lankford were camping in the Idaho wilderness.

Mark Lankford was sentenced to Idaho's death row; Bryan Lankford is serving a life sentence.

According to the court document filed Friday, Robert Lankford said he heard Mark say things that made him believe Mark might have taken part in murders in Texas.

Robert, 49, is an electrical engineer in Texas, and said he and his family

are afraid of Mark. "I fear for my family and my family agrees with me that he will seek revenge on us all," Robert said, according to the document.

He said that two girls were murdered in an area of Houston close to where Mark lived at the time with his grandmother.

"She feared for her life as his mysterious behavior was leading her to suspect he had something to do with the disappearances of the young ladies," Robert said in the affidavit.

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE: Members passed, 265-142, a new version of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) bill that President Bush vetoed Oct. 3. A yes vote backed a bill that sets lower income limits for eligibility and bars children of illegal aliens from the program. (HR 3963) A yes vote was to send the bill to the Senate.

GOP SCHIP PLAN: Members defeated, 164-242, a GOP plan to scale back HR 3963 (above). A yes vote backed a bill that, in part, made SCHIP enrollment more difficult for families above 200 percent of the poverty line and required immigrant applicants to more fully document their legality. A yes vote backed the GOP plan.

NATIVE HAWAIIANS: Members voted, 261-153, to empower Native Hawaiians to form a sovereign government similar to Native American and Native Alaskan nations in the United States. A yes vote backed a bill (HR 505) enabling Native Hawaiians to seek control of their original land and assets.

ILLEGAL ALIENS' CHILDREN: Senators failed, 52-44, to reach 60 votes needed to advance a bill putting children of illegal aliens on a path to citizenship if they first serve in the U.S. military or complete two years of higher education and meet several other requirements. A yes vote supported S 2205.

AMTRAK SUBSIDY CAP: Senators refused, 28-66, to limit taxpayer subsidies of Amtrak to \$200 per rail passenger in 2008, with the cap reduced by \$25 per passenger in each following year. A yes vote was to add the limit to a measure (S 294) authorizing \$3.3 billion in subsidies through 2013.

DOMESTIC SPENDING DISPUTE: The Senate defeated, 40-54, a Republican bid to reduce 2008 discretionary spending for the Education, Labor and Health and Human Services departments by \$9.6 billion to the level of 2007. A yes vote supported the cut. (HR 3043) A yes vote backed the GOP motion.

Y - Yes N - No X - did not vote

Key votes ahead

In the week of Oct. 29, the House will consider aid to U.S. workers displaced by trade and a rewrite of the Mining Act of 1872. The Senate will vote on a revised State Children's Health Insurance bill.

Wolves in North Idaho wilderness area elude fish and game officials

LEWISTON (AP) — An attempt by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to attach radio collars to wolves in the S l u y - B l i t c r o t Wilderness Area in northern Idaho has failed.

But officials said they learned the wolves' habits over the summer, including the rambunctious sites of several packs, and are optimistic of success next year.

"If you can focus efforts where you know wolves are coming to, as opposed to just randomly trapping a wolf, your success rates are radically different," said Steve Nadeau, large carnivore coordinator for the department.

The department wants to place a radio collar on at least one wolf in each wolf pack in Idaho so the state can have a better understanding of wolf populations and their movements when it takes over management of wolves from the federal government.

Wyoming, Montana and Idaho are seeking to end federal oversight of wolves by each state taking over management of the animals within their borders. Each state would be required to maintain a minimum of 100 wolves and 10 breeding pairs. "We are required to have a handle on all of the

wolves in the state if we are going to delist them and have harvest," Nadeau said.

"Knowing how many wolves are in the wilderness is part of that picture."

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Nearly 50,000 pounds of dead fish removed from Calif. lake

PORTOLA, Calif. (AP) — California officials have completed the grim task of collecting fish killed in last month's poisoning of Lake Davis to exterminate the northern pike.

California Department of Fish and Game crews gathered nearly 50,000 pounds of fish since Sept. 21, when 16,000 gallons of a toxic chemical were poured into the Sierra Nevada reservoir.

Northern pike — which wildlife experts believe were carried to Lake Davis by anglers from the Midwest or Great Lakes in the 1960s — destroyed the lake's famous trophy trout and tourist industry.

"This time, we continue to monitor the lake and keep our fingers crossed," department spokesman Steve Martarano told the Reno Gazette-Journal. "We did everything possible, and we continue to hope that we did enough."

"We're not claiming victory yet. But we're hopeful we got rid of the pike this time," he said.

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U.S. to give Iraq control in Shiite region of Karbala

By Kim Gamel
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — U.S. forces will turn over security to Iraqi authorities in the southern Shiite province of Karbala on Monday, the American commander for the area said, despite fighting between rival militia factions that has killed dozens.

Karbala will become only the eighth of Iraq's 18 provinces to revert to Iraqi control, despite President Bush's prediction in January that the Iraqi government would have responsibility for security in all of the provinces by November.

But the target date has slipped repeatedly, highlighting the difficulties in developing Iraqi police forces and the slow pace of economic and political progress in areas still troubled by daily violence.

A bomb struck a mainly Shiite town southeast of Baghdad on Saturday for the second time, in less than a week, the deadliest attack on a day in which at least 23 people were killed or found dead.

In northern Iraq, clashes broke out between al-Qaida in Iraq fighters and a rival Sunni group near the volatile city of Samarra, and police said some 16 militants were killed.

The fighting broke out after calls from imams at local mosques to expel al-Qaida from the area, labeling them as "false mujahedeen" or false holy warriors, according to a provincial police officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

Also Saturday, the U.S. military announced the death of an American soldier killed Thursday during small arms fire during operations in the Salahuddin province, a mainly Sunni area north of Baghdad.

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, who leads the 3rd Infantry Division, said the Iraqis were ready to assume full control of their own security in Karbala province, home to shrines of two major Shiite saints, Imam Abbas and Imam Hussein. U.S. troops would remain ready to step

THE WEEK IN IRAQ Iraqis to control eight provinces

Security of the Shiite province of Karbala will be turned over to the Iraqi authorities on Monday. It will become only the eighth of 18 provinces to revert to Iraqi control.



SUN. — The U.S. military killed an estimated 49 militants during a Baghdad raid to capture an Iranian-linked militia chief.

MON. — New audiotape from Osama Bin Laden urges Iraq insurgents to unite.

TUE. — A U.S. helicopter opened fire on a group of men planting roadside bombs in Samarra. Eleven were killed.

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Nature, terrain may have a bigger say in Turkey's decision to invade than do diplomats, generals

By Douglas Birch
Associated Press writer

BALLEMDA PASS, Iraq — For most of the last decade, Kurdish guerrillas have staged attacks on the Turkish military from sanctuaries in Iraq's north, where no roads cut through the dense forest and jagged peaks, some already topped with waist-deep snow.

Until now, the world paid little notice to the simmering conflict in an isolated region that has escaped control by any government for decades. A sharp escalation in the fighting has brought Turkey to the brink of sending troops south across the border, threatening to plunge Iraq's only stable region into chaos and warfare.

Turkey has demanded immediate action from the United States and Iraq. Fighting here would pit two U.S. allies — Turkey, a member of NATO, and Iraq's Kurds — against each other, threaten supply lines for U.S. troops in Iraq and, perhaps, unravel apparent progress in reducing the violence in the rest of the country.

What comes closer each day "Turkey delays a decision on whether to invade the towering Qandil range where the separatist Kurds hide.

But Jabar Yawar, a spokesman for Kurdistan's Peshmerga Regional Defense Forces and a former guerrilla fighter himself — against Saddam Hussein — said Friday that disrupting the rebels' operations in the region was not so simple.

"Do American and Iraqi forces operating in Iraq, those forces capture the leaders of al-Qaida in Iraq or in Afghanistan or Pakistan?" he told The Associated Press in the Kurdish city of Sulaimaniyah.

The separatist Kurdistan Workers' Party or PKK, denies it has bases inside

Iraq, but government officials here admit the guerrillas roam freely back and forth across international borders in this mountainous region, where Baghdad exerts little "no control.

From 1979 to 1991, Yawar fought with the Peshmerga — then an insurgent group — against Saddam and Iraq's ruling Baath Party.

Periodically, Peshmerga fighters sought refuge in the mountains — near where the borders of Iran, Iraq and Turkey meet — where the PKK has recently had a major base.

"There are areas in those mountains like Siberia, where even now you can walk up to your waist in snow," Yawar said. In this lawless border region, which stretches up to 25 miles deep into Iraqi territory, there are no roads — only forest and mountains.

The army of Iraq under Saddam, with all its might and military forces, failed to

go into this area," Yawar said. "So how can a small Iraqi army like we have now, which cannot control its own territory against terrorists, enter into these mountains?"

Several factors could limit the scope of the fighting, which pits a few thousand PKK insurgents against Turkey's massive and well-equipped army.

Those factors include diplomatic pressure from the U.S. and its allies; the desire of Iraqi Kurds to preserve the relative peace and prosperity they have achieved in the new Iraq; and the prospect for Turkey of fighting a guerrilla war in the winter in this beautiful and forbidding terrain.

Talks began and ended in Ankara Friday between the Turkish government and an Iraqi delegation. Their reported failure suggests that the Turks may not feel they have exhausted their military options.

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Spook House Couple decorates home for Halloween

By Tina Fagan
For the Times-News

HEYBURN — George and Rose Irie of Heyburn really got into the "spirit" of Halloween.

Driving by the couple's home a person might, at first glance, think people are relaxing on lawn chairs in front of the Irie residence. A closer look, however, reveals four gruesome monsters keeping watch over the yard and home.

Through the monster quarter is the largest on display, there are plenty more Halloween spooks around the yard.

The couple's yard, located on a corner lot at 2001 J St. in Heyburn, is decorated in every corner with some sort of spook or monster. Ghosts, witches, scarecrows and pumpkins adorn the property and welcome visitors, trick-or-treaters and passers-by.

The display grows and changes each year. The Iries are always on the lookout for something new to add. Some things they purchased at stores or yard sales and some they have made themselves. The display began with a single scarecrow some 30 years ago and grew from there.

"It's all the dummy's fault," Rose said, referring to the scarecrow that is still part of the display, though it has

gone through a few changes over the years.

For George, Halloween, with its ghosts and goblins, is the best time of year.

"I like Halloween," George says. "We get trick-or-treaters from all over because they come to see our display."

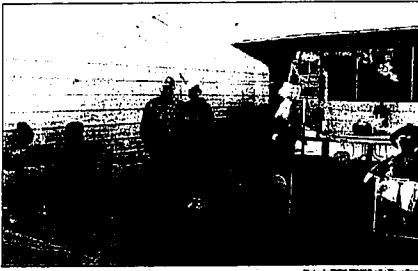
As soon as Halloween is over, Christmas decorations come out to replace the Halloween décor. Angels replace monsters, snowmen replace ghosts. Halloween may be George's favorite holiday, but Christmas is his wife's favorite.

Although the couple decorates their home for most major holidays, Halloween and Christmas are always the largest displays.

The Iries almost stopped dressing up their yard after having their 6-foot Santa Claus stolen four years ago.

"It was hard to get back in the spirit after that happened," George said.

Though they haven't found a replacement Santa, the Iries still like to set up a large display.



George and Rose Irie of Heyburn stand among their collection of Halloween décor. They have been keeping the Halloween spirit alive in their neighborhood for 30 years.



Scarecrows greet passersby at one corner of the Irie residence in Heyburn.

"We enjoy people coming to see our decorations," George says. "That's why we do it — for others to enjoy."

"We get trick-or-treaters from all over because they come to see our display."

— George Irie



THE PERFECT PUMPKIN

Everybody's idea of the perfect pumpkin is a little bit different. "Some of the little kids come out of the patch carrying these really ugly little gourds," said Amy Carter, who has grown a pumpkin patch east of Minico High School on Idaho Highway 25 for the past four years. She operates the patch with her husband Job and another couple, Dac and Lori Johnson. Pictured here after picking his perfect pumpkin is William Fessenden, 3, of Rupert. He took home a smaller version during an afternoon outing to the pumpkin patch with family members.

LOUIE WELCH/For the Times-News

Heyburn officials: Bond will save money

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

HEYBURN — The City Council and Mayor George Anderson said Wednesday they are concerned city residents are misinformed about the potential impact of a bond election set for Nov. 6.

If passed — bond elections must achieve a two-thirds supermajority to pass — the bond would authorize the city to seek financing to pay for a new well.

Anderson said many residents mistakenly believe passing the bond will raise taxes in the city. But the City Council raised water rates at its Oct. 10 meeting — the first step in paving the way for a new well.

Extra revenue gained from the increased rates will be used to make payments on any loans the city takes out to pay for the well.

City Attorney Steven Tuft said if the bond doesn't pass, the city can seek recourse in state court. If that fails, the city would be unable to finance the well and would have to accumulate enough extra revenue to pay for a new well with cash. But if infrastructure costs increase as dramatically as they have in the recent past, it could be years before Heyburn has enough cash to pay for a new well.

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Few attend the world's first divorce fair in Vienna

By George Jahn
Associated Press writer

VIENNA, Austria — In a city where "do" often turns into "I want out," a fair for those wanting to untie the knot seemed a sure bet. But journalists easily outnumbered those looking for advice on how to end their marriages. On Saturday, the first day of what was billed as the world's first divorce fair, detectives were ready to catch a spouse in the act, mediators to help ease the pain of separation, a laboratory to conduct paternity tests, and, of course, lawyers to do everything else.

So when were all those in struggling marriages? The Austrian capital would seem a good venue for the event, with its 66-percent divorce rate, near the top for European cities. The country itself has a rate of more than

50 percent. In the United States, the rate is thought to be between 40 and 45 percent. But only a few dozen clients meandered through the two conference rooms of a downtown luxury hotel in the space of an hour, and bemused exhibitors were kept busy mostly by TV crews lining up to interview them.

"It doesn't matter," said real estate agent Christian Novotny, there to offer advice on how to sell homes for splitting couples — or to buy ones for new singles. "Tomorrow's another day."

"Too many cameras," said Bernhard Sperner, one of the few at the event hoping for a divorce. "I think that's part of the problem—a lot of people don't want to be seen or be photographed here."

Sperner said he was happy to have come nonetheless, saying a talk with a lawyer was helpful in letting him know that he has an automatic right to divorce after a three-year separation. And he said he would suggest to his spouse — who he said does not want to end their marriage — to join him in mediating their dispute with one of the experts he made contact with here.

Most of the 16 firms with stands at the fair offered standard divorce fare — legal services, private investigations, mediation and conflict management. But some catered to more unusual needs.

"Many people come to us when they are already in the middle of divorce proceedings," said Susanne Haas, whose \$600 DNA analysis promises to end bickering about why the little one does not look like daddy. "Proof of parenthood can play an important role in divorces."

In the next room, Isabella Stozek, whose "Hairdreams" offered hair extensions, volume treatments, highlights and other regimens, said such makeovers were important to women looking for a new look to accompany their new start.

"They want to leave their old lives behind, and how better to do that than with these?" she says, sweeping her hand over a display of wigs, pony tails and braids.

Painting 'not a Rembrandt' and valued at \$3,000 sells for \$4.5 million

LONDON (AP) — A museum in the Netherlands said, the portrait was not by Rembrandt, and the provincial auction house in Enschede was only advertising it as a work by one of his followers — valued at \$3,078.

But when 15 minutes of bidding on the painting ended Friday, it had sold for \$4.5 million.

"I was shocked," said Phillip Allwood, who had conducted the auction in the town of Cirencester, west of London.

He tells you about the art market today. People are very prepared to pay big money for the right pieces, or what they feel are the right pieces, the auctioneer said in a telephone interview Saturday.

"The Young Rembrandt as Democritus the Laughing Philosopher," a 9.5-by-6.5 inch portrait of a young man, had hung in a local home for years.

The unidentified winning bidder may have concluded that it was a self-portrait by Rembrandt van Rijn, despite expert opinion.

The 17th-century Dutch artist painted a series of self-portraits. About 40 are recognized as his work, but others are believed to have been copies made by his students.

Allwood, the auctioneer for the Moore, Allen & Innocent, said the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam and the unidentified owner of the oil painting that was sold Friday had concluded it was not by Rembrandt.

Jan Six, a Dutch art expert with Sotheby's auction house in Amsterdam, said Sotheby's was an adviser for a potential buyer — who did not win the painting.



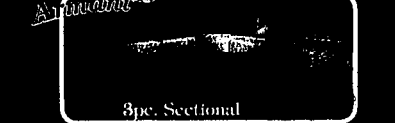


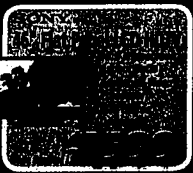
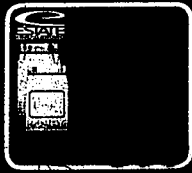
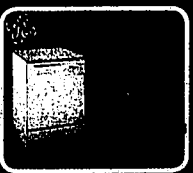



"Nobody pays 2.2 million (pounds, \$4.5 million) for a follower of Rembrandt. If this was a known Rembrandt and was published in 20 books and had a great provenance, it would go for 10 million (pounds, \$21 million)," Six said Saturday.

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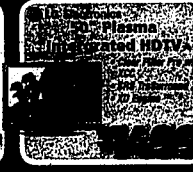




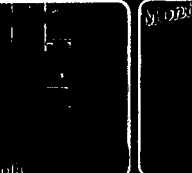

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Eight days of Southern Idaho basketball



SOUTHERN IDAHO

HAD THE ROAD TO KANSAS

Coeur d'Alene
Where to eat: Hudson's Hamburgers. The tiny diner near the North Idaho College campus serves only hamburgers, sandwiches, pie, and drinks.
Potential pitfall: Christianon Gymnasium. The home of Cardinals basketball is one of the toughest places to play in the SWAC.

Laramie, Wyo.
Hoory, Goo! The Golden Eagles have benefited from assistant coach Steve Goo's connection to the University of Wyoming, where he played and served as a graduate assistant. The CSI men have been able to practice at the Arena-Auditorium, the home of the Cowboys basketball teams, on their way to the national tournament each of the previous two seasons.
Potential pitfall: Spirited practices. Two years ago, emerging sophomore post force Micah Rollin was slowed for the national tournament after sim-checking an alley-oop attempt and landing flat on his back. Rollin was limited to 20 minutes in three games as the banged-up Golden Eagles went 1-2 at national.

Twin Falls
No place like home: The CSI men and women play a combined 33 regular-season games in Twin Falls this season. Tourney time! If the CSI women win the regular-season SWAC title, the Region 18 Tournament will come back to Twin Falls for the first time in three seasons.

Hooyah, Colo.
Where to eat: The Jareway. Friendly confines: The Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans have been gracious hosts. A CNCU team hasn't won a SWAC basketball game since the 2003-04 season.
Potential pitfall: Subject to return.

Idaho
Where to eat: Fat Jack's Pizza & Tin Plate Pasta
Hoosier wildlife: Badgers
Potential pitfall: Eating after the game. Ephraim can be a little challenging, men's coach Barret Peery said. "Everything's closed about nine or 10 o'clock, except McDonald's, so we have to do a lot of pre-ordering and make sure it gets delivered before everything shuts down."
Tico, Utah
Where to eat: Good Luck. "We eat at the hotel quite a bit there," women's coach Randy Rogers said. "We try to eat at the Holiday Inn there."
Best thing... even Dollar nights at the Desert Wave Pool on Wednesdays.
Potential pitfall: Swimmer's ear, getting home.

Phoenix, Ariz.
Where to eat: Mim's Café. Five words: Autumn peach upside down cake.
Hoosier natives: Giant Vaqueria. Central Arizona College's tallest women's player is a 6-foot-5 sophomore from Ashley Sears.
Potential pitfall: Puhlease. Two years ago while trying to get to Coollidge to play sophomore Central Arizona College, the Golden Eagles women found their way onto a dirt road that led to the 8,000 population town.

