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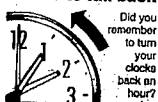
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FAMILY LIFE, F1

Good Morning

Time to fall back



Did you remember to turn your clocks back an hour?

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After four years of a new salary program, Twin Falls County and its employees are finally enjoying

JOB BENEFITS



Scott McClure, a corrections officer, takes a phone call Oct. 24 at the Snail River Community Correction Center in Twin Falls. Twin Falls County, over the last four years, has sought to raise county employees' salaries to at least 95 percent of those in the private sector.

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

In 2003, Kevin Sandau, the Twin Falls County's director of probation services, made about \$18 an hour. Five years later, after an aggressive four-year program to make county pay reflective of those in similarly-sized counties, Sandau's salary is up 39 percent — almost \$25 an hour.

"Catching up with the rest of the state — it only makes sense," said Sandau. "Our population is growing. We're trying to keep up with that."

When the county's \$34.1 million budget went into effect Oct. 1, it initiated the final leg of a four-year program intended to bring salaries of the more than 300 Twin Falls County employees — both elected and non-elected — up to at least 95 percent of the market amount.

Officials say the program has met its goal to curb employee turnover. In 2003, turnover was more than 25 percent and it's decreased each year. Through last week's turnover in 2007 was just 11.64 percent.

Although salary increases were countywide, the elected officials saw a slightly lower increase than the rest. Between fiscal year 2004 — the year before the compensation program began — and 2006, elected officials saw their salaries rise a combined, nearly 38 percent. Meanwhile, non-elected employees — about 95 percent of the county workforce — went up more than 49 percent.

County Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell said the commissioners made good on a promise to improve the workforce — and thereby improve the county overall. He said he could have

raised his own salary exponentially, but the goal wasn't just elected officials.

"The initial reason was the turnover," said Mikesell, the only commissioner still remaining from the program's origin in May 2004. The results, he said, have paid off in leaps and bounds. "We've improved morale. We've improved productivity. We've improved longevity. The benefits are far better than just the turnover."

Sandau, 40, said that an employee with a similar job description in a smaller county in Idaho made more money than him when he began in 1994. He said salary increases are important as the cost of living rises in a county that has grown 11 percent since 2000.

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Liquor quotas on the rocks

Governor's private panel to reform license system

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

When the 2008 Idaho Legislature meets in about two months, a special committee appointed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter to exam-

ine Idaho's liquor laws will unveil a proposal to eliminate the state's liquor license quota system. But the plan's already under fire from bar owners, and its lack of detail makes its political future unclear.

The proposal — which state officials say will spur economic development — is part of an effort to revise the state's entire Alcohol

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A JuMP to Hollywood



In this 1990 photo, Christina Hendricks poses for a Junior Musical Playhouse production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat! For information about JuMP, visit www.jumpcompany.org.



Hendricks now stars in the critically acclaimed television show "Mad Men" on AMC. She plays Joan Holloway, a secretary for the show's 1960 Madison Avenue advertising agency.

Former Twin Falls actress finds success

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

Today, Christina Hendricks stars in one of the year's most critically acclaimed television series, "Mad Men."

In third grade, her mom just wanted her to make friends. At her mother's urging, she auditioned for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," and that was all it took. From that first play with "Twin Falls' Junior Musical Playhouse, Hendricks, now 29, knew she wanted to act.

Her JuMPing-off point

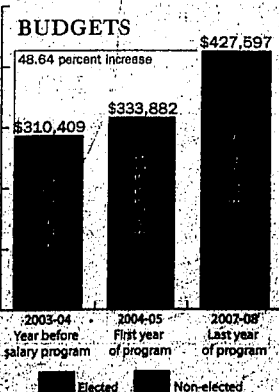
"That was the town that made me fall in love with acting," Hendricks said in a telephone interview last week. "There were so many talented people that came out of that city."

Hendricks came to Twin in third grade, and moved away to Virginia before high school, though she visited the following summer for another season of JuMP. Among the productions she starred in was 1990's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," which she reprised during a reunion production in 1997. Her performance as Mrs. Potiphar won her many local fans, said Mayz Leonard of Twin Falls, who has been friends with Hendricks since the actress's JuMP days.

"She just blew everybody away with that performance," Leonard said. "There wasn't any doubt in anyone's mind that this young woman, should she choose to pursue it, had places to go."

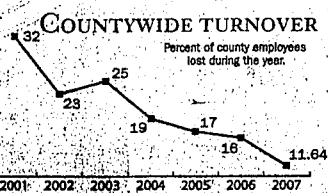
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COUNTY PERSONNEL BUDGETS



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— Twin Falls County Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell



TODAY'S FORECAST

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Today Tonight Monday



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Sunny and nice

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Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

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. Sunday Dinner, featuring pork chops and pumpkin dessert, noon to 2 p.m., Ageless Senior Citizens Center, 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, suggested donations: \$6 adults and \$3 for children under age 12, 423-4338. Hallalujah Extravaganza, includes 5:30 p.m. chili feed and 7 p.m. musical variety concert with raffle for cut-and-wrapped pig, Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 822 E. Main, Wendell, free-will offering, (proceeds toward debt elimination fund), 536-6270.

CRAFTS AND BAZAARS

Last day of 28th annual Harvest Time Festival holiday arts and crafts show, a fundraiser for CSI DEX students featuring more than 100 vendors with candy, holiday decorations, hand-made wood, metal and glass objects, jewelry, candles, home décor and more, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the CSI Eldon Evans Expo Center, (limited parking; shuttle available from CSI lot near Herrert Center), 732-6262 or Dmaughan@csi.edu.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, R0.Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

FOUR DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Nov. 5 — Auditions for Missoula Children's Theatre's November 10 production of "Cinderella," 50 local children needed in the following age groups: (18) ages 5-7, (26) ages 8-12 (16) ages 13-18 and (4) Assistant Directors ages 12-18; no advance preparation necessary; must be able to commit to full week of rehearsals and two Nov. 10 performances, 4 p.m., Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls, 734-2787.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Nov. 5 — The Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association meeting, members will jam and entertain the public from 6 to 8 p.m. with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-1580. Nov. 6 — Magic Valley New Neighbors Club Luncheon, includes Fashion Cents fashion show, 11:30 a.m., St. Jerome's Hall, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, \$12, 731-2082. Nov. 6 — Mary Time Club meeting, 2 p.m., at the home of Louise Swazey, Filer, 733-5213. Nov. 7 — Reservation deadline for Nov. 8 Magic Valley Advertising Federation monthly meeting and luncheon, with guest speakers Kurt and Karen Helmer, owners of Kurt's Pharmacy and Hairmark in the Lynwood Shopping Center and at the Magic Valley Mall, 11:30 a.m. check-in, Outback Steakhouse, Twin Falls, members \$10, member/guests \$15 and non-members \$25; steak, chicken or salmon lunch reservations to magvalleyadvertising@federation@hotmail.com. Nov. 7 — Bliss 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 Irf, 352-4260. Nov. 7 — Girl Scouts meeting, with speaker Board President Sherry Horton, 6 p.m., The White House, 365 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 733-9623.

FAMILY

Nov. 5 — Special Parents/Special Kids, for parents of a child with special physical, mental or emotional needs, 7 p.m., Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), no cost, 733-6128.

HEALTH

Nov. 5 — Prism Weight Loss Program Introductory class, 6 p.m., Kimberly Christian Church, 307 Madison E., Kimberly, no cost, 733-9035. Nov. 6 — Life Line Screening, fast, painless low-cost screenings for stroke and osteoporosis, beginning at 11 a.m., Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, \$129 Wellness Package, 877-237-1287 or www.lifelinescreening.com for pre-registration.

SCHOOLS

Nov. 6 — Parent/Teacher Conferences and book fair, parents to pick up report cards; cookies served, 5 to 8 p.m., Buhl Middle School, cwelch@buhlschools.org. Nov. 6, 8 — Buhl High School first-quarter report card pick up, parents pick up their student's report cards; optional visit with teachers following, 5 to 8 p.m., at the school, 543-8262 to pre-schedule parent/teacher conference.

MORNING BRIEFING

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

The Magic Valley's history as seen through the lens of photographers, then and now ...



This house, erected in 1905, is among the first houses in Twin Falls. Built in the Queen Anne style, it is also one of the few that showed the Victorian influences of the day. Its first owner was Mark Marlaugh, assistant general manager of the Twin Falls Land and Water Company, and for whom the town of Marlaugh was named.

Clarence E. Blabe was a commercial photographer in the Magic Valley from 1906 until the 1940s.



AROUND THE WORLD

MICHIGAN

Ford and UAW union reach tentative 4-year contract agreement

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union reached a tentative contract agreement Saturday with the last of the Big Three automakers, Ford Motor Co., concluding a historic round of negotiations that has slashed wages and changed the way health care is provided to retirees. Ford said the deal, if approved by the approximately 54,000 workers affected, will make it more competitive as it tries to halt its sliding U.S. market share.

Tentative agreement on Ford's four-year contract was reached around 3:20 a.m. EDT without a strike. The UAW held short strikes against General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC before reaching agreements with those automakers.

MASSACHUSETTS

New England braces for remnants of Hurricane Noel

HARWICH — High wind and heavy surf hit parts of the

Northwest on Saturday as the remnants of Hurricane Noel blustered northeastward across the open Atlantic. The worst of the storm's impact was expected to hit Cape Cod at high tide, expected between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., said National Weather Service meteorologist Bill Simpson. "The timing is not that good," he said. High wind warnings were in effect for coastal New Jersey, the eastern tip of New York's Long Island, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Maine.

Although the center of the storm was expected to pass about 175 miles east of Long Island, wind was already affecting that area Saturday morning, with the Long Island Power Authority reporting more than 400 customers blacked out.

FRANCE

French president Sarkozy to make first official trip to U.S.

PARIS — He's vacationed in New Hampshire, lunched with the Bush family in Maine and taken a tough line on Iran. In his first six months as French president, Nicolas Sarkozy has lived up to his

pledge to heal relations with the United States from asunder by the Iraq war. The man known as "Sarko the American" takes his quest across the Atlantic this week in his first official trip to the United States, where he plans to tour Mount Vernon with President Bush and address a joint session of Congress, moves meant to "evolve the two centuries of ties between the two nations." "There is no question we are entering ... a dynamic, positive period. The tide has really turned in this relationship," U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicolas Burns said during a visit last week to Paris.

NORTH KOREA

U.S. team expected to begin disabling North's atomic program

SEOUL — A team of U.S. experts is expected to begin disabling North Korea's nuclear facilities on Monday, the U.S. envoy to disarmament talks with Pyongyang said. If carried out, it would mark the biggest step the communist country has taken to scale back its atomic program. Envoy Christopher Hill also said Saturday that the North — one of the world's most isolated countries — appeared to be opening up, and said U.S. lawyers had begun working with Pyongyang to remove the communist regime from Washington's list of countries sponsoring terrorism. "By Monday morning, they will begin their work," Hill said, referring to the U.S. team that arrived in Pyongyang on Thursday. "It's a very big day because it's the first time it's actually going to start disabling its nuclear program."

CORRECTION

Wrong percentage of charter schools A story Friday in the Times-News about charter school transportation contained incorrect information provided by a source, who gave the wrong percentage of charter schools in Idaho that provide transportation to students. The correct number is about 75 percent.

the North shut down its Yongbyon reactor in July and promised to disable it by year's end. — from wire reports

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Benefits

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"I think it's been a great thing," he said. "I've been working long enough for the county to remember when we got nickels and dimes as a raise."

Common dollars and cents

The four-year jump might appear expensive — the coroner's salary, for example, is now 78 percent higher than before the program. But many county workers applaud the long-run benefits compared to increases of the past.

Before the program began, wage hikes were a generic 3 percent to account for cost-of-living. But they were not always down the line and based on merit and employee performance.

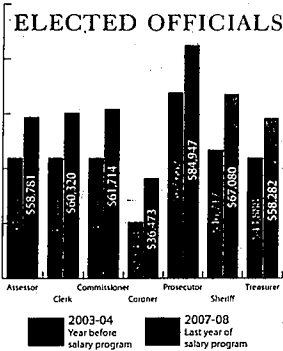
A change was needed.

In May 2004, the county commissioners Bill Brockman, Gary Grindstaff and Mikeseil set in place the policy aimed at improving salaries for newly-hired employees, current employees and employees who move within positions in the county.

The salaries are determined on a yearly survey of the county conducts using the 10 most populous counties in Idaho, and information from the Idaho Department of Labor and the Idaho Association of Counties. Salaries are set using the 10-county average and must range between 75 percent and 110 percent of the average. Unlike many private companies, there is no generic pay scale in Twin Falls County.

"We shouldn't be the high-

COUNTY SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS



est paid employees and we should be the lowest. We shouldn't be where we're at," said Mikeseil. "We're in the middle. That's exactly where we needed to be."

Nevertheless, some subjectivity remains. First, employee salaries are set by department heads, who are elected officials — although commissioners oversee more than a dozen departments, including Sandrus's. As an example, a receptionist in one department might receive a higher raise than another.