Hutchinson, Kan.
Where to eat: Roy's Ribz. Airport Steak House.
Potential pitfall: First-round rematch if they return to Hatch. The CSI men will face a District 3 (Ind., Md., Mich., N.Y.) representative, which opens the possibility of a rematch of last year's hard-fought 80-69 win over Indiana's Vincennes University. That loss will give the Trailblazers some added motivation if they make a return trip to the tourney.

Map key
Men's journey
Women's journey
Illustration by BRADLEY GUNNS/THOMAS-PHOTOS

What to watch for

By Eric Larsen • Times-News writer

Ten important dates

during the CSI basketball seasons

THURSDAY, NOV. 1: ROOM TO CLIMB

The first day of the season gives both the College of Southern Idaho men and women opportunities to establish their respective identities. And make no mistake, new identities will be formed. The Golden Eagles men and women will both seek out new scoring leaders as returning CSI sophomores led the program in scoring during only seven of last year's combined 69 men's and women's contests.

While head coach Barret Peery's team-oriented style de-emphasizes outstanding individual performances, Juan Partillo, Terry Fields and sophomore Nick Hanson have all showed strong scoring ability at the NJCAA Division I level. Look for Art Parakhouski, along with transfer Joey Shaw and others to fill the scoring void left by the graduation of Brad Garrett, Kelvin Davis and Brandon Stores.

"We're going to play a lot of guys and there are opportunities there," Peery said.

The Golden Eagles may not have an individual scorer the caliber of last year's points leader Maria Moore, but their offensive ability across the board may be improved. CSI newcomers Soana Lucet, LaCale Pringle-Buchanan and Samantha Tinned were all big-time scorers before coming to CSI, while Anita Burdick and Maddy Plunkett are talented in the low post.

"We lost five starters pretty much, so somebody's got to step in and do it this year," head women's coach Randy Rogers said. "They're not playing behind anybody, even the freshmen."

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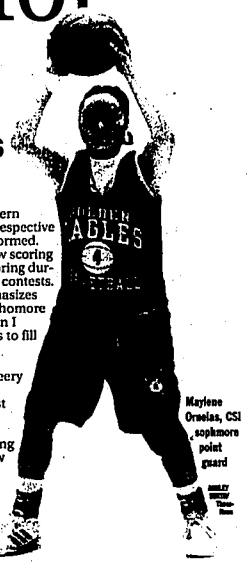
Test your knowledge in our CSI hoops quiz



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Juan Partillo, CSI sophomore forward



Marlyse Ornelas, CSI sophomore point guard

Champs: Bruin boys run to cross country title

Twin Falls edges Boise

Times-News

It's been 31 years since Jerry Kleinkopf led the Twin Falls boys cross country team to a state championship. Saturday, he climbed the podium again, this time as the Bruins assistant coach.

Twin Falls ran a terrific race, edging Boise by three points (76-79) to claim the Class 5A state title at the 2007 Idaho State Cross Country Meet at Freeman Park in Idaho Falls.

"There's no words to describe it," said Bruins senior Ewan Mahlberg. In a field that saw only 90 seconds

separate the first and 40th runners across the finish line, the Bruins waited patiently to find out if the title was theirs.

Mahlberg called that stretch of time "nervewracking." But once the happy word came, the Twin Falls harriers sprinted to the results board to confirm the news.

"Pretty crazy," said Mahlberg of the championship. "It's going to be with us for a while." Durin Emmanuel had a time of 16 minutes, 45 seconds to lead the Bruins. He finished 10th overall, while Chris Schenk was 12th in

16:48. Alex Schenk (16:54) followed at 15th, while Andor Jayo (16th, 17:01) and Nick Jacobs (30th, 17:16) rounded out the Bruins' scoring. Mahlberg finished 63rd in 18:06 and Spencer Langren was 64th in 18:11.

Head coach Marty Grindstaff said the 5A boys race had a "tremendously fast field."

"We knew it was going to be really close," he said.

But three points were enough and the Bruins are second to none. The title is the fourth state crown for the Twin Falls boys since 1968. Note: Declib's Matt Jones was the only area competitor to claim an individual title, winning the Class 3A boys race in 16:46.21. Read more about Jones on page D2.



Members of the Twin Falls High School boys cross country team pose with their state championship trophy Saturday at Freeman Park in Idaho Falls after winning the Class 5A title. The Bruins edged Boise by three points for their first title in 31 years.

CSI HOOPS: 10 IMPORTANT DATES

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THURSDAY, NOV. 15: MARQUEE REMATCH

It's hard to call a lopsided five-game series of nonconference meetings a rivalry, but the pairing of the CSI women and perennial power Central Arizona College has taken on that feel as Golden Eagles head coach Randy Rogers has brought his team into the upper echelon of the NCAA ranks. CSI is 0-5 against the Vaqueras since Rogers took over at CSI, and this meeting between the teams in Coolidge, Ariz., will mark the end of an era.

The Golden Eagles will take on the Vaqueras during the first day of the Desert Classic Tournament, which features the last three NCAAA Division I national champions — Monroe (N.Y.) College, Central Arizona and Odessa (Texas) College — along with CSI.

"I think that's an amazing tournament that you have all three back-to-back-to-back national champions in three days," Rogers said. "For our kids, and for me, we'll know exactly where we're at and where we'll need to be."

Thursday's game will possibly be the last time Rogers and his Golden Eagles meet a Vaqueras team coached by NJCAA legend Lin Laursen. The Central Arizona coach, who led the Vaqueras to the 2004-05 national championship over the Golden Eagles, announced her retirement, effective at the end of the season, earlier this year.

Under Laursen, the Vaqueras have won three national titles and won 20 or more games in 30 seasons, posting a 937-144 overall record. The game will be the last chance Rogers has to beat Laursen, unless the two teams meet again in Salina, Kan.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3, 2008: THE BIG SMOOTH'S DEBUT?

With sophomore forward Samantha Tinned (pictured below) expected to sit out the first half of the season during the fall semester due to technicalities in transferring from Highline Community College in Des Moines, Wash., the coming of the new year could give the CSI women an extra boost.

Tinned, who Rogers has nicknamed "The Big Smooth" for her playing style, is a 6-foot athlete that can play any position for the Golden Eagles. At Highline, she averaged 21 points and 7 rebounds per game.

"She is as smooth as they come," Rogers said. "She has a great 15-foot shot, which is one of the toughest shots in basketball."

Tinned is likely to be available come the college's spring semester, which means on-court CSI debut will likely come in Coeur d'Alene during North Idaho College's SWAC Challenge tournament, or during the following Friday's conference opener against Colorado Northwestern Community College in Twin Falls.

"When she hits the floor, she's going to be one of our special players as far as making a run at this title," Rogers said.



CSI sophomore center Bocar Ba pauses during a recent practice.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10, 2008: SWAC WELCOME

While Scenic West Athletic Conference play offers few replays, both Golden Eagles teams will get to ease into conference play this season in their respective home arenas against Colorado Northwestern. The Spartans, who haven't won a men's or women's SWAC contest since the 2003-04 season, will be hard-pressed to compete with the CSI squads over a two-day span in Twin Falls.

The Spartans have new direction under first-year head coaches Richard Zalenski (men) and Tim Wilson (women), but won't be able to keep pace with CSI for more than 10 minutes if history is any indication.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19, 2008: ROAD TRIP

Whereas the CSI volleyball team has drawn a reputation as a group of road warriors after playing 33 of its 46 regular-season matches away from Twin Falls, Golden Eagles basketball fans will get to see their teams play early and often.

While the CSI women open the season with five straight road games in Arizona, the CSI men play 16 of their first 17 games at home. The longest SWAC road swing for both teams is a scant three games, starting with a Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, trip to Coeur d'Alene to take on North Idaho.

"We should have a lot of confidence going into that," Peery said. "We should have a nice record going into those types of situations. But we'll be challenged."

The road swing is the CSI men's longest of the season, and tied for the second-longest string of road games for the women. The 2006-07 men's season illustrated the perils of even a short foray away from home, as a combined 1-3 mark in four consecutive road games at Snow and Salt Lake cost the CSI men sole possession of first place in the SWAC standings, along with the right to host the Region 18 Tournament, which went to the Badgers in Ephraim, Utah.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23, 2008: MEN'S SWING GAME

The last two meetings between CSI and the No. 15 Salt Lake Community College Bruins will come in Twin Falls. While CSI won three of five games against the Bruins last year, the games were decided by an average of only 4.8 points per contest. While the Bruins don't like to play as fast as the Golden Eagles, head coach Norm Parrish's teams were able to handle the CSI press and top the 100-point mark twice against the Golden Eagles.

Sophomore point guard Brian Green will lead his Bruins into this pivotal SWAC game at the CSI gymnasium.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2008: CAN HE DO IT?

Men's Preseason All-America First Team selection Juan Pattillo has an opportunity to score his 1,000th point and grab his 500th rebound of his CSI career this season. To do so in the regular season, the 6-foot-7 forward from Las Vegas will need to average 17.4 points and 8.1 rebounds through the Golden Eagles' regular-season finale at Colorado Northwestern. Those averages truly would be All-America worthy in Peery's team-oriented CSI attack.

"If he's getting numbers like that, it's because he's giving a tremendous effort," Peery said. "He's a guy that's really worked on his game, both with the team and as an individual, and we've seen him get better."

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008: TOURNEY TIME

With the rights to host the Region 18 Tournament going to the winner of the regular-season SWAC women's race, Rogers' Golden Eagles will look to bring postseason play back to Twin Falls for the first time since the 2004-05 season. The Golden Eagles men won hosting rights that year, during which Rogers took his top-ranked team to the women's championship game. This year, he hopes to reciprocate for Peery's highly-ranked men's squad.

"More than anything, I'd like to win a title again and get this team to nationals if we can for the community, for the kids, for the men's team and everything," Rogers said.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008: HUTCH, SALINA AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Both Golden Eagles squads are hoping their respective stories reach a conclusion in Kansas. The men's and women's tournaments begin on Tuesday, March 18 and run through the respective championship games the night of Saturday, March 22. While trips to Salina, Kan., and Hutchinson, Kan., represent lofty goals for both teams, many other trips and goals await before that time.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2, 2008:

WOMEN'S SWING GAME

The last meeting of the regular season between the CSI and North Idaho College women could be one of the most important games of the year. The Golden Eagles and Cardinals split last year's four meetings in what was then a 20-game SWAC schedule. Now that conference play has been pared down to 15 games, the third game between any two squads will hold great importance, especially if the first two meetings are split.

"It's tough to win twice, even at home," Rogers said. "If you split at home and lose on the road, you lose all those rebounds. I think you have to steal a few wins on the road here and there, and try to sweep those wins at home."

CSI will have the advantage of playing the Cardinals twice at home after traveling to Coeur d'Alene for the teams' first meeting of the season.

College of Southern Idaho sophomore guard Teri Trumauer runs into a screen set by sophomore forward Samantha Tinned.



So you think you're a CSI fan?

10 questions to test anybody's Golden Eagles hoops knowledge

By Eric Larson, Times-News' writer

For some of us, college of Southern Idaho basketball represents 41 years of memories. From the dusty gym floors of the Eddie Suter Coliseum to the Golden Eagles' basketball program's glory with the 1994 Boyd Grant and Fred McCall national championships, the program's timeline is a treasure trove of memories. There's just one learning lesson: Basketball is all about teamwork. So, here's a quiz to test your knowledge of CSI hoops.

1. After you're done, see where you rank in the hierarchy of those suited — or not suited — to wear the Black and Gold.
A. Between 1994-1999, the Golden Eagles won six of the state's national titles for most consecutive home wins. How many home games did CSI win in a row?
A. 10
B. 13
C. 15
D. 17

2. A 20-oz. bottle of Mountain Dew CSI head coach Randy Rogers snuck to the bench.
A. A dead bird.
B. The thinking coach. While CSI basketball coach holds a bachelor's degree in molecular biology?
A. Barrett Peery
B. Jennifer Sears
C. Randy Rogers
D. Steve Gosar

3. It's Friday night and the Golden Eagles basketball team is playing at home. You're sitting in the gym?
A. Black, of course.
B. Red, hee hee hee something.
C. Green, of course.
D. Purple, of course.

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D. Steve Gosar

5. Eagles play the best defense in the land.
A. Yes, a month. Praise should be doled out the way college should be applied — sparingly.
C. Once a year. Most recently served up with great surprise after a 77-72 win over Salt Lake Community College.
D. Rogers' praise of his team's defense is like a Hall of Fame award. It's a great All-American. Now it's time to shoot for a title!

6. Which sport CSI needs to get into? It's a game and it's the only one that's not a sport.
A. Basketball
B. Football
C. Soccer
D. Golf

7. CSI women have won two national titles. Which NCAA Division I team has won the most national titles?
A. Duke
B. Stanford
C. Kentucky
D. North Carolina

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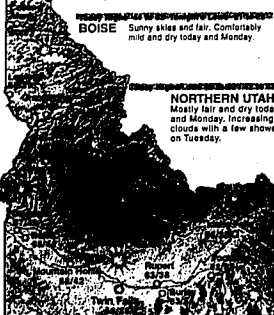
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Tonight: Clear skies. Lows upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Continued sunny and mostly fair. Highs in the 60s.

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Tomorrow: Continued sunny and mostly fair. Highs in the 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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Boise: Sunny skies and fair. Comfortably mild and dry today and Monday.
Northern Utah: Moistly fair and dry today and Monday. Increasing clouds with a few showers on Tuesday.

MATT JORDAN'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
'If you're not a hard nut you can't make it outside of Idaho.'

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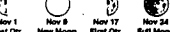
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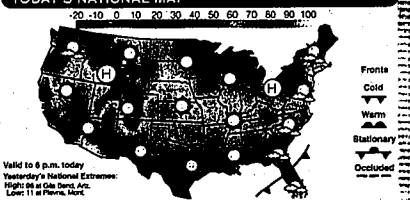
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Winning 2006 NASCAR title has eased Johnson's burden in this year's Chase

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — A year ago, the pressure was almost unbearable for Jimmie Johnson as he prepared for the fall race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

mat, which began in 2004. Gordon was dominant during the "regular season," this year, building a lead of 312 points over runner-up races. But, thanks to NASCAR's new seeding format that led was erased and he started the Chase up 20 points.

This time is different. "I'm in a much better place, and I'm actually enjoying this year and this championship battle," said Johnson, who is second in the standings, 53 points behind Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon, heading into Sunday's Pep Boys Auto 500.

Johnson flirted with a championship in each of his first four seasons in NASCAR's Nextel Cup series, but finishing worse than fifth and sixth in some ways, the pressure has eased Johnson's burden in this year's Chase. In some ways, the pressure has shifted to Gordon, who hasn't won a championship since 2001, which also means he hasn't finished on top under the current Chase for-

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Gordon, a four-time Cup champion, can see the difference in his friend. "Jimmie is much more relaxed and focused," said Gordon, whose team works out of the same race shop as Johnson's. "He understands now what it takes to win a championship, and he knows now that he and his team can get it done. That makes him even tougher to beat."

head-to-head. Alltel Retail Stores. Includes list of store locations and contact information.

Relics and hatchery history are featured in museum exhibit

By John O'Connell
The Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — In the old days, Idaho's fish hatcheries chock full of carrels and meat processing plants on site.

Back then, hatchery fish survived on a diet of ground horse meat, nongame fish and byproducts of commercial fishing plants.

Mick Hoover found relics from those days, including a meat grinder and large metal tubs for storing the meat when he took a job in 1930 as a culturist with the Mackay State Fish Hatchery.

A century of Gem State fish hatchery artifacts, including the Mackay meat processing equipment, are part of an exhibit now on display at the Idaho Museum of Natural History. The exhibit, created by Hoover and another Idaho Department of Fish and Game employee, will remain at the Pocatello museum for up to a year.

Hoover, now assistant hatchery manager in Mackay, explained hatcheries short on horse meat could import it in frozen blocks from other hatcheries. By the 1950s, the price of horse meat climbed due to the increased demand from state and private fish hatcheries, and special fish pellets developed in Idaho supplanted horse meat as the preferred feed of fish hatcheries.

While it took about 8 pounds of horse meat to yield a pound of fish, the pellets supported fish on a pound-for-pound basis. "There was always something inherently wrong with a red meat diet for fish," Hooversaid.

At first, Hoover's fish hatchery exhibit was on display at the Mackay facility, built in 1925, and didn't include historical items from any other hatcheries. The exhibit gradually expanded beginning in 1998 due to Hoover's search

for vintage, embossed Fish and Game milk cans; the department once used the cans for transporting trout for stocking.

At each hatchery, officials offered to give Hoover historical items that would otherwise be disposed of.

"I couldn't see stuff like that being thrown away and losing all that history," Hoover said.

Sharon Clark, technical records specialist with the Fisheries Bureau in Boise, teamed with Hoover to compile digital collectibles and conduct interviews of retired Fish and Game officials and their families for exhibit storyboards.

"I inherited some 100-year-old stocking ledgers and some (handwritten) reports, so I became interested in the department's history," said Clark, who has been working for Fish and Game in Boise for the past two decades.

The collection, part of which was first displayed in July of 2006 at the Museum of Idaho in Idaho Falls, includes between 600 and 700 artifacts. It got rave reviews in its inaugural showing, where it was part of a Guns and Hobbies exhibit that drew about 20,000 spectators.

"It generates a lot of talk of people remembering fishing in high-mountain lakes with their grandfathers and fathers," Clark said.

And Clark said there were those who were fascinated by the exhibit because they were previously unaware Idaho had fish hatcheries.

A Fish and Game truck hauling a few hundred items from the collection, arrived recently at the Idaho Museum of Natural History. An old, wooden drift boat will serve as a centerpiece, and a 1957 Chevrolet hatchery truck with a wooden fish tank in the bed will be displayed during the exhibit's grand opening.

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Tax credits, state mandates fuel interest in solar power

By Judith Kohler
Associated Press writer

LAFAYETTE, Colo. — Writer Daniel Glick was putting together a list of things people could do in their everyday lives to fend off climate change, part of his contribution to an upcoming book, when it hit him: What was he going to do?

"It sounds corny, but the light bulb went on for me that I lived in this pretty progressive place," Glick said.

Economics motivated business consultant Jim Mason, and he reached the same conclusion as Glick: Solar power was the way to go.

Both say the extra push to go solar came from federal tax credits and rebates offered by Colorado's largest utility after voters mandated that more renewable power be sold in the state.

"We've got almost 90 kilowatts being generated by the sun largely because of these rebates," Glick said of the co-housing development he lives in east of Boulder. "It's government policy that actually works."

Mason installed a solar system on his Boulder home more than a year ago and said he's been generating more energy than he uses since. He got a small check at the end of the year for electricity he contributed to the grid.

"I can brag to my green neighbors in Boulder that I'm green, but it was dollars and cents," Mason said.

Renewable energy has gained more support in the West as Colorado and other states have directed utilities to get more of their electricity from such sources as the wind and sun. Colorado voters became the first in the nation to set a renewable energy standard when they approved a ballot measure in 2004 requiring the state's largest utilities to get 10 percent of their power from renewable energy by 2015.

A new Colorado law championed by Gov. Bill Ritter boosts the requirement to 20 percent by 2020. Of that, 4 percent must come from solar energy.

Solar power accounts for less than 1 percent of the electricity produced nationwide, but its share is rising. "It is growing very significantly to 30 percent per year," said Gary Schmitz, a spokesman for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden.

More utilities are investing in solar because of mandates and customer interest, said Julia Hamn, executive director of the Washington-based Solar Power Electric Association, a nonprofit that works with electricity providers.



Jasey, front, and Tegan Chandlers walk near their home Oct. 19 in the Lafayette, Colo., co-housing development, where solar panels have been installed on the roofs of the homes to generate power.



Writer Daniel Glick stands outside his home, which is equipped with solar panels, in Lafayette, Colo., Oct. 19.

"Currently, there are about 2,500 megawatts of large-scale power plants under contract," Hamn said. "Almost on a weekly basis, we're seeing that number increase."

One megawatt serves roughly 1,000 homes.