Second, Twin Falls has some unique positions — such as status offender coordinator — that are categorized separately, according to a study by the IAC. In that case, the county determines

the salary based on tenure and job skills.

Multi-year salary compensation programs are not unusual, said Dan Chadwick, executive director for the IAC. Sometimes counties use consultants, but others do so internally, like Twin Falls.

Certainty and stability

Nowhere was the feeling of turnover more prevalent than in the county's juvenile detention program. Kids between the ages of 10 and 17 are sent to the 27-bed facility if a judge decides not to release them or place them on probation. Between 2001 and 2006, 103 part-time and fulltime workers left the department.

Linda Mann, 57, the detention administrator, said that the turnover was due to the low wages and she found herself devoting most of her time to interview job candidates.

"There are quite a few men who are in the area to do this work but they have to support their families," said Mann, a 14-year county employee. "By implementing that four-year policy, it really helped."

In 2005, 13 employees left her department and last year there were eight. This year saw just three leave through June. There are now 18 full-time workers and nine part-time staffers.

"We've seen a drastic improvement with us being able to retain," she said. "I'm just not focusing on that interview process."

Jerry Woolley, the county's jury commissioner and courts assistance officer, took a job with the county traffic court in 1981. She's witnessed first-hand the turnover: more than 25 years later, just three of her original coworkers remain.

"It's been great to see new people come and stay," she said. "Instead of looking at the bottom dollar, they've stayed here to realize we all stick together."

Obviously, Woolley could've left for more money. But she prefers the county — job security, health benefits, a fun environment — and sees the roadblocks in increasing pay. "A lot of the things in the county have stayed the way it's gone because, unless that pot's boiling over, they're not going to address it," she said.

"Salary was just something they couldn't do."

Sandrus — who said the number of adult misdemeanors on probation has risen from when he started from about 200 to 700 — said that former commissioners are probably to blame.

"I would say that it had to do with management," said Sandrus, 40. "How else do you fall behind in wages?"

What made commissioners change their mind? Mikeseil pitched the idea early on in his first term, in January 2003, but said it wasn't initially accepted by Brockman or Grindstaff.

"If we were resistant to it, it was because we weren't

sure there was enough money in the budget," said Brockman. "We all worked together once we saw the turnover and found out there was money in the budget."

The current commission said the salaries are now competitive, with the goal being to maintain them and not fall behind as in the past. Mikeseil, who said he plans to continue the yearly survey, said employee conditions can always improve, but declined to name specific ways.

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Start date for Idaho Meth Project ads uncertain

COEUR D'ALENE — Not enough money is available yet to know exactly when the Idaho Meth Project's statewide anti-cannabis campaign depicting the negative effects of the illegal drug will begin, an official said.

"Since we're at the whim of fundraising efforts, there's not a certain date (for the ads to start) at this point," said executive director Megan Ronk. "Our goal is to have them launch in the first quarter of '08."

The ads filled with blood, images of pale young faces riddled with sores, and graphic scenes of violence, car collisions and desperate teenage criminals were originally planned to start this month.

But, Ronk said less than half of the \$2.7 million goal to start the ads has been raised so far. About \$1 million has been raised with the latest donation of \$25,000 by the Qwest Foundation.

"We just need to be at a point where we're confident enough that we have enough in the bank for the project for a whole year," Ronk told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "The one thing we all want to avoid is only having it for six months, then have it fizzle out. That's not the type of impact that we're looking for. We want an ongoing, sustained effort."

The ads will appear in a broad range of outlets,

including television, local and high school newspapers, radio and billboards.

It's modeled after the Montana Meth Project, an effort in that state spearheaded by a private, nonprofit group. Launched in Montana in 2005, the project is credited by officials with dramatically

reducing meth consumption.

The Idaho Meth Project is a private, nonprofit organization operating under the auspices of the United Way of Treasure Valley.

"Ideally, we'd like to have more than half of the target in the bank (before launch-

ing the ads)," Ronk said. "If we bring in another half-million in the next 60 days, we'll be in a really good position."

As part of the ads, Ronk said, the project is looking for people to talk about how meth has hurt their families.

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Liquor

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Beverage Control law by a committee that has met privately since February. But license holders and industry sources say they have been left out of the process and worry that a complete overhaul is financially unviable.

"The main thing is it's going to take away the value of any existing licenses that people have invested heavily in — their livelihoods," said Denise Rogers, who worked for the ABC for 13 years and was executive director of the Idaho Licensed Beverage Association until she resigned this summer over the licensing issue.

Liquor licenses in Idaho are awarded by the state on a per-capita basis: one license for every 1,500 in population in a city. A 250-page draft proposes the abolition of the quota and delegates licensing authority to counties and cities, said Bob Wells, an Otter adviser who heads the committee.

"That's keeping with the governor's philosophy that government functions' best when it's closest to the people," said Otter spokesman Jon Hanlan, adding that "not doing something is not an option." He said Otter would support the task force proposals, but would "of course have the final say and is not legally bound" by them.

The licenses would be non-transferable, due to an opinion by the state's attorney general that found them to be similar to other Idaho licenses, Wells said. Currently, the license holder can sell it like a franchise, pocketing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"What we're doing is rewriting the entire code to make it easier for someone to do business in relation to liquor-by-the-drink," said Wells. "Why should an agency in Boise be dictating to Twin Falls or anywhere else how many bars they can have?"

Existence of the 15-member committee was revealed in August by the Times-News. Its membership includes three state lawmakers, state officials and lobbyists, many of whom reside in the Treasure Valley.

Officials say economic development and tourism are driving forces. Restaurants make more money when they sell liquor, and officials said the change will make Idaho more attractive to chains. The population limit poses problems for places such as resorts in small cities or rural areas that need to seek special exemptions from the Legislature. A lobbyist for Tamarack Resort, Scott Turlington, sits on the committee.

An ongoing concern — and common knowledge in Idaho — is how licenses can be sold or leased for an unlimited amount, and have led to people spending hundreds of thousands. Wells said he's looking at a variety of options, including allotting multi-year tax credits as a way of easing the loss to current license holders.

But after Wells reviewed part of the draft with the ILBA last week, some members expressed frustration — especially since they haven't seen it themselves.

Kurt Kruezer, an ILBA member who owns Kruezer's Night Life in Twin Falls, said he favors competition but a new system might be problematic.

"I don't think the communities are going to want a bunch of liquor licenses running around, as opposed to 10 bars having them," he said. He said the committee appears to be trying to bypass the ILBA.

Kruezer said there could be a compromise to allow licenses for economic development — such as chain restaurants — but still have a limit for bars or nightclubs.