Xcel Energy, Colorado's largest electricity provider, is building an 8-megawatt solar power plant in the San Luis Valley in the south-central part of the state. The utility also pays customers who install approved systems \$4,500 per kilowatt.

Xcel Energy spokesman Mark Stutz said a typical residential "system generates from two to three kilowatts.

"The utility will also pay non-customers \$2,500 per kilowatt because it counts toward the renewable energy target."

So far, Xcel Energy has paid \$18.4 million in rebates and renewable energy credits to 1,100 applicants, up from \$7.7 million at the end of last year.

"It's been a successful program," Stutz said. "We want to continue it."

Some rural electric cooperatives in Colorado offer incentives, too.

The rebates from Xcel Energy and the federal income tax credit — 30 percent of the cost, capped at \$2,000 for homes — helped sell Glick and his neighbors in the Nylund co-housing development in the quickly growing suburb of Lafayette, just east of Boulder. Sixteen of the 42 homes already have solar panels on their roofs and installers are planned for 11 more.

Systems are also being installed on two of the development's common buildings. The homeowners' association is making loans to residents who can't afford the upfront costs.

"It's not the pie in the sky. It's not 1973 anymore," Glick said. "It's on the roof and my meter's spinning backward."

The digital meter shows lines going in reverse when his 2.6-kilowatt system produces more electricity than he uses. Glick bought a new energy-efficient refrigerator and light bulbs to help reduce

his demand. He's also monitoring the progress of federal energy legislation that would provide more funding for developing renewable energy and extend the federal tax credits for solar. The credits will expire next year unless extended as proposed: eight more years for businesses and six for homes.

Credits and incentives "are hugely important" for the industry, said Stephen Kane of Boulder-based Namaste, an employee-owned solar electric company that is working with Glick and his neighbors.

Solar costs roughly double what coal does per kilowatt hour to produce, but that will change as solar technology continues to advance and conventional fuel costs continue to increase, Kane said. He dismisses complaints about subsidies for renewable energy.

"Fossil fuels have tax credits and incentives," Kane said. "Our subsidies are out in public and very well known to everybody."

Mason, the Boulder business consultant, studied the tax credits and rebates and decided it made economic sense to install a 10-kilowatt residential system.

"What started as a roughly \$75,000 system ended up costing about \$29,000, Mason considers the money spent an investment akin to a mortgage loan since he isn't paying electric bills. He said the system also greatly increases the value of his home.

"I thought getting free electricity and locking in a price now was probably a good idea," Mason said.



Mackay assistant hatchery manager Mick Hoover holds a fish trap from the early days of Idaho fish hatcheries, Oct. 16 in Pocatello. Hoover, along with Sharon Clark have put together a display on a century of Idaho fish hatcheries at the Idaho Museum of Natural History on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello.

F-16 crashes up; Air Force focused on pilot error as factor

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press writer

The dreaded BANG! came from deep within the F-16's lone engine, shaking the warplane as it made passes over an Arizona bombing range last December. Then came the alarming loss of thrust.

Two attempts to restart the engine failed. Having exhausted their options, the pilot and his student bailed out, parachuting to safety before the plane slammed into the Sonoran Desert, a \$21 million loss for taxpayers.

Not all F-16 pilots have been so lucky recently. The accident rate for this workhorse fighter has risen over the past few years, and two pilots have died in the past year, according to an

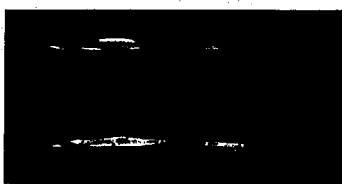
Associated Press review of Air Force documents.

In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, there were 10 "Class A" F-16 accidents — crashes that resulted in death, loss of the aircraft or damage of more than \$1 million. (An 11th F-16 crash was counted separately as a combat loss by the military because the pilot was strafing enemy trucks at the time.)

The total was up from nine the previous year, five the year before that and just two the year before that.

The number of crashes has gone up even though the total number of hours flown has dropped steadily over the past five years.

An Air Force official said that one factor appears to be human error, and that pilots



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbolt II fly in formation at the Nellis Air Base in Reno, Nev., Friday, in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, there were 10 "Class A" F-16 accidents — crashes that resulted in death, loss of the aircraft or damage of more than \$1 million.

and maintenance crews must stay on-guard against complacency.

"Pilot error was blamed for three accidents and the Iraq

combat crash last year.

"I liken the problem to a really good football team that drops its guard," said Col. Willie Brandt, the chief of the

Aviation Safety Division at the Air Force Safety Center and an F-16 pilot now flying combat missions in Iraq. "We started well this year and were on track, but have slipped a little. If I have a concern it is in the trend I see there."

The rate of Class A accidents this year — 3.18 per 100,000 hours flown — was the highest since 2001, when it was 3.85 because of a rash of engine failures.

The "Class A accidents last fiscal year include crashes that happened during training in the United States and Italy.

The total also includes several accidents that happened during sorties in Iraq while the pilots were not engaging the enemy.

One expert said that it may be that as the Iraq war drags on, the stress of combat is taking a toll on the 1,300 F-16s in the U.S. fleet, and their pilots.

"That might be putting wear and tear on the planes," said John Pike, director of the Washington-based military think tank GlobalSecurity.org. "It might be putting wear and tear on crews."

The F-16 is known in Air Force circles as the "lawn dart" for its tendency to plunge back to Earth when its single engine flames out, and in most years, engine failure causes more accidents than any other factor.

But pilot error was responsible for about the same number of F-16 accidents as engine failure in the past year.

Romney predicts Giuliani's support will fade

By Mike Glover
Associated Press writer

JOHNSTON, Iowa — Mitt Romney says the campaign for the Republican presidential nomination will come down to Rudy Giuliani and a more conservative challenger. Like Mitt Romney.

It's no surprise that Giuliani is doing well in national polls of Republicans, Romney said Friday, because candidates with more conservative views on social issues such as abortion and gay rights are splitting the support of like-minded voters.

At some point, the former Massachusetts governor said, the party's conservative base will coalesce around a single candidate, making it tougher for Giuliani, the former mayor of New York City.

"Those of us who represent that base will find that we can get that support, and ultimately

face up one-to-one with Mayor Giuliani," Romney said. "At that point he'll have a more challenging time because I do not believe the Republican Party is going to keep Hillary Clinton out of the White House by acting like Hillary Clinton."

Giuliani supports abortion rights and has favored gay rights and gun control. On abortion, in particular, Giuliani has sought to ease the worries of conservatives by pledging to appoint judges in the mold of Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts.

Romney said that's not enough.

"I think being pro-life is more than saying you'll appoint strict constructionist judges," Romney said.

He spoke during a taping of Iowa Public Television's "Iowa Press" program and later during a meeting with reporters.

"I hope it comes down to me and Mayor Giuliani," said Romney. "I think Mayor Giuliani will likely be one of the last two as well. If I'm successful in this effort then I'll be one of the two."

For now, he said, Giuliani has maintained his lead in polls because so many candidates are vying for support

from social conservatives.

"There are a lot of us fighting on that side. There are six, seven or eight of us going after that audience and Mayor Giuliani is pretty much alone on the other side," Romney said. "It's not a big surprise that he continues to hold that portion of the party."

"I think his positions are

not entirely aligned with the mainstream Republican voter."

A spokesman for Giuliani dismissed Romney's comments.

"This sounds like sour grapes from Mitt Romney as Mayor Giuliani's support continues to grow and Mitt's numbers are dropping despite spending millions of

his own money," said spokesman Jarrod Agnew. While Giuliani has built a lead in national polls, Romney has focused his campaigning and spending on key early states, especially Iowa and New Hampshire. Polls show he leads in those states, and Romney said that support will be hard to overcome.



Republican Presidential hopeful Mitt Romney speaks at an 'Ask Mitt Anything' luncheon Friday at the Iris restaurant in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Official apologizes for staged FEMA briefing with fake reporters

By Spencer S. Hsu
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Federal Emergency Management Agency's No. 2 official apologized Friday for leading a staged news conference Tuesday in which FEMA employees posed as reporters while real reporters listened on a telephone conference line and were barred from asking questions.

"We are reviewing our press procedures and will make the changes necessary to ensure that all of our communications are straight forward and transparent," Vice Adm. Harvey E. Johnson Jr., FEMA's deputy administrator, said in a four-paragraph statement.

"We can and must do better, and apologize for this error in judgment," Johnson said, a view repeated Friday by press officers at the White House and the Department of Homeland Security, who criticized the event.

FEMA announced the news conference at its headquarters here about 15 minutes before it was to begin Tuesday afternoon, making it unlikely that reporters could attend. Instead, FEMA set up a telephone conference line so reporters could listen.

In the briefing, parts of

which were televised live by cable news channels, Johnson stood behind a lectern, called on questioners who did not disclose that they were FEMA employees, and gave replies emphasizing that his agency's response to this week's California wildfires was far better than his response to Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

"It was absolutely a bad decision. I regret it happened. Certainly... I should have stopped it," said John "Pat" Phillips, FEMA's director of external affairs. "I hope readers understand we're working very hard to establish credibility and integrity, and I would hope this does not undermine it."

White House press secretary Dana Perino said Friday that "it is not a practice that we would employ here at the White House. We certainly don't condone it. We didn't know about it beforehand... They, I'm sure, will not do it again."

Department of Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocks called the staged briefing "totally unacceptable," adding, "While it is an isolated incident, that does not make it any more tolerable." He said reprimands are "very probable." FEMA is part of DHS.

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- 3:30pm Middle School Girls BB against Glens Ferry
- 4 or 5pm Buhl Middle School Wrestling at Buhl
- 6 **Home Chamber Luncheon at Grandstands**
- 6 **Speakers: Scott Elly, Debbie Dams, Florence Pines**
- 7 3:30pm Middle School Girls BB against Filer of Filer
- 9 Parent Teacher Conference Schools Closed - Buhl
- 10 Lady's Fall Roundup at Magic Valley Baptist Church
- 13 4:00pm Middle School Girls BB against Glens Ferry at G.F.
- 13 4 or 5pm Buhl Middle School Wrestling at Burley
- 15 3:30pm Middle School Girls BB against Filer of Buhl
- 17 TBA Craft & Bake Sale at West End Senior Center
- 18 TBA The Fall & the Fall of the West End Senior Center
- 20 **Home Chamber Luncheon at Grandstands**
- 20 **Speakers: Ricky Astley, Idaho Power**
- 20 4 or 5pm Buhl Middle School Wrestling at Gooding
- 20 3:30pm Middle School Girls BB against Gooding at Buhl
- 21 School dismissed at Noon - Buhl
- 22 Chamber Closed for Thanksgiving
- 22-23 Schools Closed for Thanksgiving - Buhl
- 27 4 or 5pm Buhl Middle School Wrestling at East Minico
- 28 3:30pm Middle School Girls BB against Kimberly at Kimberly
- 29 3:30pm Middle School Girls BB against Gooding at Gooding
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Mother Nature challenges guardians of Pacific Crest Trail

By Kate Ramsager
The (Bend) Bulletin

MT. JEFFERSON WILDERNESS, Ore. — Last November, a torrent of ice, water and rocks roared down Milk Creek from the slopes of Mount Jefferson.

The flow, probably released when an earthen dam collapsed on Milk Creek Glacier, carried Volkswagen Beetle-size boulders a mile downstream, rerouted streams and left several feet of mud on the forest floor in the valley below.

It also damaged the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Now, where the trail used to slope down to cross Milk Creek, there's a 30-foot cliff.

"It scoured it near vertical," said Brad Peterson, a trail crew foreman with the U.S. Forest Service. "It was pretty staggering when we saw it."

Lacking a trail, hikers had to either scramble downstream a hundred yards or so to find an easier river crossing, or slide down the cliff, sometimes lowering their backpacks down first by rope.

Horseback riders couldn't pass at all, Peterson said.

Although the Pacific Crest Trail was officially completed in 1993, its path isn't fixed in stone, and the land surrounding it is not static.

In addition to floods, fires regularly scorch Oregon's section of the trail, which not only changes the views, but also increases the amount of upkeep required.

Even regular winter storms cause damage that threaten to overtake the trail.

The Forest Service steps in to help with big stuff, like in September, when a crew blew up boulders. But with the agency's budgets stretched thin, and a goal to involve the public in taking care of national trails, the Pacific Crest Trail also gets help from a dedicated group of volunteers that keep it passable for hikers and equestrians.

At Milk Creek last month, a blast echoed down the valley and sent up a cloud of white smoke and rock bits, as the Forest Service set off explosives to clear the trail.

Because this is a national scenic trail, there was more concern with getting it in shape for hikers and horsemen than there would be otherwise, said Abe Quihuis, recreation technician with the Detroit Ranger District.

"Any time you have a national recreational trail, it gets top priority," he said.

Quihuis and others spent

the winter and spring getting special permission to use tools like explosives and power drills in the Mount Jefferson Wilderness.

Glacial ice and a massive, warm rainstorm probably combined to cause the flood that damaged the trail.

Yet a more common occurrence — wildfires — can also cause trail maintenance challenges that last for years.

Last year, the Forest Service closed the Pacific Crest Trail twice because of fires in the region. This year it narrowly avoided closing the route for the G.W. Fire, said Chris Sabo, trail specialist with the Deschutes National Forest.

"During the G.W. Fire we were concerned about the through-hikers coming through, and if it was to be closed how to route them," he said. "Our main concern during a fire is just getting anybody out of danger."

Fires also have a lasting affect the trail itself.

"You lose your forest canopy and all the vegetation," Sabo said. "It's a big concern, especially that first winter, that you could have some severe drainage on the trail."

In 2003, the B & B Fire burned over the trail in the Deschutes National Forest.

The fire left the volcanic soil even more prone to erosion, said Mike Dawson, trail operations director with the Pacific Crest Trail Association.

"A lot of Oregon has loose volcanic soils, so when it has a fire, it's hot and burns up all the surface vegetation that binds everything together," he said. "Usually the trail sloughs and doesn't exist any more."

Tree roots can burn up underneath the trail, disintegrating and leaving holes that can trip up hikers, Sabo said.

And then there are the trees. The charred and dead trees that burned in the B & B Fire are just getting to the point where they could blow over, possibly blocking the trail.

"They've decayed to a certain level that they'll just start falling down like matchsticks in a big wind," Sabo said.

But with the fire-killed trees poised to fall down en masse, it will be a challenge for the volunteer crews and Forest Service employees who work to keep the trail clear.

The Deschutes National Forest earmarks about \$16,000 of its annual trails maintenance budget, which in 2007 was \$375,000, to maintaining its 56-mile sec-

tion of the Pacific Crest Trail, said Mark Christiansen, recreation program manager for the forest. But the trail will get more funds from the maintenance pot for bigger projects and to ensure that the logs that need to be removed are taken care of, he said.

The Pacific Crest Trail Association is the Forest Service's major partner for trail management, said Gail Throop, trail program manager for the regional Forest Service office, which covers Washington and Oregon.

There are 24,000 miles of trails in the region, she said, and as the number of seasonal work crews has decreased, the agency can't maintain all of those to standard without volunteers.

Last year, volunteers with the Pacific Crest Trail Association put in 49,000 hours of work along the length of the 2,850-mile trail.

About 60 percent of the trail is maintained by volunteers.

Kate Beardsley, a horsewoman from Bend, adopts the section of the trail from Obsidian Falls to McKenzie Pass.

There are some years where there are 10 obstacles in her 10-mile stretch; the first year there were 150 trees in the first mile and a half.

"I have had some killer days, (when) we're just loopy and looking at each other like, 'Why are we here?'"

But it's important, she said, for people to know that there are still accessible parts of the country where they can get out and explore natural, undeveloped land.

"The concept of being able to ride across our country on trails is inspiring," she said. "It's amazing."




Forest service employees, Michalis Jimenez, 22, left, and Tyler Fitzpatrick, 21, right, move a large boulder to help restore a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail that was wiped out after a collapsed glacier flooded the area Thursday near McKenzie Pass in Bend, Ore.

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Reno trespassers feel railroaded by Union Pacific policies

By Scott Sonner
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Gabe Kennedy had never heard of the railroad police when a special agent for Union Pacific wrote him a \$190 ticket for trespassing on a bridge university students routinely use as a shortcut to campus.

Neither had Jesse Ormsby, a graduate chemistry student at the University of Nevada, Reno, or Katie Carr, who is studying there to be a teacher.

"I cried," said Carr, 22, who lives in neighboring Sparks, nicknamed the "Ball City" because of its birth along the tracks at the turn of the 20th century.

"I've never even had a speeding ticket and I get a walking ticket," she said. "I asked if he would give me a warning and he told me, 'Police don't give warnings. The signs are the warnings.'"

One of the last vestiges of the Old West, railroad police have been protecting the rails since the mid-1800s when they faced Jesse James, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

Unfamiliar to most, they are railroad employees who have law enforcement jurisdiction under state and federal laws to make arrests and carry firearms.

Pennsylvania became the first state to authorize its governor to appoint railroad police officers in 1865, four years before completion of the transcontinental railroad.

Before that, several railroads hired famed private detective Allan Pinkerton, who foiled a conspiracy in 1861 to sabotage track between Baltimore and Wilmington, Del., as part of an attempt to assassinate President Lincoln.

Nevada didn't formally authorize railroad police until 1921 in a law that remains largely unchanged, said Guy Rocha, the state's archivist.

"In the very early period they were protecting the interests of the railroads, whether it was the instance of the assassination attempt out East or breaking unions," Rocha said. "Most of the time it is keeping people off their property — hobos or bums or tramps."

Last month, Union Pacific's police extended their long arm of the law to Reno college students, issuing \$190 citations to two dozen who were nabbed during a four-hour special enforcement operation as they crossed the railroad bridge over U.S. Interstate 80 on the north edge of the downtown casino district.

Dale Bray, Union Pacific's director of public safety, said the railroad has conducted 208 similar special operations around the nation this year and removed 5,600 people from railroad property while issuing trespass citations to 122 people.

Several Reno students claimed as many as 100 people were cited, but Bray said the agents told him the total was only 23. A number of people were stopped before they walked onto the bridge and therefore were not cited, he said.

"These operations are not to punish people. It is to enforce laws that are there to protect them," said Bray, who noted students could use pedestrian bridges within a block and a half in either direction.

"One of them was wearing headphones and another was reading the newspaper as they walked across the narrow bridge," he said.

Many of those caught grudgingly paid their tickets. But about a dozen who said they were being "railroaded" showed up in Reno Justice Court to challenge the fines.

"I was just trying to make it to class on time so I cut across the railroad bridge," one student quietly explained to the judge.

Ormsby said he and his friend were about two-thirds of the way across the bridge when the officer approached. "He told us in a rather aggressive way how danger-

ous it was to cross the bridge. But if he really was concerned about that he could have been on the other side of the bridge warning us away instead of issuing us a citation," Ormsby said.

"I thought we were just going to get a warning. The whole thing seemed pretty ridiculous," he said.

Justice of the Peace Jenny Hubach agreed. "It's sort of silly that they charged you. I'm going to dismiss it," she told one defendant before dismissing the cases against each of the accused railway trespassers. "They must have had a slow day."

Railroad officials said the matter is anything but silly. "We take safety very seriously here," said James Barnes, a regional spokesman for Union Pacific, headquartered in Omaha, Neb.

Last year, 517 people dled while trespassing on railroad property in the United States. From January through Aug. 1 of this year, there have been more than 25,000 instances of trespassing on Union Pacific property, Bray said.



A University of Nevada Reno student takes a shortcut along the Union Pacific train tracks near the University in Reno, Nev., October 18. Railroad police have begun issuing fines to people for using the route.

"I've never even had a speeding ticket and I get a walking ticket. I asked if he would give me a warning and he told me, 'Police don't give warnings. The signs are the warnings.'"

—Katie Carr, a University of Nevada, Reno, student

THE URBAN RENOVATION AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In compliance with Idaho Code § 7-1304(3), the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls (Agency) will hold a public hearing to discuss and receive public testimony regarding the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the filing of a Petition with the Fifth District Court seeking the judicial confirmation of the authority of the Agency to issue certain bonds in an amount not expected to exceed \$650,000, payable from revenue allocation (tax increment) revenues, in order to finance improvements to curb, gutter and related street improvements. No amounts due on the bonds will be paid from any increased tax levy.