Meanwhile, much of the committee remains a mystery since it meets privately (although officials say taxpayer money is used). Besides plans regarding the quota system, other proposals haven't been disclosed. And Wells told the committee — and the ILBA — not to discuss matters with the media.

Nevertheless, any proposals need legislative approval. Sen. Denton Darrington-Rico, the longest-serving

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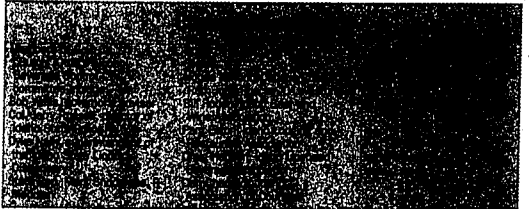
— Bob Wells, an adviser to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter

legislator and a member of the Senate State Affairs Committee, said he wasn't familiar with the proposal, but that changing entire sections of code at once is not unusual.

"I'm very willing to entertain, to listen and to hear and

to study," he said. "I don't know if they (cities and counties) need some kind of guideline. It would seem realistic they would."

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Actress

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Soon enough, Hendricks' career eclipsed most small-town dreams. Modeling in New York and London, Hendricks appeared in *Elle*, *Harper's Bazaar* and *People*, and began acting for television in 1999. Among her first roles was a guest spot on *Joss Whedon's* vampire drama *Angel*.

"It was one of my very first jobs ever. I just had a few lines," Hendricks said from her home in Los Angeles. She appreciated Whedon's aesthetic, however, and would later guest-star in another show he created, the short-lived space Western *"Firefly,"* which aired in 2002. *"Firefly"* gained popularity after its cancellation, and Hendricks has enjoyed being recognized by fans.

"It's amazing. It's sort of been growing over the years," she said. "I didn't know how good the show was. I just knew how much fun I was having (filming it)." She remains friends with many of its stars, including *Morena Baccarin* and *Nathan Fillion*.

Before being cast in *"Firefly,"* however, Hendricks appeared in several of John Wells' shows, including the short-lived *"The Court,"* with *Sally Field*, and four episodes of *"ER."*

"Not only was I young and starting out, I was working on the best TV," Hendricks said. She credits Wells for the opportunity. "I call him my fairy godfather a little bit."

The experience with Wells propelled Hendricks to guest roles on numerous shows and a starring role on UPN's *"Kevin Hill,"* in which she acted opposite *Baye Digs*. After one season, that show was not renewed, and Hendricks took more guest parts until she was cast in *"Mad Men"* on AMC.

The talk of the town

Cable networks have been behind some of the best-received shows to appear recently on television, including *"The Sopranos"* and *"Six Feet Under,"* both of which

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Where to see her

Christina Hendricks stars in *"Mad Men"* on AMC. The season one finale aired Oct. 18, but AMC continues to show reruns of the first season's 13 episodes. They air at 8 p.m. Thursdays on Cable One. The second season will air in summer 2008. Hendricks has guest-starred in episodes of *"Life,"* which airs at 9 p.m. Wednesdays on NBC, and *"Notes from the Underbelly"* on ABC, premiering for the season on Nov. 26.

have finished their runs.

"There's a need for someone to fill that gap where they were," Hendricks said. "Cable's where everyone wants to be right now. They're putting out the most creative shows and are supportive of projects."

She says *"Mad Men"* is on par with those critical darlings. "I think it's fantastically written. I think it's smart. ... It's different than anything else on TV," Hendricks said. She worried that the show would end up in the brilliant-but-cancelled category. "With *Mad Men*, this was 'Oh, no, this show is too good. It's never going to stay on the air.' It was so smart and so different. I thought we were doomed."

The critics agree. *The Los Angeles Times* wrote that the show "appeared as if from a planet

more advanced than ours," and "justifiably ... grabbed magazine covers and top 10 lists." *The New York Post* called it "the best show you're not watching," and *USA Today* described it as "a joy to watch — the clothes, the clocks, the furniture, it's like a mid-century night's dream. But this is no mere period piece. It's a smart, complex drama."

Hendricks said she has most often been cast in roles as "the sweet, goody best friend." *Joan Holloway*, her *"Mad Men"* character, is definitely not that.

As Joan, Hendricks beguiles with her creamy skin and flame-red hair, and her curvaceous figure is complemented by tailored, period outfits.

She's had that figure since her early teens, Leonard remembered. "Christina, even at 14, had this amazing sophistication and this amazing, beautiful woman's body, very curvaceous," Leonard said. She is pleased that Hollywood pressure to be ever-skinnier hasn't changed Hendricks. "Even then, this need to be smaller than was rearing its ugly head did not seem to affect her."

Hendricks' character, a secretary, makes the most of that physical presence. Although mores of the time dictated a woman should work only until she lands a husband, Joan is in an affair with her boss, who won't leave his wife. Caught between unrealized love and competent professionalism, she mentors other women in the office who must deal with the booze-soaked, sexist atmosphere.

"It seems really far-off and bizarre because we're in 2007 and the way a woman would act in the office is significantly different," Hendricks said. "It's what worked for her, and she's trying to teach the other girls in the secretarial pool."

In her own life, Hendricks said, she's anything but manipulative and vengeful, so it's a great creative challenge to play this character.

While *"Mad Men"* is on hiatus — filming for the 2008 season will begin in a few months — Hendricks is playing a recurring guest role on the new NBC drama *"Life."* Even if *"Life"* continues to draw critical raves, though, her loyalty is to the AMC show.

"*Mad Men's* my home," Hendricks said.

Watching her grow

Because so many try and fail to achieve success in Hollywood, Leonard is pleased as punch that her friend is becoming a star.

"It's been fun to just watch this progression of her maturity and being discovered as the talent she has always been," Leonard said.

When they see Hendricks in a commercial or on a TV show, Leonard and her children call each other to share the sighting. Leonard remains friends with other JUMP alumni and said Hendricks' success is a topic of conversation for them, as well.

"What I admire so much about her is her courage, the courage to follow this dream and the courage to go to auditions and to be rejected and to continue in this process," Leonard said. "She's just a sparkler, with great humility. That's a difficult thing to come across in a young person."

Hendricks shows some of that humility when she talks about why she stuck with acting.

"First of all, it's all I can do, it's my only skill," she said with a laugh. "I never thought I'd do anything else."

Jumping from school to school as a kid, Hendricks learned to observe others, which she said has served her well as an actress.

"I've always been someone who really watches other people, human behavior. To watch it and be able to express it through your version has always been really exciting to me."

Hendricks hasn't been able

to visit Twin Falls as often as she would like, but she hopes to catch up with Leonard and others soon.

"I wanted to stay in Twin Falls. I loved it," she said. "I always think of it with very fond memories."