The Urban Renewal Agency's hearing will be held at Twin Falls City Hall, 305 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho on Monday, November 12, 2007 at 12:00 noon, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

The proposed Resolution and financing documents will be available for review at Twin Falls City Hall prior to the hearing. Written or oral comments about proposed Resolutions financing documents are welcome. Auxiliary aids or services for persons with disabilities are available upon forty-eight (48) hours advance notice.



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- LPN - Long Term Care (PT)
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- RN - Long Term Care (PT)
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Must be proficient in electrical repair related to pumps, motors, electrical and electronic control systems as well as other wastewater plant systems.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE[®] Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Recently, I noticed in your column that East opened one no-trump with only 13 HCP. My bridge books say that this opening bid requires at least 16 HCP. I'm in two bridges clubs, and that's how we do it, too. Is this some type of convention? I've always understood that with 13 or 14 points we should open one of a suit.

Pseudonym, Calgary, Alberta

ANSWER: You are quite right about the no-trump opening normally being strong (15-17 these days is more common than 10-18). However, many people, especially outside North America, have different agreements about how strong the no-trump should be. I usually footnote "weak" no-trump opening bids.

Dear Mr. Wolff: With ♠ Q-9-4-2, ♥ Q-9-4-2, ♦ 6, ♠ A-10-8-7, I responded one heart to my partner's one-diamond opening, then tried two spades over his repeat of the diamonds. This led to a poor score. Was I out of line?

Culpability Brown, Macon, Ga.

ANSWER: You should have passed two diamonds, figuring your side had about 22 HCP and no fit. While two diamonds might not be the best contract, it WAS the best contract possible.

Dear Mr. Wolff: This is a simple question, but I keep getting mixed responses. If I open three diamonds and my partner responds three hearts without interference, is that forcing? Recently this sequence came up, and I passed three hearts — as a top, as it turned out. But I was told this was a breach of partnership discipline.

Wild Cat, Pleasanton, Calif.

ANSWER: A new suit here is normally played as forcing, though by agreement you can do something else if you want. The logic is that if you have your own suit but not enough to go to game, you would have to pass, then rescue if they start doubling — but not until then.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I have just read your disapproval of a fourth-hand one-no-trump overcall in "sandwich" seat to show two suits. Although this situation is dangerous, wouldn't it be nice sometimes to get your two-suiter in cheaply and more safely?

Playguy in the Middle, Little Rock, Ark.

ANSWER: I have my opinions, and I will fight to the death your right to have yours. Because I have a double and two no-trump available to show the other two suits, I really don't need or need a third such call. I always like to play bids in either opponent's suit as natural. And with players responding lighter and lighter, it is not so easy for people to double you successfully for penalties.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ K-Q-7-2, ♥ A-10-7-3-2, ♣ J-6, ♦ Q-2. What should I do if my partner responds with a forcing one no-trump to my one-heart opening bid?

Pained Expression, Elkhart, Ind.

ANSWER: There are three choices: rebid the hearts, invent a club suit, or pass one no-trump and hope partner was not going to drive to game. I'd prefer the last if playing with a partner who could take a joke, but there are not many of them around anymore.

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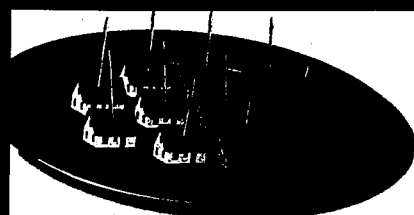
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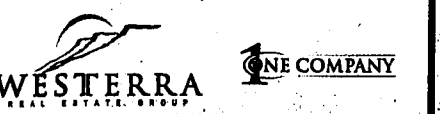
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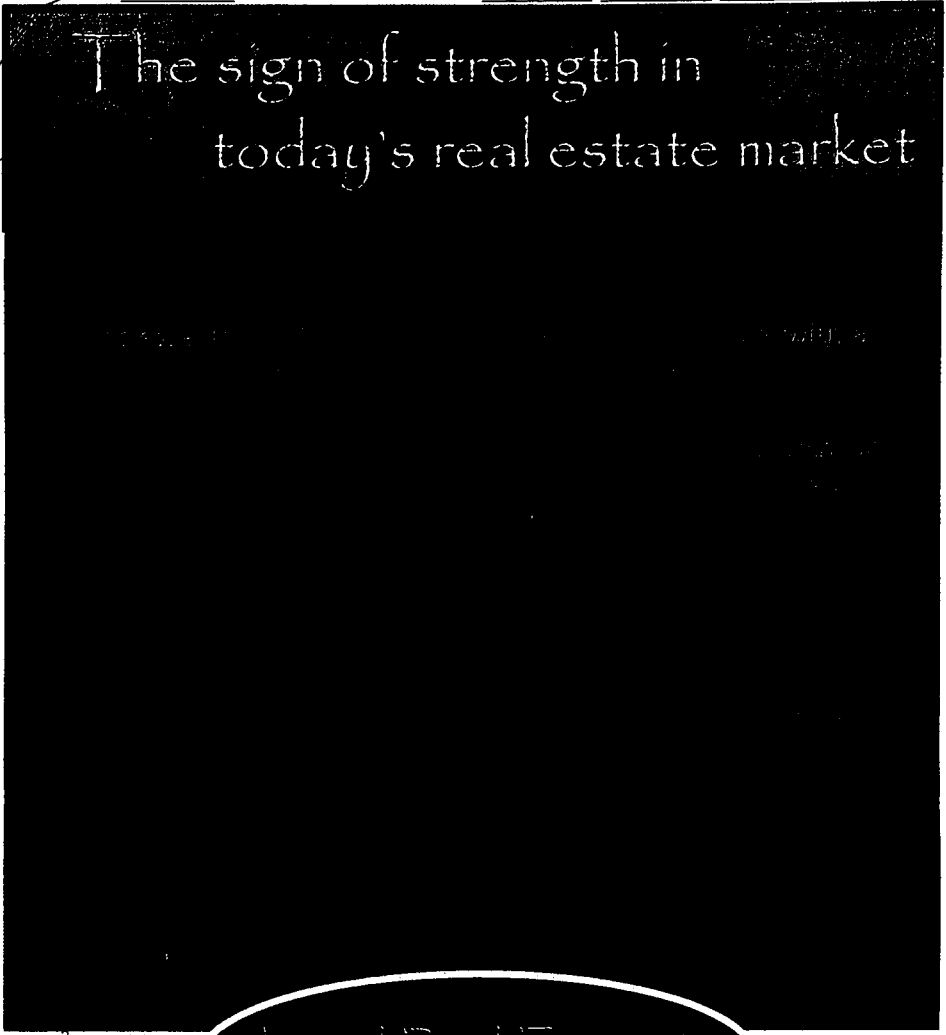
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"I just wanted them to experience things (Andy) did as a child, or I did, and decide what they like. I was determined I was going to make it fun for them."

— Staci Hall, of her family's pumpkin carving tradition



Cameron Hall, 6, peeks underneath his mother's arm during a family pumpkin-carving session at the Hall home in Twin Falls.



Lauren Hall, 9, traces an outline onto her pumpkin Oct. 15 in Twin Falls. With her parents and three siblings, she's building a Hall family tradition.

Carving traditions, one pumpkin at a time

Story by Ariel Hansen
Photos by Justin Jackson
Times-News staff

Bedsheet ghosts, pointy witch hats, fake vampire teeth — all classic trick-or-treating costumes. But nothing says Halloween more than the jack-o'-lantern, flashing orange light through a toothy grin.

It's natural, then, that carving jack-o'-lanterns becomes a tradition for so many American families, like the Halls of Twin Falls. On a recent October evening, they sat around their dining room table, laughing a lot and arguing a little as they transformed a simple orange gourd into a family memory.

At 9, Lauren is the eldest daughter of Staci and Andy Hall, and she took on the responsibility for design. The family had chosen three pumpkins — the largest for Lauren, medium for Cameron, 6, and the smallest for Kirstyn, 4. As the baby, 1-year-old Madelyn didn't get a pumpkin of her own.

Family traditions are often built from common cultural elements and specific familial elements, some handed down... Staci's childhood pumpkins, she remembers, were carved into the jack-o'-lantern archetype.

"We always did the typical triangle eyes, triangle nose and mouth with a few teeth missing," Staci said. But Lauren is more of an adventurous spirit, and with the Halls' three pumpkins set out in a row, she knew



Andy Hall works at pulling the top off a pumpkin.



Lauren Hall, 9, scoops out her brother, Cameron, while playing with gooey pumpkin seeds.



Cameron Hall, 6, left, watches little sister Madelyn, 1, play with her pumpkin during the family's evening of carving.

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SENIOR CALENDAR



Pinochle is often the game of choice on card night at the West End Senior Center in Buhl. Bob Duggan grins at her hand during a recent game.

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center
 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Chicken cordon bleu, potatoes, salad, carrots, muffin, fruit, cookie
 Tuesday: Meatloaf or liver, fried potatoes, vegetables, banana bread, bread pudding
 Wednesday: Stew, corn bread, fruit salad, chocolate pudding, cake, apple cider
 Thursday: Franks and kraut, red potatoes, fruit salad, bread, dessert
 Friday: Fish or pork, oriental vegetables, fried potatoes, pea salad, bread, dessert
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Monday bridge
 Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
 Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Halloween costume dinner Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
 Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
 1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.
MENUS:
 Monday: Squash soup, Reuben pita sandwich
 Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, biscuits, salad, dessert
 Wednesday: Eyeballs in gravy, steamed brains, bread, salad, painted fingers
 Thursday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
ACTIVITIES:
 Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m.
 Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
 Cards and dominoes, 6 to 9 p.m.
 Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
 Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m.
 Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
 Friday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center
 308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Burrito, rice and beans, salad, fruit
 Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, biscuits, frog eye salad, cinnamon roll
 Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, ham slices, carrots, Jell-O, pumpkin cookies, french bread
 Thursday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, baked squash, pistachio salad, apricot cobbler, roll
 Friday: Soup and sandwich
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 5 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
 Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Halloween party, 6 p.m.
 Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Music with June Koonce Pinochle, 7 p.m.
 Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
 Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
 222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Sloppy Joe, potato chips, carrots, salad, apple pie
 Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, spinach, Jell-O salad, roll, rice pudding
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Agness Senior Citizens Inc.
 310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

take-out: home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Toad-in-the-hole, oriental vegetables, peach crisp
 Wednesday: Lasagna, carrots, cookie
 Friday: Baked ham, potato casserole, baked squash, dessert
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. AA non-meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
 Wednesday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center
 212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Pasta salad with chicken, peas, fruit, cookie, garlic bread
 Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, ham slices, vegetables, salad, fruit medley, cream puffs
 Wednesday: Hobo stew with corn, bread, Jell-O, Halloween cookie
 Thursday: Barbecue chicken, potatoes au gratin, lima beans, Jell-O, blueberry cake
 Friday: Fish or chicken patty, rosemary potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, biscuits
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center
 210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to noon Monday. Wednesday, Friday, 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, fruit, cake, ice cream
 Thursday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, fruit
ACTIVITIES:
 Wednesday: Bake day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
 130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60.
MENUS:

Monday: Thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.
MENUS:
 Monday: Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, pumpkin bars
 Wednesday: Tuna casserole, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, pumpkin pie
 Friday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; closed Thursday.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Ham and beans, fried potatoes, beets, rice custard
 Wednesday: Bean soup, ham sandwich, carrot sticks, banana cream pie
 Friday: Spaghetti, corn salad, garlic sticks, ginger bread
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
 127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Chowder, ham sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, bread pudding
 Wednesday: Lasagna, salad, french bread, fruit, lemon bars
 Friday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, vegetable salad, fruit cocktail, apple dump cake
ACTIVITIES:
 Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday: Flu shots, 9 a.m. to noon Blood pressure check

Blaine County Senior Center
 721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Teriyaki chicken, rice, roll, vegetables, pineapple upside-down cake
 Wednesday: Spaghetti, salad, cheese bread, Jell-O salad, pumpkin bars
 Friday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, roll, peas, Waldorf salad, coconut pie
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Massage therapy, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday: Table tennis, 8:30

Monday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, salad, cake, ice cream
 Thursday: Hamburgers, Tater Tots, carrot sticks, vanilla and cherry pie

Midkody County Senior Citizens Center
 702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors: \$6, non-seniors: \$3, under 12: \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Pork chops, potato casserole, vegetables, roll, dessert
 Tuesday: Chicken sandwich, onion rings, vegetables, salad, roll
 Wednesday: Green chili burritos, rice and beans, salad, dessert
 Thursday: Beef stew, biscuits, salad, fruit bowl
 Friday: Chicken, fish, pork chops, vegetables, roll, salad bar, ice cream
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-8107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872, ext. 2, for appointments
 Friday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center
 492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. For rides: 366-2051. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.
MENUS:
 Monday: Beans and ham, Brussels sprouts, stewed tomatoes, applesauce, corn bread
 Tuesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit, roll
ACTIVITIES:
 Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
 2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Meatballs, noodles, peas, salad, roll, rubarb

Carey Senior Center
 Main Street, lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors.
MENUS:
 Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, biscuits, coconut pie

crisp
 Tuesday: Baked ham and cheese, hash browns, carrots, salad, ice cream sandwich
 Wednesday: Mummy wraps, scrambled brains, mixed bugs, ghoully gigglers, haunted woods
 Thursday: Meatloaf, baked potato, vegetables, coleslaw, bread, lazy daisy cake
 Friday: Enchiladas, rice and beans, salad, dessert
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise Community bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Thursday: Pool Exercise Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 8 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
 2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Meatballs, noodles, peas, salad, roll, rubarb

Golden Heritage Senior Center
 2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Meatballs, noodles, peas, salad, roll, rubarb

Golden Heritage Senior Center
 2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Meatballs, noodles, peas, salad, roll, rubarb

Golden Heritage Senior Center
 2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Meatballs, noodles, peas, salad, roll, rubarb

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Traditions

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she wanted a different design. From biggest to smallest, the Jack-o'-lanterns would spell "BOO."

So she prepared, drawing outlines of the letters on paper and poking holes through paper template into pumpkin flesh.

The knife work, though, went to Morn and Dad.

It wasn't easy, as the large pumpkin they'd chosen turned out to have walls almost 2 inches thick. At one point, Andy nearly pulled off the stem, trying to remove the pumpkin's top.

"Who is it that usually puts their hand in and pulls out the stuff inside?" Andy asked.

"You," Lauren said, pointing at him. Staci's quick rejoinder: "I wish!"

"I did it last year," Andy argued.

Then, a volunteer, "I'd do it if you give me a glove," Cameron said.

But with the lid off and the pumpkin guts visible, he changed his mind.

"I want you to stick your hand in without a glove and see how it feels," Andy said to his wife.

"No, I did it last year," Lauren said, edging away from the table.

"Oh, sick. I just put my hand on it," Cameron said.

The baby, though, took up Andy's offer.

"Eww! Eww! She's tasting it, to eat it!" Cameron said, clearly not as interested in new,



Lauren Hall, 9, and her mother, Staci, work together in preparing a jack-o'-lantern while father and husband Andy Hall watches.

gross experiences as his sister. "Yeah, the goo," Lauren said. "What else do you call it?"

With the pumpkin fully carved, Lauren hauled it off the table and onto her lap. She tilted it this way and that, admiring the design, until the lid dropped off. Again and again, like a slapstick comedy routine.

"Don't keep doing that," Staci said, flexing the shoulder of her aching carving arm.

The youngest kids were tiring, so the Halls saved the "O" pumpkins for another night. One by one, the kids disappeared into their rooms, reemerging in pajamas to talk about Halloween.

"Halloween is my favorite holiday," Lauren said. "Not Christmas, Halloween."

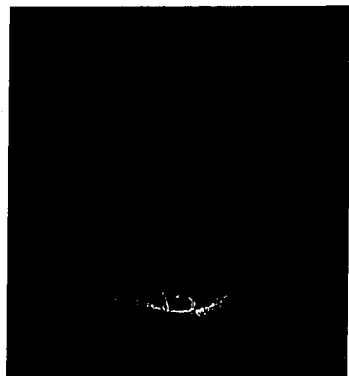
She likes the candy, of course, and the costumes.

"One of my favorites is going in the corn maze," she said. "I heard people jump out at you after 9 o'clock."

Lauren hasn't had a chance to experience that fright, though, because certain family members don't like going at night. "It's just her, she doesn't want to be in the dark," Lauren said, pointing to her mother.

Maybe someday Staci will brave the dark to run the corn maze with her daughter, but in the meantime she's making sure her children have plenty of traditions to remember.

"I just wanted them to experience things (Andy) did



The result of a night of pumpkin carving with the Hall family.

as a child, or I did, and decide what they like," Staci said. "I was determined I was going to make it fun for them."

And Staci wants her kids to remember. "Some day I'll get to their scrapbooks, but for now I'm making sure we get pictures taken," she said. "It's a positive way to spend time as a family."

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STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Luekyn Malah Edwards, daughter of Clint and Trista Edwards of Burley, was born Sept. 5, 2007.

Madysen Jo Day, daughter of Thomas and Angela Day of Burley, was born Oct. 13, 2007.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Melsha Jo Hainline, daughter of Richard and Sandi Hainline of Hagerman, was born Oct. 2, 2007.

Reada Eilanne Thompson, daughter of Arnette Lee Thompson of Gooding, was born Oct. 5, 2007.

Chase Christopher Watson, son of Mike and Erin Watson of Wendell, was born Oct. 11, 2007.

Joshua Patrick Zebly, son of James and Julia Zebly of Gooding, was born Oct. 11, 2007.

Roy Royal Woodruff, son of George and Reata Woodruff of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 13, 2007.

Savannah Katherine Stowell, daughter of Greg and Sarah Stowell of Shoshone, was born Oct. 15, 2007.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Nicole Lynn Loden, daughter of Erica and Erik Loden of Shoshone, was born Oct. 12, 2007.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Lead May Osborne, daughter of Samantha May Savage of Jerome, was born Oct. 12, 2007.

Jessica Lynn Brookbank, daughter of Jennifer Sue Brannon of Murtaugh, was born Oct. 8, 2007.

Grace Janine Kingstand, daughter of Stacie Diane Schuelke and William Loney Kingstand Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 9, 2007.

Serenity Annessa Simer, daughter of Autumn Fay Watson and Christopher A. Simer of Kimberly, was born Oct. 9, 2007.

Taylor Kenzie Solouga, daughter of Lisa Del and Jack Domingo Solouga Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 15, 2007.

Cadee Jamason Cooper, daughter of Meribeth Watson and Tyler Gary Cooper of Buhl, was born Oct. 15, 2007.

Maylee Marie Ward, daughter of Aubrey Lynn Whitney and Matthew Douglas Ward of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 16, 2007.

Brandon Scott Taylor, son of Annika Dae and Travis Darden Taylor of Rupert, was born Oct. 16, 2007.

Madelyn J Hodges, daughter of Mandy C and Adam Grant Hodges of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 17, 2007.

Jacinda Jaed Hood, daughter of Elysa Esmeralda and Jesse Joe Hood Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 18, 2007.

Madelline Stevie Covey, daughter of Elizabeth Ann and Brandon Dale Covey of Gooding, was born Oct. 18, 2007.

Ammon Floyd Hatch, son of Tonya and Harold Ervin Hatch of Oakley, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Faith Lynn Li Balz, daughter of Veronica Li and Anthony Elias Balz of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Zakary Ty Hernandez, son of Ducla Ann and Ramiro

Luna Hernandez of Hansen, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Destiny Marie Chavez, daughter of Lorena Santhibanez and Genaro Chavez of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Valentin Urueta-Ibarra, son of Maria Lucila Ibarra and Francisco Urueta of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Evann Samuel Craner, son of Amanda Lane Craner and Casey John Craner of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Blue — before, during and after your pregnancy

By Frances Stead Sellers
The Washington Post

The baby blues affect about 80 percent of postpartum women, according to the American Psychiatric Association, and as many as a quarter of them may suffer from more serious forms of depression. A new study suggests that attention also needs to be focused on depression that occurs before and during pregnancy.

Researchers at the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research, with funding support and collaboration from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, studied 4,398 women who gave birth to live babies between 1998 and 2001.

Of those, 8.7 percent were identified from medical records as being depressed in the nine months before pregnancy, 6.9 percent during pregnancy and 10.4 percent in the nine months after childbirth.

About one in seven women were treated for depression during those three periods.

Many of them showed recurring indicators for depression. More than half of the women who suffered from postpartum depression had been diagnosed with depression before, or during their pregnancies, according

to the study, published in the American Journal of Psychiatry.

And more than half of those depressed before they were pregnant also became depressed during pregnancy when, the authors write, the challenge is to balance "the treatment needs of women and the risk of harm to the fetus."

"The postpartum period may be a particularly stress-

ful time for women," said Evelyn Whitlock, co-author of the study and a senior investigator at Kaiser.

But the new study raises the question of whether postpartum depression is a unique form of the illness, Whitlock said, or part of a continuum of depressive illness that needs to be managed "throughout the reproductive age and the whole life cycle."

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Even silly secrets are sacred

Disclaimer: The secret revealed in this column has been previously revealed by the original bearer of the secret; all confidentiality agreements—even plinky promises—are therefore hereby void.

I'm just now learning what to do with the secrets.



PERSONAL FILE
Jeanne Marie Laskas

In danger? On the other hand, I didn't want to pry; I wanted to give her the space to acquire a growing social independence. She didn't have to tell me everything that happened in her life. Did she? I was being encouraging her to betray one of her friends if I asked her to reveal some information a friend had told her in confidence? This was getting tricky. I came up with a rule. "It's OK to tell parents secrets," I said. Even if a friend swears you to secrecy, you can tell your parents. I told her that parents were sort of like "base" when you play tag. A free zone. You could come to parents with secrets, dump them there, and trust that your parents would do the right thing. I went on and on about this, making the rule as simple as I went along.

Alex did not miss a beat with his dad's rule, and so I assumed he was in agreement. I told Anna her secret was safe with me. "All right," she said. We were too to toe on the hammock, each dangling a leg and a toe.

"Now, this is the truth," she said. "You can't tell anyone, OK?" I made a plinky promise. "OK, last year Morgan loved Ronnie," she said. "He was

her boyfriend!"

"Oh," I said, trying to sound impressed. "Well, did Ronnie know about this?"

"No way," she said. "Don't you dare tell him!"

"Of course not," I said, closing my eyes and enjoying the warmth of the sun. My little girl was, it seemed, still a little girl after all. The new secrets were as innocent as the old. Ronnie and Morgan were just the new worms and peas. Later that day, a phone call. It was Janice, a.k.a. Zoë's Mom, a friend who often haunts Zoë, Anna, Ronnie and Morgan to after-school class. "Hey, did you know last year Morgan loved Ronnie?" I said casually. It was a cute kid story. Janice and I share all our cute kid stories. She barely had a chance to respond before there came from the other side of the room a loud, and booming, "Hey!" it was my husband. "What are you doing?"

I actually had no idea what he was talking about at first. "You plinky promised!"

"Oh, honey," I said, giving him eyes meant to express, "Worms and peas."

His own eyes seem to say: "Could you tell the phone so we could talk about this?"

We've been talking about it ever since, one of those rare occasions in a marriage when a wife has to say, "Honey, you are class." And so, it is what I do. "Secrets are secrets. Trust is trust." The secret teller is the only one who gets to decide how important the secret is. This deceptively

simple rule can be a difficult one for parents to get because a kid's secrets can seem so... stupid. But if you are to be trusted, if you are indeed to do your duty as "base," then you absolutely don't get to make a sport or gossip!—out of the small or large items of confidentiality your kid drops into your lap.

New, Morgan, as it happens, went on to announce to the entire third grade that Ronnie was her boyfriend last year, so this secret did not turn out to have legs. But, lately, my daughter has taken to writing me letters, often at night, confessing moods or wishes, or offering private news items. None of these secrets involve dangerous behavior on anyone's part, certainly nothing that would merit a report to the authorities. I have no training whatsoever for the days when secrets become serious matters that might require parental intervention. I don't look forward to figuring out how to negotiate those murky waters. For now, I ask my daughter in the morning if she wants to talk about the secrets in her letters; usually she declines. "I just want you to hold them for later," she'll say, suggesting that maybe I put them in a secret drawer somewhere.

And so, this is what I do, and I'm not telling where.

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her columns for The Washington Post.



Whisper sweet nothings to get what you want, Aries

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF OCT. 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Business may become pleasure in the year to come. In January you may win rewards or receive favors that improve your life, but minor sacrifices or extra responsibilities may be incurred. Mind your own business in February and don't expect a pat on the back for your self-discipline. This time next year you will be feeling more in tune with the universe and creativity is likely to blossom. Someone may play a major role in your life as the year unfolds.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you want something, whisper sweet nothings. This is a marvelous week to think up delightful ways to create harmony in romantic relationships. Avoid making crucial financial decisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You seem like the steady Freddy of your crowd this week. People just "know" you understand their problems, hopes and dreams. You attract those who will stick by you through thick and thin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Immerse the senses in things that reflect your ideal of love and romance. Surround yourself with flowers, art or lovely things in favorite colors. People will respond positively to your pleasure.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Replay the things that always make you feel happy and serene. Whether it is walking the dog or simply holding hands with a loved one, this is a week to get back in touch with your inner child.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The ferocity of your love is likely to be tamed. A certain someone knows just the right words to calm the seething beast within as this week unfolds. Don't disrupt the even tenor of your involvements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): As the song says, love is a

many-splendored thing. This is a fabulous week to become more closely entwined with a special someone. But it isn't a good idea to mix business with pleasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You love them, but never leave them. When apart for a few hours or separated by miles of ocean, you and a sweetheart still hum the same tune this week. Concentrate on lasting harmony.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There is world enough and time this week. Enjoy special moments of intimate togetherness with a significant other. Only purchase items that are sure to last a long time and give enduring joy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone's words may move you and help you achieve inner peace. You may find a few moments this week when you "know" you have connected on a spiritual level.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. During the next few days it is easy to acquire items that please the eye and pamper the heart. Avoid making major changes with investments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Glow little glowworm. When you shine with sympathy and understanding the right person will be attracted to you like a magnet, hoping to share your peace and tranquility.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Perfection is achieved by not demanding flawless-ness. Share a growing sense of intimacy with a significant other in the coming week. Remain calm and unmoved in the face of the storm.

Desperate housewife meets guardian angel—at a yard sale

DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed reading the occasional letters people write you about the acts of kindness they have experienced. I would like to share one that happened to me. About a year ago my husband left me. Shortly afterward, I learned that he had embezzled funds from work, been fired from his job, and that our home was in foreclosure and the utility bills had not been paid.

I had been an agoraphobic housewife for years. In a panic for funds, I held a yard sale. That weekend I met quite a few of my neighbors and, in the course of the day, we shared stories of marriages gone wrong. I received many



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

words of encouragement, even as I watched my beloved possessions carted away for a pitance. But the most amazing thing happened that day. A woman I'd never met before came back after the sale, handed me an envelope and left. Inside was \$200. I cried like a baby.

Since then, I have overcome my agoraphobia, found a job and an apartment, and have

begun the long process of rebuilding my life. I have no way to find that angel to thank her, but I'm hoping she reads being a big and shows me through her act of faith and love she helped me to achieve independence.

—MS. B. FROM HORN LAKE, MISS.

DEAR MS. B.: The kind of empathy you described is usually demonstrated by someone who has experienced a similar kind of pain. Doing a good deed for someone in need can be an empowering act—not only for the receiver but also for the doer. Sometime in the future, you will meet a person who needs a helping hand—and

when you do, you'll pass her good deed along and be a "guardian angel," too.

DEAR ABBY: With the holiday season fast approaching, my husband and I are wondering what does one give to the day-care provider who cares for our child during the week? Should it be a monetary gift, or a personal gift for her? Your suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

—CURIOUS IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR CURIOUS: A nice card with money is always appropriate—and that way your day-care provider can select something she would like or perhaps needs.

Networking sites cater to a younger set

By Sam Diaz and Myra Yang
The Washington Post

These days, it's little brother who's watching.

Younger and younger children want their share of the social networking and popular Web sites such as MySpace and Facebook are reserved for older crowds. So sites are now aiming at children 14 and under, with online worlds where animated personas can play games, chat with others their age and even engage in adult-like activities such as e-commerce.

This summer, Disney announced the acquisition of Club Penguin, a virtual world for children that's been around less than two years but has grown to 12 million registered users, largely without marketing. Disney executives said the deal, valued at as much as \$700 million depending on the company's performance, won't result in changes to the Club Penguin site, which requires parental permission for membership and doesn't have advertising.

But the deal has prompted child advocates to ask whether kids are being harmed by exposure to the Web.

"The perception in most of our minds is that Disney is wholesome and purely would not do anything to harm children," said Peggy Meszaros, director of the Center for Information Technology

Impacts on Children, Youth and Families at Virginia Tech. "But it's dangerous to believe that any company in business to make money has the consumer interest at heart, whether it's a young child or adult."

There are a growing number of sites that claim to offer entertainment and education for children.

Disney said it wants to invest in sites where parents can be assured of their children's safety against adult content and contact from strangers, said Steve Wadsworth, president of Walt Disney Internet Group.

"It's a critical priority," he said. "This is one of the many types of entertainment that kids can and should be exposed to." Wadsworth said Disney does not plan to advertise on Club Penguin; the site sells premium memberships at \$5.95 a month or \$57.95 for a year.

Other sites targeted at kids, such as Whyville, include ring one funded by Toyota. There, children can buy virtual cars, make virtual monthly payments and review their virtual credit scores. If they fall into the red zone, the car is virtually repossessed.

"Marketing done right involves real benefits to the

kids," who learn about how the real world works, said James Bowler, founder and chief executive of Whyville's parent company, Numedone. "It's not parasitic, sugar-coated or general advertising on television."

Some advocacy groups worry that Internet marketing could have a similar effect as television ads, which they say contribute to childhood problems, including obesity, youth violence, erosion of creativity and promotion of materialistic values.

"It teaches them impulsive buying and unthinking brand loyalty," said Susan Linn, a psychologist and co-founder of Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood. It also is difficult for parents to monitor what their children do on the Internet, she said, and children engage with the products longer through the Internet than they would watching a television commercial.

Virginia Tech's Meszaros acknowledged that exposure to computer technology and the Internet can be important for a child's development, but so can other activities, such as reading, outdoor exercise and social interaction, she said.

"You don't want too much of any of these things," she said. "Parents need to be attentive and careful, kids will choose the things they love best," she said. "That may not always be what's best for them."

Family keepsakes the easy way

Times-News

No more scissors or glue. Now you can use your computer to make a keepsake album of your digital pictures in the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center class "Scrapbooking for the 21st Century." Using templates and

image-editing tools, you can create a scrapbook with special paper, journaling and other options that you use in the past, class organizers say.

Instead of duplicating pictures to make more than one album — for instance, for heritage projects and baby albums that you want

to share — you will save time and money by printing the copies you need.

Class meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the North Side Center, at 202 14th Ave. E. In Gooding. Fee is \$15. Call 934-8678 to register. Fee is \$15.

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ANNIVERSARIES



THE JAGELS

Lowell and Clara Jagels of Buhl will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, Oct. 29, in Boise with their daughter, Cindy.

Lowell Jagels and Clara King were married Oct. 29, 1957, at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church. They have lived in the Buhl area of their married life.



Lowell and Clara Jagels

He farms, raises sheep and shears sheep for 4-H clubs in the area. She worked at Fidelity Bank and later at Rangen Transportation Inc. in Buhl. They have been active in church and various organizations.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 1568 E. 3600 N., Buhl, ID 83316.



THE LUTTMERS

Gerhard and Janet Luttmner of Wendell will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Wendell LDS Stake Center, 605 N. Idaho St.

Gerhard Luttmner and Janet Gardner were married Nov. 7, 1957, at the Idaho Falls Temple. They lived in Hagerman for 37 years until



Jasel and Gerhard Luttmner

they moved to Wendell in 2001.

The event is hosted by their children, Gerhard (Lor) Luttmner of Nampa, Connie (Larry) Searrow of Jerome, Ted Luttmner of Wendell, Scott (Sandi) Luttmner of Hagerman, Steve (Liza) Luttmner of Murtaugh and Tina (Kelly) Rost of Wendell.

The couple has 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



THE MCCLEARYS

Glenn and Thomasene McCleary of Hagerman will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Hagerman Senior Center.

Glenn McCleary and Thomasene Floyd were married Oct. 30, 1947, in Ontario, Calif. They have lived in Idaho for the past 50 years.

He worked in masonry in Boise, Twin Falls, Rupert and



Glenn and Thomasene McCleary

Burley, and she worked at home.

They have been active in the Presbyterian Church in King Hill, Methodist Church in Hagerman, Bliss Garden Club and an art club.

The event is hosted by their children, Phyllis (Tim) Keith, Dale (Sharon) McCleary and Glenna (Robert) Kimball, all of Boise; Sarah Lorenz of Spokane, Wash.; Thomasene (David) Blevins of Dearie; and Michael (Carol) McCleary of Arizona.

The couple has 10 grandchildren.



THE TURNERS

Kenneth and Lorna Turner of Burley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a trip to the Logan LDS Temple with friends and a family dinner.

Kenneth J. Turner and Lorna Frost were married Oct. 16, 1947, in Idaho Falls. They have lived in Albion, Filer and Burley.

He taught school for 35 years at Burley Junior High School and for four years in Filer. He also farmed during the summers. She was co-owner of the Fabric Center in Burley for 23 years.

They are active members



Lorna and Kenneth Turner

of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and volunteers for the Cassia County Historical Society Museum and the bloodmobile.

He is a board member with Unity Light and Power and works with the Boy Scouts, and she is a reading teacher for adults.

The couple has five children, Darin Burtenshaw of Rupert, Ken Turner and Roger Turner, both of Burley, Brad Turner of Kimberly and Stan Turner of Eagle; 30 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

ENGAGEMENTS

BYINGTON-FENTON

Dennis and Ursula Byington of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Byington, to Clayton Leiford Fenton, son of David and Carol Fenton of Rexburg.



Clayton Fenton and Jessica Byington

Byington is a 2002 graduate of Burley High School and a 2004 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She attends Brigham Young University-Idaho majoring in exercise science and worked at Arco in Rexburg.

Fenton is a 2003 graduate of Madison High School in Rexburg and attends BYU-Idaho majoring in construction management. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Arcadia, Calif. He works at Tri-Steel

Construction in Rexburg. The wedding is planned for Friday, Nov. 2, at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will follow from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Rexburg LDS Stake Center, 845 W. Seventh S. A second reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Burley LDS Institute, 1650 Parke Ave. The couple will reside in Rexburg.

ELDRIDGE- TESCHNER

Gary Eldredge of Twin Falls announces the engagement of his daughter, Sage Marie Eldredge, to Michael Patrick Teschner, son of Wilson and Lynn Manning of Boise and Paul Teschner of California. Eldredge is also the daughter of the late Cindy Eldredge.

Eldredge is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School and works at Eco Lounge Ski Shop in Boise.

Teschner is a graduate of Both High School and owns Eldridge to Michael Patrick Teschner, son of Wilson and Lynn Manning of Boise and Paul Teschner of California. Eldredge is also the daughter of the late Cindy Eldredge.



Michael Teschner and Sage Eldredge

The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Church of the Big Wood, 100 Saddle Road in Keetchikan. A reception will follow at Little Roddy's on Main Street in Keetchikan.

NELSON-CRANER

Michael and Marsha Nelson of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Nelson, to Kade Craner, son of Don L. and Marjorie Craner of Oakley.

Nelson is a graduate of Burley High School and attended Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont. She works in Boise.

Craner is a graduate of Oakley High School and attended Boise State University. He served a mission in Cleveland for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He works at Helena



Kade Craner and Megan Nelson

Normal Ave. The wedding is planned for Friday, Nov. 2, at the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.

WEDDINGS

STONE-O'BRIEN

Jamie Lee Stone and Matthew Henschen O'Brien were married Aug. 11 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Hailey. A dinner and dance followed at River Run Lodge in Keetchikan.



Matthew and Jamie O'Brien

The bride is the daughter of Bev and Randy Stone of Burley. The groom is the son of Barbara and Dan O'Brien of Columbus, Ohio.

The bride graduated from Declo High School and earned a bachelor's degree at Albion State University and a master's degree from Vanderbilt University. She is working on a doctorate in clinical psychology at the Adler School of Professional Psychology. The groom graduated from Thomas Worthington High School, earned a bachelor's degree at Ohio State University and graduated with honors from Vanderbilt Law School. He works at Kirkland and Ellis LLP in Chicago. After a honeymoon to Hona Honi, the couple now resides in Chicago.

FIELD-THOMAS

Whitney Nicole Field and Nathaniel Leo Thomas were married Oct. 6 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.



Nathaniel and Whitney Thomas

The bride is the daughter of Scott and Karen Field of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of Dale and Travis Richmond of Filer and Joseph Thomas Sr. and Elizabeth Klunness of Twin Falls. Officiating was the Rev. Daniel Riecke.

Alyna Davis was soloist, and Katie Sipe assisted with music and sound. Gayle Bean created the slide presentation. Tracy Treman of Minot, N.D., friend of the bride, attended the guest book. Char Jones of Cody, Wyo., and Terri Hauges of Bottineau, N.D., aunts of the bride, pinned flowers.

Katelyn Field, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda Guyer and Jacqueline Armerndariz, friends of the bride. Personal attendant was Sarah Kostelecky, cousin of the bride.

Joseph Thomas Jr., brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsman were Dan Dagget and Billy Holder, friends of the groom. Ushers were Brandon Fjeld, brother of the bride; Brandon Klunness, brother of the groom; and Brandon Rankin and Casey Rankin, friends of the groom.

Special guests included Dorine Zahnow of Bottineau, N.D., and Ron and Dorothy

Field of Kellsport, Mont., grandparents of the bride, and John and Shirley Messenger of Twin Falls and Clyde and Darlene Richmond of Filer, grandparents of the groom.

A reception followed at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. James Brady, Erica Evans and Don Barnes, friends of the bride, and Beau and Shelli Burke, friends of the groom, were hosts and hostesses. Serving at the reception were Janell Maloney and Kathy Barnes, friends of the bride. Gift attendant was Natalie Thomas, cousin of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the College of Southern Idaho and is studying for a bachelor's degree in general business management through Boise State University at CSI. She works at the Blue Lakes branch of US Bank.

The groom is a graduate of Filer High School and is operations manager at Aeropostals in Twin Falls. The couple resides in Twin Falls.

WEDDING

SHEEHY-VAN ELDEREN

The bride is a graduate of Westwood High School in Westwood and Shasta College in Redding, Calif. She is a dental hygienist at Dr. Reed Dentistry in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The groom is a graduate of

Buhl High School, College of Southern Idaho and Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colo. He works with the San Francisco Giants.

The couple resides in Scottsdale.



Sean and Cara Van Elderen

The bride is the daughter of Devin Sheehy of Westwood and Patti Alexander of Susanville, Calif. The groom is the son of Jerry and Donna Van Elderen of Buhl.

Amy Bligg of Redding, Calif., friend of the bride, was maid of honor.