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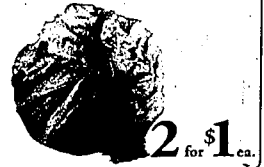
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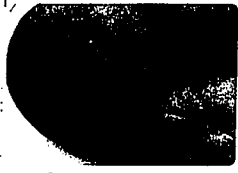
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Iraq's prime minister pledges to take on Kurdish rebels who are attacking Turkey

By Anne Geagan
Associated Press writer

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Iraq promised Saturday to work with its neighbors and the U.S. to combat Kurdish guerrillas who have attacked Turkey from hide-outs in the north. The border crisis overshadowed Iraq's other problems at an international conference on the country's future.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice acted as a buffer and go-between for Turkey, an important NATO ally, and the U.S.-backed government in Baghdad. She sought to stave off what the Bush administration fears could become a dangerous new front in the Iraq war, now in its fifth year.

"Iraq should not be a base for attacks against neighbors," Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told delegates at the meeting hosted by Turkey. "We will cooperate with our neighbors in defeating this threat."

The deaths of more than 40 people over the past month have pushed Turkey to threaten an offensive across the border unless Iraq and the U.S. can neutralize the Kurdistan Workers Party rebels, known by the initials PKK.

Turkey's military chief has said his country will not make a final decision until after Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan meets with President Bush on Monday in Washington. The rebel issue is considered a political

watershed for Erdogan, and many Turks assume he intends to go ahead with an attack regardless.

"I am expecting that this trip will result with the United States... taking solid steps," Erdogan said. The prime minister said the talks will focus on "PKK terrorism."

Although the Bush administration is urging restraint, the American ambassador in Iraq told reporters that U.S. cannot tell Turkey what to do. "The Turks are not likely to feel they need to seek our permission. They are a sovereign state," Ryan Crocker said.

Rice met separately with foreign ministers from Iraq and Turkey on the sidelines of the conference, even as Turkish troops massed on the

border.

"The Turks are understandably concerned about the continuing terrorist attack," Rice said. "They are understandably concerned that it doesn't appear that anyone has been able to stop the PKK. But I do think we made very clear our commitment that we really do consider this a problem for us as well and that therefore we are going to have to find a way to resolve it."

The conference did not include a leader of the regional government that runs the Kurdish region of northern Iraq as a nearly autonomous nation-state. That government has perhaps the best chance to control the rebels and avert a Turkish attack.

"Iraq should not be a base for attacks against neighbors."

— Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki

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Bush continues to laud AG nominee after key Dems decide to support him

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — After two Democratic senators agreed to back his attorney general designate, President Bush on Saturday worked to seal the confirmation of Michael Mukasey.

"He is a man of character, and he had been praised by Republicans and Democrats alike for his honesty, intellect, fairness and independence," Bush said following a week of ups and downs in getting Mukasey confirmed amid a debate over waterboarding, which simulates drowning and is widely viewed as torture.

The retired judge has refused to say whether he considers the practice an illegal interrogation technique.

Bush used his weekly radio address to nudge Mukasey's nomination to the finish line, a day after Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., gave him a nod. Their backing virtually assured that the Senate Judiciary Committee would recommend his confirmation to the full Senate when it votes next Tuesday.

Leaders in both parties expect Mukasey to get at least 70 votes when the entire Senate votes on whether to

confirm him to succeed former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Torture is considered a war crime by the international community and waterboarding has already been banned by the U.S. military. But CIA interrogators are believed to have used the technique on terror detainees as recently as a few years ago.

Schumer, who met privately with Mukasey on Friday to discuss waterboarding, said he was confident the nominee would enforce any law passed that bans the interrogation practice. Schumer said Mukasey told him that if Congress passes a law banning waterboarding, "the president would have absolutely no legal authority to ignore such a law."

Mukasey has called waterboarding personally offensive, but in response to questions from senators, he said he didn't know enough about it to legally define it as torture.

Bush said Mukasey could not give such a legal opinion because the program is classified and the nominee has not been briefed on it. Mukasey also did not want to telegraph information about interrogation methods to dangerous detainees, Bush said.



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Pakistan's president replaces chief judge, cuts communications, suspends constitution

By Matthew Pennington
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Gen. Pervez Musharraf suspended Pakistan's constitution and deployed troops in the capital Saturday, declaring that rising Islamic extremism had forced him to take emergency measures that included replacing the nation's chief justice and blocking out the independent media that refused to support him.

Authorities began rounding up opposition politicians despite calls from Washington and other Western allies not to take authoritarian measures.

The U.S. called for Musharraf to restore democracy. However, the Pentagon said the emergency declaration does not affect U.S. military support for Pakistan and its efforts in the war on terrorism. Britain said it was deeply concerned.

His leadership threatened by an increasingly defiant court and an Islamic movement that has spread to Islamabad, Musharraf said Pakistan was at a "dangerous" juncture and extremists had directly challenged the



Employees of a local film lab watch President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, right reflected in glass, deliver a televised speech to the nation in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Sunday.

government's authority. "The extremism has even spread to Islamabad, and the extremists are taking the writ of the government in their own hands, and even worse they are imposing their obsolete ideas on moderates," the president said in an address to the nation late Saturday on state-run television.

Musharraf replaced the chief justice of the Supreme

Court — who had emerged as the main check on his power — before a crucial Supreme Court ruling on his future as president. His emergency order accused some judges of "working at cross purposes with the executive" and "weakening the government's resolve" to fight terrorism.

He criticized the Supreme Court for failing to make a ruling yet on whether to validate his contentious victory in a presidential election, and for punishing government officers, including police. He said this had left the government system "semi-paralyzed."

Seven of the 17 Supreme Court judges immediately rejected the emergency, which suspended the current constitution. Police blocked

entry to the Supreme Court building and later took the deposed chief justice and other judges away in a convoy, witnesses said.

In his television address, Musharraf said he hoped democracy would be restored following parliamentary elections.

"Put, in my eyes, I say with sorrow that some elements are creating hurdles in the way of democracy," said Musharraf, who was wearing civilian clothes and spoke firmly and calmly. "I think this chaos is being created for personal interests and to harm Pakistan."

The order drew swift complaints from the United States and Britain — Musharraf's main Western allies. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged

restraint on all sides and a return to democracy.

The United States "does not support extraconstitu-

tional measures." Rice said from Turkey, where she was participating in a conference with Iraq's neighbors.

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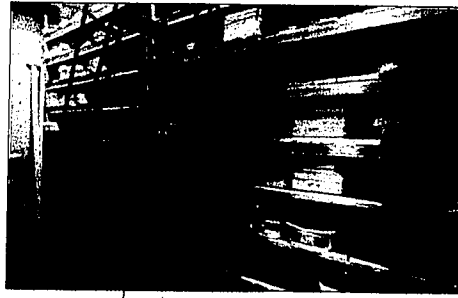
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Travis Ballard, 24, makes Danish Pearl cheese Thursday morning at his family production facility near Gooding. Ballard Family Cheese, which has been making cheese for the past three years, sells seven different varieties and is the only specialty cheese maker in the state.

Cheese producer hopes to market uniquely Idaho cheese

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

It's 4:30 a.m. and the only movement among the patchwork of pastures outside the small town of Gooding is Steve Ballard feeding his herd of dairy cows.

The early mornings are a tribute that Ballard pays to accomplish something he set out to do with his family three years ago — to make the "best damn cheese."

Ballard Family Dairy & Cheese, which operates in a small shop near Gooding, is doing something singular even in a part of Idaho that state officials call the "dairy belt."

They are producing a cheese that is crafted, packaged and sold as uniquely Idaho.

It's something that Steve and Stacie Ballard have been excited about for several years as they tinkered with cheese recipes until they found the right flavors.

"This area is a great place for dairy because it has a good climate and exactly what you need to raise it. In so many ways, the reason Idaho doesn't really have a cheese that I can call its own."

Ballard Family Dairy & Cheese is family owned and operated in every respect. Steve and Stacie, along with



A 300-gallon vat of Danish Pearl cheese made Thursday morning.

their son, Travis, and their daughter, Jessica, have worked for three years to adapt unique cheeses such as Golden Greek and Danish Pearl to capture flavor that can only be achieved in arid Idaho.

The family now produces seven different styles of cheeses that carry the label — and flavor — of the Gem State.

"We take the milk directly from our cows to the vats and, unlike the large cheese producers, we do

everything in small batches with very little technology," Ballard said. "During the entire process our No. 1 priority is the cow, because you can't make good cheese without good milk, and that only comes from a healthy cow — that's really what you taste in the cheese."

But the taste, says Ballard, is the most difficult thing to market because people must first try it to appreciate it.

To remedy the problem, the

"During the entire process our No. 1 priority is the cow, because you can't make good cheese without good milk, and that only comes from a healthy cow."

— Steve Ballard

Ballards travel to cheese shows where they are gaining clients and enjoying popularity while they remain largely unrecognized at home.

In less than three years the Ballards have established regular clients as far away as California and South Carolina.

Local grocers say Ballard's cheese is growing in popularity, however.

"They haven't been out that long but we're already noticing how our customers are starting to recognize the (Ballard's) cheeses," said Tom Ashenbrenner, owner of Rudy's: A Cook's Paradise, which sells the Ballard's cheeses alongside specialty cheeses from Oregon, California and countries overseas.

"I don't know if they're looking for the cheeses because it's made in Idaho or because of the taste, but more and more, they are seeking those specific cheeses."

Ashenbrenner said. Ballard cheese is more expensive than many store-bought brands — a 2.5 pound block of Idaho Golden Greek costs \$12.00 — and it is only available in specialty food stores, as well as RiteWay's and local Win Co supermarkets.

Oregon, with cheese production that pales in comparison to Idaho — ranked fourth in the nation in milk production — has succeeded in branding at least three cheeses, including the Tillamook and Bandon brands, that are sold nationwide.

Tillamook dairymen market their famous cheddar as unique because it is produced with milk from Oregon's cool, humid climate using nutrient-rich feed.

Ballard said he is not looking to mimic another cheese producer's product.

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Sometimes home-alone workers can benefit from other telecommuters

By Jason M. ...
The Hartford Courant

ENFIELD, Conn. — For most office drones, the notion of swapping a fluorescent-lit cubicle for a workday on the living room couch sounds utterly brilliant. And Sony Parlin won't sugar-coat it. In so many ways, the Enfield resident says, it really is.

Your gas-guzzling commute becomes a downstair stroll to the kitchen table. Your office uniform eases into sweat pants and slippers. And

your productivity flows, unbroken from the interruption of brainstorming meetings and office chatter.

But this he won't sugar-coat, either: "It can get really lonely," says Parlin, 34, who telecommutes from home most days as a chief technical officer for Green26.com, a Massachusetts-based start-up company.

(To say nothing of the personal hygiene routine, that inevitably falls by the wayside. Turns out that sometimes you really do need a little outside motivation to

brush your teeth before noon).

To remedy Parlin's predicament, he and his wife, copy writer Kara Parlin, are a little more than a month into a weekly experiment they're modeling after an international co-working movement. Every Wednesday, the Parlins open their 1,200-square-foot colonial to other work-at-home professionals who enjoy their newfound flexibility, but miss the social aspects they left behind in offices, parties and company town.

So far, the Parlins have had

three other takers. They view this as a success in their wait-and-see approach to a concept they hope expands to as many as 10.

On a groggy recent Wednesday morning, cushy couches and a dining table serve as workspaces for the faty, galled, tapping their laptops, cell phones lit at the ready. Coffee and conversation flow freely.

"For Sony, it's something that really breaks up the day," says Kara Parlin, 31, who works in the game devel-

opment company Hasbro and dabbles in Web design on the side. "For me, part of my life is meeting other people in the Web space, so this is a good networking tool."

It's one the Parlins borrowed from other movements that have taken off in larger cities over recent months, with the most recognized being a co-working community called Jelly. Sprung from the New York City apartment of Web entrepreneur and blogger Anne Curtis, Jelly began in February 2006 and now has other communities

established in Austin, Texas; Atlanta, Boston, and Sydney, Australia. At least 15 other Jellies are gathering steam, says Curtis. And a wide devoted to co-working spaces lists more than 30 groups around the country, from San Jose, Calif., to Portland, Ore., to Boston's Chicago.

Some are structured, permanent office spaces that workers rent for a fee. Some are more casual, moving from home to home. Others are in between. Please see WORKERS, Page B2.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Joan Jagels

BOISE — Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter recently appointed Idaho Association of Public Accountants (IAPA) Secretary/Treasurer and Past President Joan Jagels, certified public accountant, to serve a five-year term on the Idaho State Board of Accountancy. She replaces board member Bette Jo Berryman of Meridian. She joins the seven-member board of directors that governs the State Board of Accountancy. Her term will expire Aug. 31, 2012.



Jagels

Jagels, who has had a public accounting practice in

Twin Falls since 1986, serves both individuals and closely-held businesses with accounting, tax preparation and business planning. She was a graduate of the University of Idaho in 1980 and is currently serving a third term as the Secretary/Treasurer of the IAPA. Jagels is a Past President of the IAPA.