Mark Van Elderen of Burlington, Colo., brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsman were Seth Mathews of Casper, Wyo., friend of the groom, Nolan Sheehy of Marysville, Calif., nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Special guests included grandmother of the bride, Martha Sweet of Susanville; brother of the bride, Nathan, Lisa, Nolan and Naomi Sheehy of Marysville; Dean and Vicky Sheehy of San Francisco; Shannon, Sadona and Elle Hogan of Westwood; Lee Alexander of Susanville; and grandmother of the groom, Zola Christensen of Payette; brother of the groom, Mark and Katie Van Elderen of Burlington, Calif.; Sam and Kris Hilma of Payette; Jim and Wes Christensen of Langley, Wash.; Gene and Linda Christensen of San Andreas, Calif.; Kurt Christensen of Boise; Peter and Donna Van Elderen of Denver; Leonard and Cindy Van Elderen of Ripon, Calif.; and Don and Mary Mathews of Buhl.

A reception followed at Red Rock Cafe in South Lake Tahoe.

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So you want to be a chef?

By Amy Omdorff
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sabatino Mazzioti leans over the hot stove and pours olive oil into a pan. A smile crosses his face as the oil sizzles in readiness for his next meal: veal with prosciutto (thinly sliced Italian ham), mozzarella and basil.

It's almost lunchtime at Pasta Plus, an Italian restaurant and market in Laurel, Md., where Mazzioti has reigned as chief chef since 1963. In minutes the doors will open. When they do, the handmade pasta has to be ready, the meat has to be tenderized and the tomato sauce has to be simmering.

Mazzioti takes great pleasure in seeing it all come together. There is tradition to his art. Some of his recipes he learned from his mother while growing up in Italy. But it wasn't until he came to the U.S. 40 years ago that he began cooking for a living.

He perfected his skills by learning from other chefs where he worked. It's important to try several cooking styles before opening your own restaurant, he says, because "you pick up a little from everywhere." Sabatino Mazzioti was a sweater-maker in Italy before he came to this country in his early 20s with his parents and older brother, Massimo. Sabatino found work in various restaurant kitchens where he first learned English and, later, Spanish. Twenty-four years ago, the brothers opened Pasta Plus.

Operating a successful restaurant is not easy. Pasta Plus is open six days a week (it is closed Mondays), and the market is open every day. That keeps the Mazziotis busy running a staff of about 50 people.

At first, Sabatino worried that the stress of the business would lead to family feuds, but that hasn't happened. "I have never had an argument with my brother. Never," he says.

The toughest part of operating a business, he says, is how much time it requires. "Any kind of business, you have to sacrifice yourself. It's not easy if you have a family. You are not able to spend as much time with them as you want."

The business has continued as a family affair. His mother and aunt used to make the pasta. Now his two sons work at the restaurant part-time.

Sabatino or Massimo has to be at the restaurant every morning to open the doors, and one of them is always there at closing time. The brothers, now in their 60s, each work 60 to 70 hours every week. If one of their employees can't make it to work, the Mazziotis have to be ready to fill in — no matter what the job is.

"Any type of business (you) want to open, (you) have to know everything," Sabatino says. "You have to be (in) control and tell (people) what to do, and in an emergency you have to step in."

The reward is seeing the business prosper. "In the long run," he says, "it's worth it."



It takes a lot of flour and a giant mixer to make the day's pasta. Maria Mejia, left, spends all day flouring, flattening and cutting the various kinds of noodles.

Cooking

by the numbers:

104,080

Number of chefs and head cooks in the U.S. in 2006. Responsibilities might include planning the menu, ordering food and doing a similar directing preparation of meals, bookkeeping and maintaining other records.

\$34,370

Average annual salary for a chef or head cook.

52 percent

Chefs and head cooks who work in full-service restaurants. Other possible employers: hotels, cruise ships, camps and retirement centers. Some chefs write books and appear on television.

Sabatino Mazzioti's chef's coat not only looks professional, it keeps his clothes clean.

There are lots of knives in Mazzioti's kitchen. Chefs have to be comfortable using even the biggest blades.

Which side of the mallet a chef uses depends on the tissue structure of the meat. The flatter side is used on chicken and veal. The coarse side flattens steaks.

Running a restaurant means running a business, so Mazzioti wears business shoes with his cooking coat.



Many kinds of career choices can be found in the new book 'See What You Can Be' by Diane Holman and Liz Seneby. This book is put out by American Girl, but the careers in it are for everyone.

Career tips for the kitchen

- Before you start running your own kitchen, here are ways you can prepare.
- Watch your parents as they cook. Sabatino Mazzioti, of Pasta Plus in Laurel, Md., learned some techniques from his mother, who was a "very, very" good cook, he says. Offer to help your parents in the kitchen and ask questions.
- Understand how businesses work. Being a cook is fun, but to run a restaurant you have to be organized and know how to handle money. Begin by doing well in math.

- Attend culinary school. Mazzioti learned to cook through various food jobs, but he says that it's much easier to learn at a school.
- Experiment with different ingredients. When the Mazzioti brothers are coming up with recipes, they start with flavors they think might taste good together.
- Learn simple recipes. Cooking spaghetti is a good place to start, he says. Knowing how to make perfect pasta is a basic skill needed for many other recipes.



It's almost lunchtime at Pasta Plus, an Italian restaurant and market in Laurel, Md. When the doors open, the handmade pasta has to be ready, the meat has to be tenderized and the tomato sauce has to be simmering. Chief chef Sabatino Mazzioti takes great pleasure in seeing it all come together.

Finding a line to the stars on your birthday

By Fred Bowen
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's cool to share a birthday with a famous athlete. And it's easy to find out if you do. The Web site www.famousbirthdays.com is one place to look.

I checked my kids' birthdays there. My daughter, Kerry, hit the jackpot. She

shares her Jan. 17 birthday with basketball superstar Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat and boxing legend Muhammad Ali.

My son, Liam, has the same birthday (Feb. 4) as boxer Oscar De La Hoya and former NFL great Lawrence Taylor. If Liam had waited one more day to be born, he would have shared his birthday with baseball legend

Henry Aaron. Who knows, you or somebody you know might share a birthday with sports legends such as Michael Jordan (Feb. 17), tennis star Venus Williams (June 17), Hall of Fame baseball player Cal Ripken (Aug. 24) or Washington Wizards basketball standout Gilbert Arenas (Jan. 6). Tiger Woods and LeBron

James share the same day — Dec. 30. Those guys did pretty well for having late birthdays.

For kids who play sports, birthdays mean more than parties and presents. Your birthday could determine what baseball, soccer or basketball league you play in.

Growing up, I thought my birthday, Aug. 3, was the best because Aug. 1 was the cutoff

for Little League baseball. Your playing age for the year was set according to how old you were at midnight July 31. If I had been born a few days earlier, I would have been a whole year older in Little League.

That year's difference can be a big deal for a kid. Birthdays are fun, and sharing yours with a sports star adds to the fun. So if

Super Bowl hero Tom Brady (also Aug. 3) decides to leave the New England Patriots' training camp and drop by my house for cake and ice cream, I'll sing a birthday song for him. You know, that old Beatles tune that goes: "You say it's your birthday. It's my birthday too, yeah!"

Bowen is an author of sports novels for kids.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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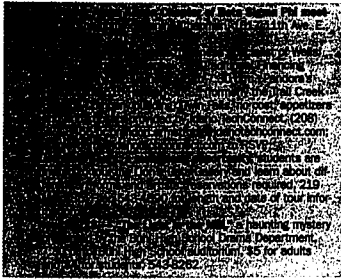
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Nov. 2 Magic Valley Christian School 12th Annual Benefit Auction, with appetizers, 5 p.m., at the new school location, 500 S. Lincoln, Jerome; and dinner and auction, 5:30 p.m. Item viewing, 6:30 p.m., complimentary dinner with auction following, St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E., proceeds to benefit Magic Valley Christian School, 324-4200. Hollister Elementary PTD Harvest Festival, includes a baked potato bar, open house (6 to 6:30 p.m.) and book fair, 6 to 8 p.m., at the school, Hollister, \$12 per family or \$3 each, proceeds to the Accelerated Reader Program, 655-4215.

Opening of "Icy Worlds" and "Saving the Night," two short presentations concluding with a live presenter giving the audience a tour of the night's sky, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655. (through Nov. 20). First Fridays, featuring Johnny U and the Cowboy Connection, Eric Ettesvold in Rudy's Live Kitchen, free food tasting and beverages sold by the glass, 6 to 9 p.m., Rudy's-A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 733-5477.

Free community concert, sponsored by the Times-News showcasing the United States Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants from Washington, D. C., 7:30 p.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls, tickets available through a write-in method, 735-3279.

Nov. 2, 3 — A two-day Intensified Basic Theopneustic Beginner Training Seminar, facilitated by Dr. Sharon and Gary Custer, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, manual \$30 and workbook \$10, donation or love offering to ministry only, donations, 734-9603.

Nov. 2, 3 — Friends of the Jerome Public Library Used Book and Bake Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jerome Library, 100 First Ave. E., most hardcovers \$4, paperbacks 50 cents, all proceeds to support library and community programs, 324-7544.

Nov. 2 - 4 — The 28th annual Harvest Time Festival holiday arts and crafts show, a fundraiser for College of Southern Idaho DEJ students featuring more than 100 vendors with candy, holiday decorations, hand-made wood, metal and glass objects, jewelry, candies, home décor and more, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (2,3) and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (4), the College of Southern Idaho Eldon Evans Expo Center, (limited parking; shuttle available from CSI lot near Herrett Center for Arts and Science), (208) 732-6262 or dmaughn@csi.edu.



Nov. 4 Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, with a variety of turkeys, stuffing, side dishes and dessert, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main, all welcome, free-will offering, 536-6583.

Hallelujah Extravaganza, with 5:30 p.m. chili feed and 7 p.m. musical variety concert with raffle for cut-and-wrapped pig, Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main, Wendell, free-will offering, (proceeds toward debt elimination fund), 536-6270.



Nov. 6 Life Line Screening, with fast, painless low-cost screenings for stroke and osteoporosis, beginning at 11 a.m., Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1387 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, \$129 Wellness Package, 877-237-1287 or www.lifeline-screening.com for pre-registration.



Nov. 6 Magic Valley New Neighbors Club Luncheon, includes fashion center fashion show, 11:30 a.m., St. Jerome's Hall, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, \$12, 731-2082 to make reservations by Nov. 4.

Nov. 7 Jerome High School Class of 1953 Reunion Planning meeting, for 55th class reunion (September 2008), 10:30 a.m., Jerome Public Library, attendance urged, 731-5409 or 324-4167.

Nov. 7 Bilas Flower and Garden Club meeting, with election of officers and end-of-year wrap up, 1 p.m., Marilyn Wilson's home; co-hostess, Linda Irie, 352-4260.

Nov. 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 — Little Shop of Horrors (A Musical Comedy), presented by the Oakley Valley Arts Council and directed by Beckle Clark, 7:30 p.m. (8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17) and 2 p.m. matinee (10), Novelty Opera House, Oakley, \$5 (reservations recommended), 877-2787.

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Nov. 10 The 9th annual Craft Show and Open House, includes wreaths, avails, ornaments, quilts, items, 9:00-1:00 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m. to 4 p.m., 630 S. Main, 324-4200, www.craftshow.net. Hot Cook Off, sponsored by Hagerman Volunteer Firefighters, with raffle prizes, awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, "all you can eat" chili; baked potato bar, salad, no-heat bar and more, 6 to 10 p.m., American Legion Hall, Hagerman, \$5 for adults, \$4 for children age 12 and under, and \$25 for families, proceeds toward purchase of firefighters' apparel, 539-6546 or 368-0794.



Nov. 12 Magic Valley Orchid Society meeting, for all interested in the knowledge and care of orchids, 7 p.m., in the Great Room, Bidgeview Estates, across from Magic Valley Mall, no cost, visitors welcome, 734-7272.

Nov. 13 Moms on the Run meeting and lunch, with Sheila Erling on "Knowledge, the Gift of Life" and Vee Lehman on "Always Learning," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Mandarin House, 735 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, \$10 (includes buffet, 324-1233 or 537-9151). Hagerman Valley Historical Society program, "Chinese Mining in the Snake River Canyon," a power point presentation by Ron James, 7 p.m., National Park Service building, 221 N. State St., Hagerman, open to the public, no cost, 537-6060.

Nov. 14 Rupert American Legion Post 10 meeting, 7 p.m., Rupert Etks, 436-4806.

Nov. 15 Southern Idaho Health Underwriters meeting and lunch, 11:30 a.m., Long Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, free lunch for accompanying agent guests, 733-7256, 535-9900 or Shoores@cojumbo.com. Sons in Retirement, all retired men are invited to attend, 4 p.m., Wayside Cafe, Heyburn, no dues, 436-4818.

Nov. 15 Studio Eight Rag Hookers group, 1 to 4 p.m., 811 W. Eighth Ave., Jerome, 324-6605.

Nov. 15 Precursor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meet, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Joy Mitchell, 203 Orchard Dr. W., Twin Falls, 316-2345. **Nov. 15, 16** — AARP Driver Safety Class, for all ages, no AARP membership required or driving insurance discount provided for participants age 55 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Health and Welfare building, 801 Pololine Road, Twin Falls, \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-9660.

Nov. 16 "The Magical World of Bob Byerle's Children," collector's lithographs in super-realistic mode, 1 to 5 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 219 Main St., Filer, no cost, reception for gallery collectors, 543-4690.

Nov. 17 Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair, hosted by the Wells Humminbott Quilt Guild, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wells High School Gym, Wells; New, bring non-perishable food item to enter door-prize drawing, (775) 275-0047 or (775) 752-1504 for a booth. The Magic Valley Arts Council Holiday Art Class for kids, learn how to make five faux stained-glass tree ornaments and window charms, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council offices, 332 Main Ave. S., Downtown Twin Falls, \$2 registration fee (includes all materials), best suited for ages 4 to 12; all ages welcome if accompanied by adult, 734-2787.

Nov. 23 The 10th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser, benefiting Idaho Foodbank; 1800 handcrafted, hand-painted bowls by professional and novice artists are needed, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Idaho Foodbank, book contributions by Nov. 16, 735-1978 or 336-9643, ext. 249.

Nov. 27, 28 — Finely Normal class, to help address many issues potential horseowners face, 6 to 10 p.m., College of Southern Idaho, \$10 per student (refund at end of class), (208) 733-9554, ext. 2287 to pre-register.

Nov. 30 Nov. 30, Dec. 1 — Annual Christmas Craftshow, sponsored by Lea Owsley Post No. 31 American Auxiliary, Hagerman American Legion Hall, \$10 for one space/one table, free admission, (208) 837-4433 for reservation.

FIND WEEKLY EVENTS ON G2



Monday

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

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

"Abuse is the Training for Addiction," video training for anger and co-dependency management, Dr. Sharon Custer facilitating, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, donations, 734-9603.

Adult Children Anonemous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, (208) 250-5676.

Recovery for Life: "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing," includes Divorce Care, Grief Share, Co-dependency for Women, 12-Sleep HOPE (addiction recovery) and Financial Peace (debt recovery), 6 to 6:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.

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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 conclude Nov. 14).

Friday

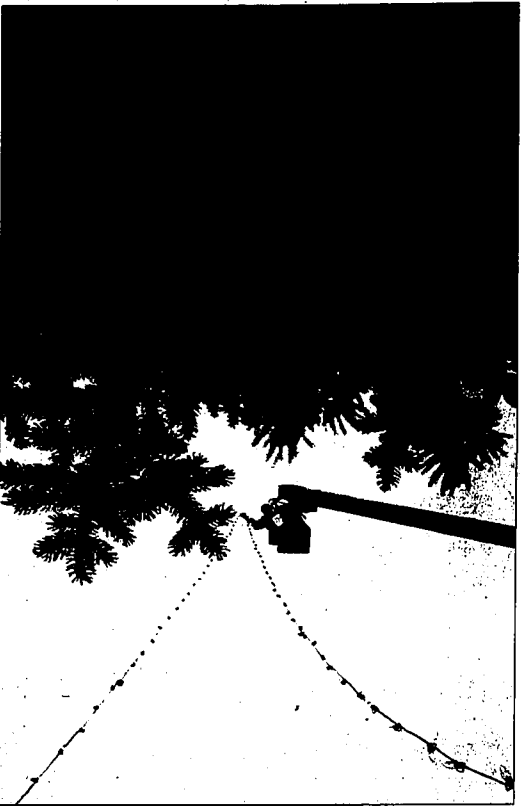
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Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667.

"Youth Options," activities (open gym, pool tables, air hockey, video games and more) for young people ages 13-19 only, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720, (not meeting Nov. 2).

Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hotline: 1-866-592-3198.



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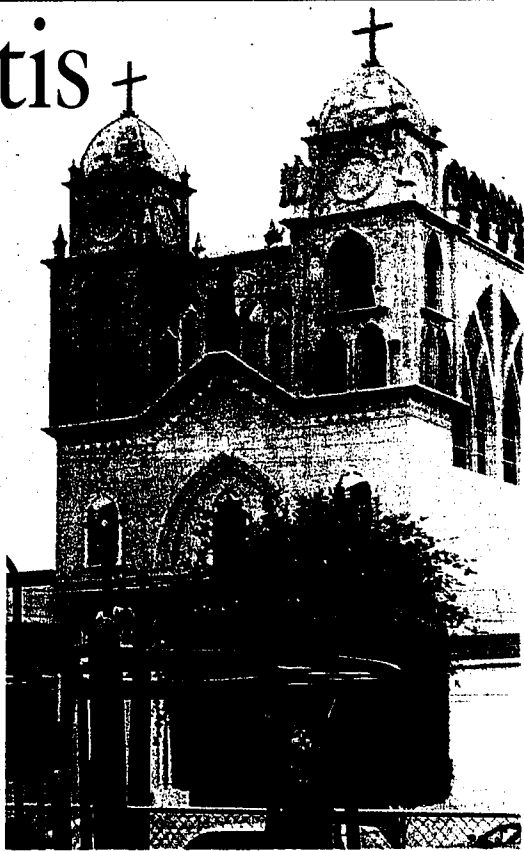
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Baja's Atlantis



ABOVE: The Agua Caliente's minaret.

LEFT: Signs of Old Tijuana are found in the local architecture as well as at Tesleno Guerrero Park, the city's first.



Looking for the remnants of what was old Tijuana

By Christopher Reynolds
Los Angeles Times

TIJUANA, Mexico — It's dusk in Tijuana's red-light district, and two bouncers are slouching outside a strip joint called the Chicago Club. A car rolls up, a window rolls down, and the American guy on the passenger side starts asking questions in awkward Spanish. Looks like business as usual.

But then I climb out of the passenger seat — that's right, it's me in the car — to make sure they hear me right.

"That sign across the street," I say, pointing toward the towering words MOLINO ROJO in scarlet neon. "From what year is it?"

The guys look at each other. They have seen many things on this block, but an architectural preservation tourist, it seems, is not one of them.

"From the '30s?" I ask hopefully.

They squint across the street and scowl.

"Fifties or '60s," one of them finally says.

Bummer. And welcome to the search for the Tijuana of the '20s and '30s — the city that was Las Vegas before Vegas was Vegas, the city that some Tijuaneños pine for and others treat like incriminating evidence. This bygone Tijuana lives on in tattered postcards and historical-society monographs, its casinos paying off in American silver dollars, its horse-track bettors forever tempted by the prospect of a nightcap at the world's longest bar.

Looking for remnants of that place, in 2007 is like diving for a Mexican Atlantis. Instead of checking out the hotels and fancy restaurants along the fast-growing Baja coast, you squint at history through a veil of border culture and discarded architecture, the scene scented with carnitas and beer.

The casinos are the key. If you persevere, you can learn why a Muslim minge rises over the heart of Tijuana today and how two enduring trophies of 20th-century high life, the Caesar salad and the margarita, were born or adopted here.

And you can wonder: What if Baja's old casinos had endured? Would Vegas be Phoenix? Would the strip run from Tijuana to Cabo San Lucas?

By now the world takes for granted Tijuana's reputation as a den of forbidden thrills (or, as Krusty the Clown on



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Tijuana

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"The Simpsons" puts it, "the happiest place on Earth"). Yet until I came across a new book by Los Angeles writer and preservationist Chris Nichols titled "The Architecture of Wayne McAllister," I had not thought much about the roots of that reputation or the Tijuana-Vegas connection. In the course of telling how McAllister landed the job of designing a long-lost resort called Agua Caliente — at the advanced age of 19 — Nichols sketched a bigger picture that explained much.