Barbara Morales

Barbara Morales, realtor with Canyonside Realty's Twin Falls office and member of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors, has completed the curriculum required to achieve the highly acclaimed "Graduate Realtor Institute" (GRI) designation.

To receive this designation, a realtor must attend an



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intensive series of classroom instruction, covering a variety of subjects including contract law, professional standards, sales and marketing, finance, and risk reduction. The Institute is taught by leading real estate professionals from around the country.

The GRI designation sets the individuals who have attained it apart from other practitioners because it indicates to the public that the individual has obtained a professional educational foundation on which to base the services they provide to clients and customers.

MILESTONES

LEARNING CENTER

St. Luke's announces award winners

BOISE — The President's Award was established to recognize outstanding role model employees at St. Luke's who have made significant contributions to the organization. Employees are nominated by their peers and winners are selected by St. Luke's Health System Chief Executive Officer, Ed Dahlberg. Winners include:

Angela Brady, registered nurse, works at St. Luke's Wood River. She has been described as considerate, empathetic, positive, professional, and knowledgeable. She is one of the St. Luke's Wood River Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner's, a job that requires the greatest sensitivity to patients needs.

Theresa Feustl, registered nurse, works at St. Luke's Boise. As a nurse preceptor, she is very dedicated to making sure new registered nurses have a positive and successful learning experience.

Brent Fricke, is the pharmacy system administrator at St. Luke's Boise. His expertise in pharmacy processes has contributed to high-level system-wide projects at St. Luke's. He has earned the "Distinguished Member Award" from the Idaho Society of Health System Pharmacists.

Samantha Lopez is the human resources director at St. Luke's Magic Valley and became the champion in Twin Falls as it became clear that the hospitals were about to join forces. She represented the opportunities and challenges to Magic Valley employees, generating trust and enthusiasm for the M.D.

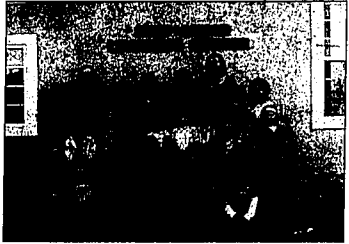
Stephen Montamat, M.D., who works for St. Luke's internal medicine, is the chairman of the Idaho State Medical Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. He works with the Joint Commission surveyors to ensure medication standards are being met. He recently accepted the position of medical director for SLIM.

K.C. Murphy, M.D., became the medical director for Air St. Luke's after completing a successful career in emergency medicine. He works with the Joint Commission surveyors in improving the health care delivery system in the region. He recently announced his retirement from St. Luke's and is currently retaking his emergency medicine boards to volunteer in international refugee camps.

Gall Myers is the unit services supervisor for St. Luke's Meridian emergency department and is responsible for the organization and arrangement of crucial items that are needed within the department.

Greg Orr, director of SLIM and physician services, has effectively managed the growth of SLIM. He has been instrumental in recruiting more than 25 providers and managing the growth of support staff from 44 to more than 100.

Ben Slee, a registered nurse in St. Luke's Boise



Courtesy photo

The Step Ahead Learning Center celebrated being a new member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting. The chamber's Ambassadors joined in the celebration. Step Ahead Learning Center is located at 273 Shop Ave. W., Twin Falls. They are a daycare/preschool and their professional staff can assist you with the education of your children. For more information: 736-2000.

GRAND OPENING



Courtesy photo

American Graffiti Embroidery and Screen Printing, located at 306 Highway 24 in Heyburn, held a ribbon cutting with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Oct. 16 to commemorate its grand opening. The business offers screen printing, banners, decals, window stickers, magnet signs and promotional items. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information: 678-0242, or after hours at 312-5425.

AVON HAS A STORE



Courtesy photo

Avon has a store in Twin Falls. They are located at 799 Cheney Dr., Ste. E, Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors assisted with a ribbon cutting to celebrate their chamber membership. They sell all Avon products. They can be reached at 732-6003. Pictured from left, Bess Trevizo, Jennifer Anderson, Elaine & Burre California owners, Patie Morano-Gallo, Marlaeise Bishop and Marlaeise Ehlers.

CONTRIBUTIONS



Courtesy photo

A recent promotion held by the Oasis Stop and Go and Pepsi resulted in the donation of nearly \$3,500 to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. Pictured immediately next to the check from left, Dan Willie, owner of Oasis Stop and Go's; Monty Willis from Oasis; Brian Bolton from Pepsi; Don Hall, Boys and Girls Club; Darling Willis from Oasis; and Troy Willie from Oasis accompanied by the management team of the Stop and Go's and Boys and Girls Club.

M-C chamber sets Farmer Business Banquet

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce will present the 2007 Farmer Business Banquet Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Best Western Burley Inn, 818 N. Overland Ave.

Social hour is at 6 p.m., and dinner is at 7 p.m. A program will follow at 8 p.m. Those being honored at this year's

banquet are Wally Studer as Minidoka County Businessman of the Year and Forrest Hall, Cassia County Farmer of the Year.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. RSVP by Nov. 6. For more information: 679-4793.



Studer

Hall

Hay shortages in the Midwest leave cattlemen selling herds

By Jim Suhr Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — On his southern Illinois spread, where some 450 cows look to him for food, the only thing that seems to be growing these days are Dale Morland's headaches over hay.

The 55-year-old cattleman, like others in the Midwest and beyond, has been hurt by a one-two punch of a spring freeze and months of drought. They have salvaged hay crops and kept pastures from greening, forcing producers to tap hay stockpiles months earlier than usual. The scenario has left beef producers with few options other than selling off parts of their herds for fear there will not be anything to feed them through winter, or jockeying to buy increasingly scarce hay elsewhere at higher prices.

"I can name several guys down here with 50 to 100 cows who normally buy all their hay and there's just none to buy," Morland said Wednesday.

He expected to be selling off all but about 25 of his 275 calves in the next month or so "to get down to the bare minimum for winter."

Such tales of woe are not unusual across U.S. regions scorched by drought, cutting

hay production by as much as 80 percent in Tennessee to 50 percent or more in Kentucky. Much of Virginia, which usually produces three cuttings, got only one this year.

"We don't have anywhere in the United States where we have a large excess supply of hay stocks," said Kendall Frazier, spokesman for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The tight supplies have sent hay prices higher. On average across the country, Frazier figures, alfalfa hay — popular because of its high quality — fetches about \$25 a ton more than last year. Getting a cow through winter may require as many as two tons of hay, Frazier says.

"Say you have 300 cows — that's \$15,000 in higher costs just for hay," Frazier said. "That's why they're selling the cows."