From 1919 to 1933, alcohol and casinos and prostitution and horse racing were all forbidden or tightly restricted in California, and all were easily available in Tijuana. Because of that, great pleasure palaces were built, including the city's famed Agua Caliente casino, and countless Hollywood celebrities and their imitators crisscrossed by car, rail, ship and small plane.

One Los Angeles Times reporter, surveying the Agua Caliente casino in 1929, concluded that "there isn't another place on the continent, outside of a U.S. mint, where you can see so much money piled up before your eyes at one time. Its only rival in the world is Monte Carlo."

That casino was the crown jewel of the era. It opened in 1928, titled and succeeded, Moorish and missionary, vast and self-assured. It lay six miles south of the border, covered 655 acres and cost about \$10 million at the time, the lion's share supplied by American investors. It was "one of the most opulent resorts ever to grace the Americas," writes Nichols, "but more significantly it was the inspiration for Las Vegas."

Along with a casino offering roulette, baccarat and faro (but no windows or clocks), it featured about 400 rooms and bungalows, a horse-racing track, a golf course, a spa fed by natural spring water, an Art Deco ballroom, various cocktail bars, tennis courts, a riding academy, a landing strip for small planes, a blue-tiled minaret and an iconic bell tower, a replica of which now stands at the beginning of Boulevard Agua Caliente.

Charlie Chaplin and Cary Cooper came to the races. Douglas Fairbanks sat on the board of directors. Jean Harlow tried the golf course. Bing Crosby and Clark Gable saddled up horses, and the showroom featured a teenage dancer, Margarita Canino, who later changed her name to Rita Hayworth.

But by then the cards had started falling another way. Nevada legalized gambling in 1931. The U.S. ended Prohibition in 1933. Santa Anita racetrack opened in Los Angeles County in 1934. In 1935, newly elected Mexican President Lázaro Cárdenas banned casino gambling. (One of the leading casinos of that era, historians say, was a downtown venue called the Molino Rojo; a school replaced it, but as the sign I saw attests, another entrepreneur has revived the name at a new location.)

Tijuana kept attracting American thrill-seekers, and sports betting and several other kinds of gambling have endured. But once the high-end gamblers left, thousands of service-industry jobs were lost and the palaces crumbled, burned or were retrofitted.

I made two trips to Baja and enlisted three guides to help me find that lost Tijuana, all the while knowing that the star attraction of this journey probably would turn out to be a ghost.

At one point, as a guide and I waited in our car at a busy Tijuana intersection, a ball of flame erupted in front of us. Then another. Then I realized they were coming from the mouth of a roadside beggar. Between fiery bursts, he raised a jug of God-knows-what to his lips. And then the light changed and my guide hit the gas without even bothering to shrug.

"People breathe fire for money," he said in the tone of an indulgent urbanite tutoring a bumpkin.

Maria Curry, an architectural historian who led me through downtown on another day, takes an opposite tone. "This is a magic place,"

she says as we pass a workday scene: the peppers and pinatas of the Mercado El Popo on 2nd Street. Then she explains its roots (in the market's case, the late 1920s and 1930s).

Curry, who was born in Mexico City and moved to Tijuana in 1993 after graduate school at Cornell, splits her time between here and San Diego. For several years, she and other Tijuana and San Diego academics and architects have been trying to get

more respect and protection for Old Tijuana.

As we walk and drive the city, Curry traces the outline of unspectacular Old Tijuana, such as the stately brick walls of the hilltop Alta Mira Cultural Center, which was built as a schoolhouse in 1930, or Teniente Guerrero Park.

This park was the city's first, founded just a few blocks from Revolution by a group of female activists in 1924. It served then as a haven for all

social classes, from the wealthy merchants to the families of hotel and casino workers, and it's not much different today: chess players, kids wrestling on the ragged grass, ancient shoeshine guys, moms pushing toddlers on the swings, and over by the west end, freelance auto repairmen.

I move on to Hotel Caesar's and Caesar's restaurant, at 5th and Revolution, and order salad. The story is told in various ways, but the consensus

west of the Mississippi is that the Caesar salad was created in Tijuana in the 1920s and popularized by hotelier and restaurateur Caesar Cardini, who brought his businesses to this site in 1930. The good news is that after changes in ownership and a lapse in salad-making in the early 1990s, the staffers in the restaurant still make a big deal of whipping up a salad while you watch. At \$6, it's a good value. Also, in the hotel they're finishing a thorough

renovation of the 46 guest rooms, which cost between \$35 and \$70 nightly.

The bad news is that they really renovated. Five years ago, a writer for Preservation magazine described the Hotel Caesar's lobby and rooms as a scene out of "The Sun Also Rises," full of atmosphere and reminders of the days when bullfighters barked here. Not anymore. Just about every hint of the '30s has been obliterated from the hotel and restaurant, inside and out.

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The magic of Milner

Magic Valley's lifeblood remains in irrigation

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

"On March 1, 1905, Frank Buhl gave a conventional pull on the wheel on a winch and the gates of Milner Dam were closed, and the gates to a thousand miles of canal and laterals were opened, and the Snake River was diverted, and that night Shoshone Falls went dry as the water rushed across the desert far above, and Perrine's vision was realized, and 262,000 acres of desert were shortly transformed."

In the beginning

If one could go back in time and revisit the Magic Valley at the turn of the century it is doubtful the visitor would recognize the land. In the early 1900s irrigation was little more than a dream; the land had been virtually untouched. From horizon to horizon the valley was desert, hued light with sagebrush.

Like many historic works, what would become Milner Dam first started as a vision.

Ira Burton Perrine, an enterprising young settler from Indiana, had seen more than just desert brown. Perrine had made his home in the spring-fed Blue Lakes canyon in 1884 and knew that what the earthen floor lacked in water it more than made up for in soil.

As blank canvas, the Snake River Plain could become a valley alive with fields of pink and white blossomed potatoes, green stretching stalks of corn and golden blowing grain. Perrine foresaw an opportunity for people to start anew, in a wild and undisturbed land. To pursue this dream, all man has to do was harness the mighty Snake River.

Describing his epiphany, Perrine said he "saw the flames of the future," seated at his campfire at Cedar Falls while tracking a bridge site between Lincoln County and Cassia County for the Oregon Short Line railroad in 1895.

Having diverted water from Blue Lakes for his farm, Perrine imagined doing just that but on a much larger scale. By diverting the Snake River, Perrine figured the fertile, yet arid soil of the Snake River Plain would provide a bounty and life for generations to come.

Perrine wasn't the first to explore the possibility of irrigating the plain and studied the plans made earlier by A.J. Fourn, of Boise, who had surveyed and logged the opportunities for irrigation around 1880.

Through his own surveys and studying Fourn's notes, Perrine assured himself that the dam at Cedar would work.

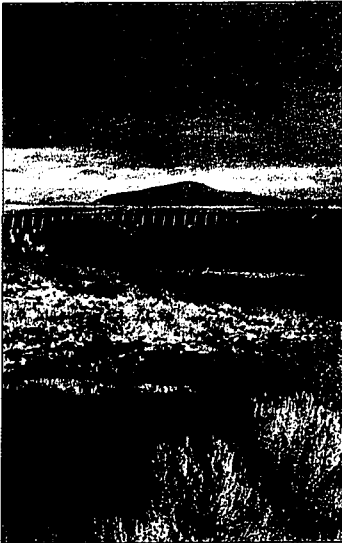
Ready to roll

By the time the nation was recuperating from the hard times of a depression cycle, Perrine, acting as his own engineer, had chosen the dam site. With his preliminary planning under way, Perrine set out to gather the financing needed for the massive project.

Financiers for the dam included Stanley B. Milner, a banker from Salt Lake City, and easterners Frank H. Buhl and Peter L. Kimberly. In 1903 the Buhl-Kimberly Corporation was formed and contact was renewed with the state of Idaho and the Twin Falls Land & Water Company for the project's construction.

"His timing was crucial," said Jim Gentry, College of Southern Idaho education director and education department chair and author of "In the Middle and on the Edge: The Twin Falls Region of Idaho."

"Once the depression cycle was over in 1917, he was ready to act," Gentry said. "The nation was ready for new growth and innovation." In 1917 construction of the



The Milner Dam, southeast of Murlough. Gates were opened a century ago, enabling irrigation in the area.

dam was completed, becoming Idaho's first Carey Act diversion structure, the act of 1894 had allowed private companies to erect irrigation systems in the arid lands of the west and profit through the sale of water. More than \$11 million was needed to build Milner.

"The government didn't have the money to finance these irrigation projects," Gentry said. "So they let private entities invest in their success." "The Magic Valley's success was directly tied to irrigation. Cities like Buhl, Jerome and Wendell might never have risen without the irrigation system."

Low water years are nothing new in Southern Idaho. "Right after irrigation began, worries arose over the water availability," Gentry said. "What you have to remember is this area is a desert." According to Gentry's book, the Snake River's flow was the lowest on record in August 1905, because so little snow had fallen the previous winter.

As unpredictable as our weather is now, the heaviest recorded snow fall took place a year following the worries of 1905.

Dam for the decades

"Although there were instances of leakage through the dam requiring immediate repair, it kept its promise and continues to provide irrigation water to more than 500,000 acres of Idaho farmland. However, in 1980 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Division of Dam Safety and Inspection determined there was high risk the dam would fail during an earthquake."

In a history of the Milner Dam, posted on the Twin Falls Canal Company Web site, http://tfcamp.com/milner.htm, "The Twin Falls and North Side canal companies determined that the costs of reconstruction would result in severe economic hardship to their 7,500 shareholders who depend on irrigation water from the dam for their livelihoods."

In order to pay for reconstruction the companies came to an agreement with Idaho Power to rehabilitate the dam and build a 57.5-megawatt power plant downstream.

"Idaho Power would loan the canal companies funds to refurbish the dam. Repayment would come in the form of royalties from the

hydro project," the site says. Milner is one of 18 power plants owned by Idaho Power.

Economic impact of water

Water is the lifeblood to the Magic Valley's economy and agriculture. Without water, there is no chance at sustaining anything alive.

"In order to give a clearer picture of the value of water to the agriculture economy, it is important to show the value of agriculture to the economy of the Magic Valley, and the value of Magic Valley agriculture to the state," said Steve Hines, crops educator for the University of Idaho Twin Falls County extension.

A USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service census from 2002, the latest figures available, show that the value of all Idaho ag products sold (including crops, livestock and livestock products) generated more than \$3.9 billion.

"Fully 40 percent of the farm economy of the State of Idaho was generated by six counties in the Magic Valley. Ninety-two percent of the agricultural land in this area is irrigated," Hines said. "Water is a major factor in the farm economy."

Loss of irrigation water, by drought or curtailment, would affect every irrigator and sector of the economy. "The net loss of direct production jobs from the loss of acres will be in direct proportion to the acres that could have been planted with crops. A 10 percent reduction in production potential would mean the loss of up to 1,600 jobs."

"Regardless of how the water loss occurs, everyone in the valley would feel it—from the farmer to the guy driving the harvest truck to the shop selling tires," Hines said. "The decision must be to protect water rights and keep the economy viable will impact the valley for many years."

The future

At this point, knowing what the future holds may be as valuable as the water itself.

"Some places on earth have been irrigating for thousands and thousands of years and here we are just 100 years into it. We are really in the early stages of what this area will be," Gentry said. "The structures in place will have to be the ones to make the tough decisions about who will get water, when; and it is really a tough decision to make."

A good wet, snow-filled winter would certainly ease fears of curtailment. If the dry weather persists, someone somewhere will have to sacrifice their right to water.

In order to give the public a broad understanding of the issues facing water management, the Middle Snake Region Water Resources Council has created an educational DVD, "Waters Above and Waters Below: Idaho's Incredible East Snake Plain Aquifer."

"The DVD shows quite a bit and is a good educational device to educate the public on the importance and background of the situation," said the council's Executive Director Bob Muffley.

In the video presentation, Clive Strong, Idaho Attorney General's natural resources chief, sums up the situation here, explaining that every citizen has a vested interest in water quality, a viable economy, low cost power and recreation provided by our most important resource.

"At the end of the day we are all in this together," Strong said. "We need to find solutions that can work for everyone. Right now we are just sorting out the parameters of what that solution is going to be."

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1890s

Reclamation of dry lands in the West was encouraged by those left unemployed by the nation's economic problems.

1890-1894

At least 10 congressional bills proposed to cede federal arid lands to individual states - a concept not popular enough with congress to gain passage support.

August 1894

Carey Act Federal government decides to cede up to 1 million arid acres to each state. Within 10 years of passage of the act, government would have each settler irrigate and occupy at least 20 acres out of no more than a 160-acre tract.

1895

Idaho legislature responded to irrigation needs with three laws that played a key role in area development. Previously, corporations had constructed canals and then charged farmers for water rights and canal repairs. New legislation allowed land owners to organize, construct canals and dams, and supervise water distribution.

1895

Ira Burton Perrine envisions an irrigated future for the Snake River Plain.

1897

Ira Burton Perrine acts upon plans for a dam at the Cedars and gets together financier for the \$1 million project.

September 1890

Twin Falls Land and Water Company incorporates with Stanley Milner, president and general manager; I.B. Perrine, vice president; J.H. Lowell, secretary; Frank Knox, treasurer and A.K. Steunenberg, member.

February 1891

Secretary of the Interior announces that plans to create a Shoshone National Park, which would have stopped irrigation plan in Southern Idaho, have been withdrawn.

January 1903

Idaho State Land Board signs contract with the Twin Falls Land and Water Company to construct Milner Dam and canal system and construction gets under way.

July 1, 1903

Twin Falls Land and Water Company opens first 60,000 acres to settlers; only 56 people filed on 4,000 acres. After situation was picked up by the media, following better advertising, sales quickly climbed.

March 1905

Gates opened at Milner Dam

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Fueled by interest in locally grown food, diners across the nation head to the farm

From farm to table, these diners bypass the middle-man

By Cara Rubinsky
Associated Press writer

LYME, Conn. — Forget the maître d' and imported caviar. Sophisticated diners are now tromping across muddy fields and braving mosquito bites to eat gourmet food at its very source.

Outdoor dinners at family farms, popular on the West Coast for several years, are making their way east as part of a local food movement fueled by concerns about tainted food and a desire to eat vegetables grown nearby rather than halfway around the world.

"The cruel irony is that this is the way everyone used to eat," said chef and restaurant owner Jonathan Rapp, a co-founder of Connecticut's Dinners at the Farm series. "Now it is special, and hopefully we're going to get to a

point where it becomes ordinary again, where eating wholesome, locally grown delicious food is every day."

While the U.S. Department of Agriculture doesn't keep statistics on farm dinners, the Connecticut program isn't alone.

A California company, Outstanding in the Field, started with two farm dinners for 60 to 70 people in the Santa Cruz area in 1999. A few years later, Chef Jim Denevan and his crew were traveling across the country.

This year, joined by chefs from all over, they'll have served 80 to 140 people at each of 18 dinners in California, Massachusetts, Canada, Illinois, New York and Kentucky since June. The next is Sunday in California's Sonoma County.

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Cook Matthew Wick prepares food on a mobile kitchen at Mount Archer Farm in Lyme, Conn.

AP photo

Drew McLachlan, co-owner of the East Gourmet Market in Deep River, Conn., prepares fish for dinner at Mount Archer Farm in Lyme, Conn.



Jonathan Rapp lights a fire on a mobile kitchen at Mount Archer Farm in Lyme, Conn.

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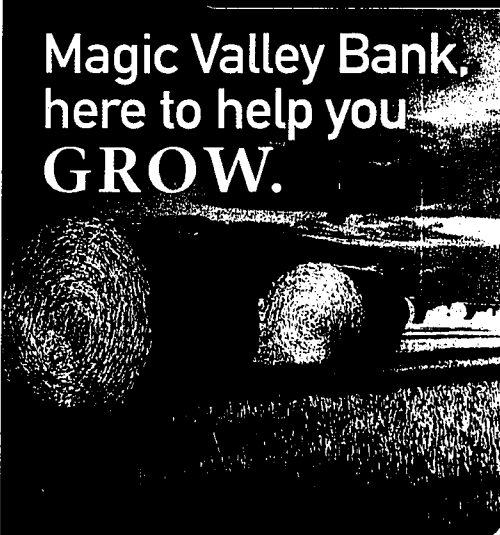
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Corn not boom yet in Magic Valley

By Cindy Snyder
Times News correspondent

There are more cornfields planted each year throughout the Magic Valley, but most of those fields will supply dairies rather than ethanol plants — and that's not likely to change, even with ethanol plants coming to Burley.

It's not a matter of whether grain corn — sometimes called threshing corn — can be raised in the Magic Valley, but whether it can compete with traditional crops that already are grown here.

Economists like to talk about comparative advantage versus competitive advantage. What that theory boils down to is that even though a grower in a region may be able to reach a higher potential yield than a grower somewhere else, the first grower may choose not to plant a specific crop because the opportunity costs are higher compared to other crops.

Idaho growers may be able to top yield charts raising corn grain, but they have to be able to do it for less than other growers in the traditional corn belt can. Say corn prices are \$3.50 a bushel in Iowa or Nebraska (December corn futures on the Chicago Board of Trade closed Oct. 16 at \$3.47-1/4 per bu.), and it costs another \$1 per bu. to rail that corn to an ethanol distilling plant in southern Idaho. That comes out to \$4.50 a bu. corn price in Idaho.

That may look good at first glance, but when Paul Patterson runs a gross margins analysis, grain corn comes up short. The extension economist with the University of Idaho calculates gross margin as gross revenue minus operating costs. Subtracting fixed costs won't net margin, which gives the breakeven here.

Last March Patterson ran an analysis using \$5 per bu.

"Yes, corn grain is viable from a yield standpoint, but the wheat price going up the way it is, wheat is going to take away from other crops."

— Rick Spelcher, a district sales manager with Croplan Genetics in Twin Falls

hard red spring wheat, \$7.25 per hundredweight malt barley, \$4.15 per bu. soft white spring wheat, \$4.10 per bu. grain corn and \$32 per ton corn silage prices.

Corn grain had a gross margin of \$221 per acre compared to \$295 per acre for corn silage and \$262.50 per acre for alfalfa. Hard red spring wheat had a gross margin of \$202 per acre while soft white spring wheat was \$172.25.

But what a difference a season makes. With the global wheat market extremely tight, cereal grain prices have soared at the same time the sagging ethanol market started to pull down corn prices.

Running the same analysis now — Patterson kept the yields and input costs steady, but changed commodity prices to reflect today's market: \$7 per bu. hard red spring wheat, \$6 per bu. soft white spring wheat, \$9 per cwt. open market malt barley, \$4.50 per bu. corn grain and \$32 per ton corn silage — shows that corn grain isn't as profitable as alternatives.

Growers can potentially gross \$412 per acre on hard red spring wheat, \$395 on soft white winter wheat, \$328 on alfalfa, \$205 on corn silage or \$281 for corn grain.

High corn prices that squeeze ethanol profits along with difficulties in getting rail cars to ship ethanol and refineries to blend more ethanol are contributing to the falling price, which some ethanol industry watchers believe may stay low through 2008.

Ethanol futures traded at \$1.549 per gallon in late September, down 37 percent

from the high of \$2.493 set earlier this year. The average national ethanol price on the spot market has plunged 30 percent since May, with much of that decline coming in the last few weeks.

Patterson doesn't see much incentive for growers to shift acres to more corn grain production.

"Ethanol producers will be able to rail in corn at a price a lot of growers will not be willing to contract for because they have other crops they can grow, which will make more money," he said. "Why mess around with grain corn when you can get corn silage out earlier and make more money?"

Acres holding steady

Corn acres overall have been increasing steadily, but corn grain acres only account for about 15 percent of the total planted acres.

Rick Spelcher, a district sales manager with Croplan Genetics in Twin Falls, says grain corn used to be a bigger part of the crop mix in the region, until the dairy industry began to grow and needed more corn silage. "The feasibility of raising corn here is quite good," he said.

Maturity is key to a successful grain corn crop, agronomists say. In the Twin Falls area, growers need to select a hybrid with a maturity of 90 to 100 days compared to 105 to 112 days for a corn silage hybrid. In the Burley area, the maturity should drop 85 to 90 days for grain corn, and 80 to 85 days in eastern Idaho.

Fortunately, seed corn companies have made the greatest yield gains in the last

10 years in those 90- to 100-day hybrids. "We have very high yield potential, even if we do have to shorten the maturity up," Spelcher said.

He's got a grower near Blackfoot whose yield monitor indicates he is harvesting 220 to 230 bu. per acre grain corn from an 85-day (maturity) hybrid.

"We've had a good year this year, with a long season," Spelcher said.

That's important, because one of the complaints growers have about grain corn is how long it takes to dry before harvested. Cool years in 2004 and 2005 meant corn didn't dry and some growers didn't get their crop harvested until around New Year's. Grain corn needs to be at 15 percent moisture to safely store.

Growers can also have sicker shock when they get their fertilizer bill.

Corn needs 1.25 units of nitrogen to yield one bushel of corn. If nitrogen is 50 cents a unit, that's 62.5 cents per bu.

Irrigation water supply is another limiting factor to corn grain production in the Magic Valley. Growers not only need 20 to 21 inches of water to raise grain corn, but they need to have water available through at least mid-August.

Even though Spelcher believes corn grain can fit in the Magic Valley agronomically, he recognizes that growers make decisions based on the bottom line.

"Yes, corn grain is viable from a yield standpoint, but the wheat price going up the way it is, wheat is going to take away from other crops," he said.



Magic Valley corn growth

Year Total Corn Acres

1975	46,000
2000	96,000
2006	158,000

SOURCE: Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

Corn Acres by County in 2005

County	Total Corn Acres	Grain Corn Acres
Cassia	19,700	1,800
Gooding	35,000	5,200
Lincoln	1,500,000	4,300
Minidoka	6,500	800
Twin Falls	6,500	1,900
Total Magic Valley	38,800	7,000
	137,000	21,000

SOURCE: Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

Proposed Senate farm bill would allow state-inspected meat plants to expand

By Sam Hannez
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Small meat plants that operate under state inspection programs might soon be allowed to market their products across state lines for the first time.

The provision, included Tuesday in the Senate's proposed farm bill, is the result of a compromise reached by a coalition of consumer, labor and farm groups. It comes amid growing concerns about food safety after last month's massive recall of hamburger meat contaminated with E. coli bacteria.

The legislation would create a new, optional inspection program that provides federal oversight of state-inspected facilities that want to ship products across state lines. Under current law, only federally inspected plants can ship meat and poultry across state lines. Meatpackers in Missouri, Kansas and 25 other states operating under a state inspection system have long complained that the law unfairly restricts sales.

"For too long, small producers have been shut out of markets but will now be able to ship their high-quality products across state lines," said Tom Buis, president of the National Farm Bureau.

Consumer groups had expressed concerns earlier this year after the House passed a version of the farm bill with language that ended the 40-year-old requirement that all meat and poultry sold interstate must be federally inspected. That provision was backed by House Agriculture Chairman Collin Peterson, D-Minn., and House Minority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

Carly Tucker Foreman of the Consumer Federation of America said the Senate Agriculture Committee compromise "safeguards public health" by requiring small meat plants to meet all federal

inspection requirements before shipping their products in interstate commerce. "This law reinforces the principle that the first priority of meat and poultry inspection is protecting us and our families from adulterated

food products," Foreman said.

Processing plants with up to 25 employees would be eligible to participate in the program and companies would be required to use a federal stamp of inspection.

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Wheat, corn drive up grocery bills

By Cecilia Kang
The Washington Post

"The U.S. consumer buys 70 percent of production of the economy, so when they stop buying, it's a real problem."

— **Charles W. McMillion, president and chief economist of MBG Information Services**

First it was corn. Now wheat is getting the blame. Earlier this year, corn began getting pricey because it was in high demand to make ethanol. That sent prices rising for other corn-dependent products, including milk and meat. Now wheat is costing more and more because of poor harvests and greater global demand, sending grocery bills still higher.

year, according to the Agriculture Department.

Not all food prices are going up fast. Bananas and tomatoes went up only slightly in July from last year. Yet the fluctuations within one shopping basket can be enormous. Egg prices are expected to soar 20 percent this year, but pork only 1 percent to 2 percent, according to forecasts by the USDA.

Although food makes up only about 13 percent of total household spending, higher food costs worry economists who say that for every extra dollar spent on groceries, a dollar less will be spent on discretionary items like clothes and entertainment — purchases that fuel overall economic growth. And at a time of uncertainty over the housing market, stock market and jobs, consumers are more acutely aware of such price increases, they say.

"The U.S. consumer buys 70 percent of production of the economy, so when they stop buying, it's a real problem," said

Charles W. McMillion, president and chief economist of MBG Information Services.

Ethanol, a fuel that can be derived from corn products, set some of the rising grocery prices in motion. Demand for ethanol caused a worldwide shortage of corn this year, sending prices for futures of the crop on the Chicago Board of Trade above \$4 a bushel last June, compared with about \$2.50 two years ago.

As farmers scrambled to grow more corn, crops such as wheat and soybeans were replaced, reducing their supply, according to Michael Swanson, a Wells Fargo agricultural economist.

Droughts and poor weather that hurt crops in Australia and the Midwestern U.S. pushed prices for the corn sharply higher as demand increased from importers in North Africa and Europe. The USDA said earlier this

week that it raised its projections for wheat exports.

That's trickled down to the shopping basket, as prices in July for cereal and bakery goods increased 4.1 percent from a year before, compared with 1.8 percent the previous year.

It's not just here. Higher pasta prices prompted consumer groups in Italy to launch a one-day strike against buying pasta this week. Prices there have soared as much as 20 percent.

"Wheat is much more concentrated than corn in terms of the products it's used in, but people will keep eating even if it gets more expensive," Swanson said.

He said food prices are expected to continue increasing through the end of the year as the effects of higher wheat, corn and soybean prices work their way through the food production pipeline.

But he said wheat prices will fall back to more normal levels as production catches up with demand next year.

Corn prices will also normalize, he predicted, because ethanol producers can't afford to pay lofty prices for the commodity.

Diners

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"Everybody has to eat and they eat every day, yet not previously to one location where their food came from," Denevan said. "People realized along the line that the story of where the food came from might make four or five cents difference but also make it taste better."

Denevan has been pleased to see similar diners elsewhere, including some on in Oregon. One of the company called Plate & Pitchfork.

"I think our goals have been met when they just kind of pop up in obscure places and people don't necessarily know where they got the idea," Denevan said.

Connecticut Diners at a farm series was conceived last fall as Rapp lunched over a Weber grill in the pouring rain to cook at a fundraiser.

He and local farm owner Clay Dahlke want to feed more people the same way. They enlisted Drew McLachlan, a chef and gourmet market owner, to join them in planning and marketing the series, which held at a different farm to raise money for charities.

They outfitted a 1955 Ford F100 with a smoker grill and a six-burner commercial range. Rapp approached area farmers about supplying produce and locally raised meats.

"We're friends with the people who grew all this food," Rapp said. "Most of the people who eat here know the people who grew this food. It adds a whole other human element to it." They originally hoped to focus on people at each event, but now draw nearly twice that. A recent dinner in a southeastern Connecticut horse pasture drew more than 150 people, who gathered in long tables for a 10-course meal made only of ingredients from less than 30 miles away.

"Whatever is happening here, it's a good thing," Dahlke said. "This will probably be remembered like Woodstock was in 1969."

Guests who pay \$85 a ticket never know exactly what they'll be eating or where they'll be sitting, and they don't know that until that night. Often the farmers who produced the food are there to talk about it.

"It's very flexible and free, and in a lot of ways that's sort of the sort of the part of the event that we're working with whatever's available, whatever's freshest, whatever's best at that moment," Rapp said.

Guests are warned ahead of time to wear sturdy shoes, and no one seems to mind the occasional bug bite or mud puddle.

"This is so wonderful to actually be in the spot where your food was grown, and it reconnects you to nature," said Alyse Chin of Inez Haddam, whose sister bought her and her husband dinner tickets as a birthday present.

Course after course emerged from the kitchen, bruschetta and pizza appetizers followed by three different kinds of steak, a hearty fish soup and three main courses.

Stomachs already full, diners groaned, then dig in as volunteer waiters distributed baskets of peach cobbler. Strangers no more, they shook hands and exchanged phone numbers, promising to call or visit.

It's a scene familiar to Kathy Stephenson of Old Lyme, who attended a dinner this summer and was so smitten that she became a volunteer member of the kitchen staff.

"There's a glow under the tent. It's great food, people are happy," she said as she chopped squid to top a pizza appetizer. "They're drinking wine and they're eating great food and I think they know they're part of something really special. It's really magical."

The price of wheat futures reached a record \$9 a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade on Wednesday. And the higher food prices that have resulted from the increase — items like baguettes, rigatoni and cupcakes cost more — came at a time when consumers are already feeling strained by energy prices and mortgage debt.

Although wheat doesn't rank as many foods as corn, which is used in products as varied as livestock feed and high-fructose corn syrup, its price directly affects staples such as cereal and bread.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that food prices increased 4.2 percent in the 12 months ended in July. That compares with a rise of 2.2 percent in 2006. The consumer price index for food, which includes groceries and dining out, is forecast to increase 3.5 percent to 4.5 percent this



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Increasing crops to make ethanol for fuels could threaten water supplies

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — When it comes to solving the fossil fuel crisis, it seems like every silver lining comes accompanied by a dark cloud. As attention turns more and more toward using corn and other products to produce ethanol for fuel, experts warn that increased production of these crops could pose a threat to the nation's water supplies.

Both water quality and the availability of water could be threatened by sharply increasing crops such as corn, said Gerald L. Schnoor, professor of environmental engineering and co-director of the Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research at the University of Iowa.

Schnoor is chairman of a National Research Council panel that studied the potential impact of increased use of biofuels on water supplies. The committee report was released Wednesday.

A stated goal is to increase biofuel production about six times, to 35 billion gallons by 2017, Schnoor said. "That would mean a lot more fertilizers and pesticides" running into rivers and flowing into the oceans, he said in a telephone interview.

Water available depends on where the crops are grown, he added. If it is an area needing irrigation, it takes 2,000 gallons of water for every bushel of corn. "That's a high amount of water."

And that's in addition to the secondary issue of how much water is needed by the factories that produce the ethanol, he said.

What is needed is a breakthrough in technology so

that ethanol can be produced from cellulose such as grass, wood and sawdust, Schnoor said. "If we could do that it would be much better environmentally."

While Brazil is having success producing fuels from sugarcane, "we don't have much tropical land in the United States," Schnoor observed.

Also, he noted, Brazil uses waste from the cane to fuel its ethanol factories, while the U.S. uses natural gas or other fuels.

The report notes that water "is an increasingly precious resource used for many purposes, including drinking and other municipal uses, hydropower, cooling thermoelectric plants, manufacturing, recreation, habitat for fish and wildlife and agriculture."

Supplies are already stressed in some areas of the country, including a large region where water is drawn from the underground Ogallala aquifer, which extends from west Texas up into South Dakota and Wyoming.

Growing biofuel crops requiring additional irrigation in areas with limited water supplies is a major concern, the report says.

The report suggests the possibility of irrigating crops for biofuel with wastewater that would not be suitable for food crops.

Other suggestions include developing more water-efficient crops and adopting agriculture practices that reduce the amount of chemical runoff.

The study was sponsored by the McKnight Foundation, Energy Foundation, National Science Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and National Research Council Day Fund.

Coming out of the shadows

Undocumented workers account for much needed ag workforce

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Without workers to carry out labor intensive tasks such as picking berries in California or harvesting Florida oranges the crops rot, wasted and unavailable to the marketplace.

Without immigration reform, said Sharon Hughes, executive vice president of the National Council of Agricultural Employers, the situation will worsen. Not only will jobs go undone, but American citizens could lose work as well, she said.

"For every one farm worker there are three or four jobs down stream created whether that be a mechanic or banker," Hughes said. "Without those workers in the field those jobs will

be lost as well." Hughes said the need for immigration reform is huge. Currently the federal work-visa program, H2A, only provides about two percent of the total needed work force for seasonal jobs.

"Of the 11 million workers with fraudulent documents in America about 1 million of them are working agriculture. They are sustaining another three to four million jobs," she said. "For ten years now we have begged congress to implement immigration reform so that our country has access to a stable workforce. Since then the problem has only gotten worse."

She said that in 1989 about 7 percent of employers indicated hiring someone with fake identification, in 2000 that number had skyrocketed to 52 percent.

"We need a system where the people that are here illegally can come out of the shadows. People need to understand that they are economic migrants coming for work," Hughes said. "Right now the government is spending billions of dollars

"Congress has been too afraid of the issue and hasn't done anything."

— Sharon Hughes, executive vice president of the National Council of Agricultural Employers

on immigration enforcement. If we had a program where these people could come and be documented. We would know who was here and then be able to direct those resources to fighting drug trafficking and terrorism."

Jan Roeser, regional economist with the Idaho Department of Labor said that illegal immigrants are often doing work that Americans simply don't want.

"When people say, 'They're taking our jobs,' that's simply not true," Roeser said. "Often the jobs are very labor intensive. We are experiencing virtually full-employment. People that need these workers often say they can't get people who do live here to the job."

According to the latest figures released by the Pew Hispanic Center there are between 25,000 and 45,000 illegal immigrants in Idaho.

"Basing that on the percentage of Hispanics living in the state there are about 5,300 to 9,600 illegal workers in our area," Roeser said. "These workers play an important role in our overall economy."

Instead of worrying about homeland security, Hughes said, people need to take a national look at how these workers benefit the country.

"Obviously there are over 11 million jobs that need to be filled in our country and we just don't have the workforce to supply the labor needed," Hughes said. "Congress has been too afraid of the issue and hasn't done anything. Food production is leaving the country because there aren't the workers needed."

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Success favors size

Dairies expand operations to stay competitive

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — At Lekkerkerk farms of Filer the goal is to grow the herd to maximize productivity, efficiency and profit.

"It just makes sense," said Eddy Lekkerkerk, owner of Lekkerkerk farms. "The barn is a double 14 parallel and I already have the equipment and the employees to do it. I just can't afford to buy all the cows right away."

Simply put, dairymen around the valley like Lekkerkerk are taking advantage of economies of scale, said University of Idaho Twin Falls County Extension Crops Educator Steven Hines.

He explained that dairies all pay fixed costs for things like tractors, waste management tools, buildings and cooling equipment. But dairymen get more bang for their buck when those costs are spread out over more pounds of milk produced.

"For example, one man can farm 200 acres as efficient as 20 acres — he still needs a tractor and such on the smaller acreage but he is going to get more in return when he farms 200 acres," Hines said. "It's the same rea-

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

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

son we have Wal-Mart or Target. In the end consumers get a price break."

Lekkerkerk relocated his family from Chino, California in 2006, starting with just 400 cows. Today he has 500 cows in production and hopes to top out the herd's size at 600 within the next couple of years.

He has been periodically adding to the farm's herd by purchasing milking cows, and he has contracted for his heifer calves to be custom raised until they are ready for milk production.

In September the oldest heifers were bred and if all goes well those animals will be integrated into production after their calves are born next spring.

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

Idaho, ranked as number four nationally, has 480,000 cows. Over 31,000, or 72 percent, of those animals are found in the Magic Valley.

According to Idaho State Department of Agriculture statistics in 2006 the average farm had 707 cows. Dairy farms are even bigger in the

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


Magic Valley, averaging 1,018 cows.

In 2001, the state had an average herd size of 366 cows. It's hard to imagine that in 1970 dairies averaged just 17 cows.

"Dairies in Southern Idaho are major contributors to the overall economy and are forecasted to continue to grow. Larger dairies have more total expenditures and have a better chance at being in business long-term," Hines said. "Today, the little guys just can't compete as well."



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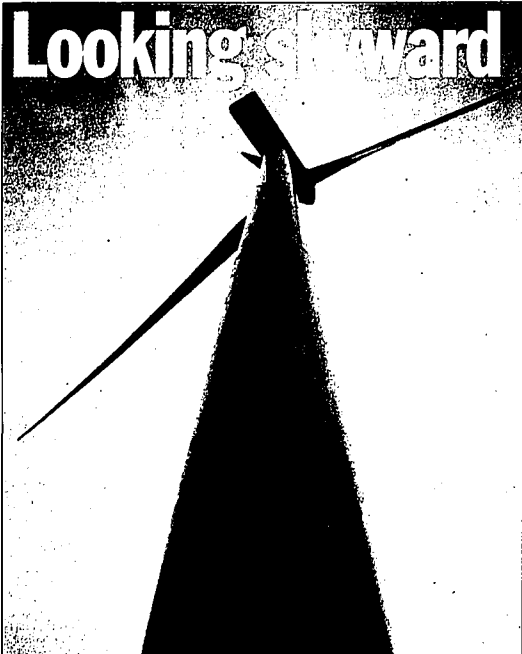
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Looking upward

More farmers using wind energy

Increased costs prompt some farmers to consider alternative energy

By Henry C. Jackson
Associated Press writer

CRESTON, Iowa — Joe Weisshaar always knew the winds whipping across his family's farm could offer more than a cool breeze.

He just didn't how to harness it.

"I started going to a bunch of seminars, trying to figure out how to do this. But I was going no place," said Weisshaar, who has farmed on family land for 50 years in Creston, about 75 miles southwest of Des Moines.

That's when Weisshaar linked up with his son-in-law, a grad student with an expertise in grant writing. Finally able to navigate the paperwork, he obtained a federal grant and the Weisshaar Family Farm added an electric wind turbine in February.

"It's always been windy here," says Brian Zachary, Weisshaar's son-in-law and next-door neighbor. "It's a resource that's just been slipping away."

Squeezed by high energy prices and more overhead costs, some small farms are exploring ways to increase their energy efficiency and lower costs. By erecting wind turbines, making biodiesel fuel and adopting more efficient tilling practices, farmers have cut costs and reduced their environmental impact.

"It's one of those things, just like a regular homeowner, when you start talking about the things you've done at your household and how to lower your energy bill," said Kamyar Enshayan, a professor at the University of Northern Iowa's Center for Energy and Environmental Education.

Practices such as generating power from the wind or brewing biodiesel aren't new, but experts said increased costs have motivated farmers to take another look at their operations.

Tracking the number of farmers who have made such moves is difficult, but those who study agriculture think it's becoming more common, as farmers are motivated by potential profits and benefits to the environment.

Weisshaar has certainly seen the interest. Since erecting his turbine, he's become a local celebrity of sorts. The turbine sits in the middle of his farm, between his house and his daughter's house, and is easily visible

from a nearby highway. Unexpected visitors are fairly common.

"They see it and they're excited about it," said Mary Jane Weisshaar, Joe's wife. "A lot of people pull into the driveway and they say 'I've wanted to do something like that,' but they don't have a clue."

Alliant Energy estimates that Iowa has more than 600 wind turbines, which collectively produce enough electricity to power 1.4 million homes. Most of those turbines are located on wind farms and are not individually owned.

During particularly windy months, the Weisshaars have collected as much as 4,000 kilowatts of energy — while using only 2,000 or so to power their home. Their agreement with their power company lets them bank the extra energy, using it during less windy months.

Although they could sell their energy back to the power company, Zachary said it saves the family more

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— Steve Fugate, an Iowa-based energy consultant who works with farmers on efficiency efforts

money to bank the kilowatts.

Steve Fugate, an Iowa-based energy consultant who works with farmers on efficiency efforts, said some farmers may face a struggle for survival if they don't limit energy costs.

"Energy prices are just skyrocketing and it's one of those costs that farmers can't control at all," he said. "You're looking at people getting five dollars a bushel for corn and if their gas price triples or their electricity bill increases then they're not making a profit."

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