On his farm near Anna, Morland does, not see any other choice.

Most years, he says, he has enough hay to carry his herd through winter, with the first cutting yielding three to four bales per acre and the second crop half that. This year's cutting's just two bales per acre the first time through "and essentially none the second," Morland said.

Mike Netemeyer can relate.

The dairyman with about 300 cows about 11 miles south of Greenville typically grows 80 acres of alfalfa, or three to four trailer loads of hay, each about 22 to 24 tons. But frost months ago "pretty much killed it all."

"So we've done everything we could to make up the difference," including buying more hay from the Kansas supplier he's used for years, he said.

Netemeyer has tried to stretch things into feed, hawing and chopping milo stalks and corn that has resprouted since recent rains. About 250 miles to the north, Vern Shiller is proof of just how fickle nature can be.

The 70-year-old retiree in Meheny County, which hugs the Wisconsin state line and did not lack rainfall this season, is swimming in hay. With four cuttings under his belt this year, he sold four semi loads to producers in Tennessee one day this week, and he's got at least another trailer load bound for Missouri.

"I've got probably three more semi loads I can sell," Shiller said. "It doesn't do me any good in inventory. If someone else needs hay, by God, we've got it." We got it priced reasonably," about \$90 a ton for decent quality alfalfa.

Workers

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"It was a very selfish thing," Gupta says of his initial motivation to bring entrepreneurs, freelancers, graphic and Web designers into his apartment for bi-weekly sessions (www.WorkAtEly.com). "I really liked working from home," says Gupta. Yet, it's really nice to have smart, creative people around to bounce ideas off of. So my roommate invited a friend or two to work with us for the day around the kitchen table. And that's how it really started."

The day's technology makes this brand of mobile work life that much more accessible. Cell phones, e-mail and wireless Internet

access allow employees the same productivity and connectivity they'd have in a traditional workplace. That technology is, in part, fueling a telecommuting trend worldwide.

"I can't say I really know of any company that has started a telecommuting program and then moved away from it," says Jean Taylor Simolo, program manager for Telecommute Connecticut, which consults with the state's employers to assist in their work-at-home program.

Increased productivity, employees happier with their day's flexibility and 60,000 fewer cars a day on Connecticut's roadways are

many hats in her 29-year history with St. Luke's. Jeanney Whitney is the senior medical staff coordinator for medical staff services in St. Luke's Boise and Meridian. She works closely with members of the medical staff, employees, and administration to improve the quality of health care in this region.

access allow employees the same productivity and connectivity they'd have in a traditional workplace.

Since the program works with employers looking to implement and maintain telecommuting policies for their workers, and not with work-at-home entrepreneurs and freelancers, Taylor Simolo is not as familiar with co-working groups. But she sees their benefit for practitioners and office socialization.

"It's made us think that the next time we do research, if we're finding (co-working communities) are a growing trend and not just a fad trend, we'll ask the question: Do you work remotely, or do you have a support group," says Taylor Simolo.

Moving cautiously on oil shale

Energy firms go slowly on development of resource

By Judith Kohler
Associated Press writer

MEEKER, Colo. — What better evidence of the daunting challenge that oil shale presents: Shell Frontier Oil & Gas, seen as the leader in the quest to free millions of barrels of oil in massive rock formations in a three-state area, doesn't expect to start commercial production any time soon.

The company has been researching ways to tap the vast resource for more than a quarter century, and has been running tests since 1996 on private land amid the sagebrush-covered hills and piñon pine and juniper forests of northwestern Colorado.

And yet in July, Shell withdrew a state mining permit to start work on a federal research and development lease granted by the Bureau of Land Management.

"There were a myriad of factors," Shell spokesman Tracy Boyd said.

One was ongoing research and testing. The results could change what Shell will ask for in its permits for work on three 160-acre parcels of federal land approved by the BLM for demonstration projects.

What isn't changing, Boyd said during a recent tour of Shell's research site, is the company's belief that the oil shale formations under western Colorado, eastern Utah and southwest Wyoming could help meet the nation's growing demand for energy.

"We (the industry) have this huge resource sitting here in the United States of unconventional oil in shale that is awaiting for someone to crack the technical nut," Boyd said.

Shell may apply for permits again in a year or so, he added. The company hopes to make a decision about commercial production within the next decade.

Federal and industry estimates peg the amount of oil trapped in the rocks from about 1 trillion to 1.8 trillion barrels, or three times the proven reserves of Saudi Arabia. Of that, roughly 800 million barrels are considered recoverable.

The catch is extracting the oil from the rock, something that's been tried on and off for nearly a century. The shale, or kerogen, is a precursor that is heated deeply enough or naturally processed long enough to complete the transformation to oil.

Turning the shale to oil requires heating it above ground after mining or, as Shell has done, in the ground, a process called in situ — "in place."



Tracy Boyd, spokesman for the Shell Mahogany Research Project near the northwest Colorado community of Meeker, talks outside the gate of the test site on Friday.



Workers, lower right, check the freeze wall at the Shell Mahogany Research Project near the small northwest Colorado community of Meeker on Friday. Shell is crafting a technique by which the company can extract oil from shale. The company has been researching ways to tap the vast resource for more than a quarter century and has been running tests since 1996 on private land in northwestern Colorado.

"There's talk about being the Saudi Arabia of oil," said Jeremy Boak, project manager at the Colorado Energy Research Institute based at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. "It's probably never going to be the Saudi Arabia of shale production rates."

Significant commercial production could be 10 to 20 years away, Boak said. But if the economic, technical and environmental issues can be resolved, he said, oil shale could help bridge the gap until renewable or alternative energy becomes more common.

Oil prices hovering above \$90 a barrel could make the attempt all the more enticing.

About half the oil shale underlying the region is in the Piceance Basin of northwest Colorado. That's where it's the "deepest, thickest, richest," Boyd said: 2,000 feet down to the base of the oil shale formation.

Besides Shell, Chevron USA and Midland, Texas-based ECL Resources Inc. received 10-year federal research and development leases in the basin last year.

Early this year the Interior Department approved a 10-year lease for Alabama-based Oil Shale Exploration Co. for the only oil shale experiment on federal land in Utah.

"The sheer magnitude of the resource is just world-class," said Robert Lestz, oil shale technology manager for Chevron USA.

The research leases could lead to larger ones for commercial production. By year's end, the BLM is expected to release a draft environmental review of commercial oil shale development. The analysis is

meant to provide a framework, more detailed reviews would be done as specific projects are proposed.

ExxonMobil Corp., which is increasing its natural gas production in Colorado, failed to land one of the research leases. It was Exxon's shutdown of its \$5 billion project near Parachute on May 2, 1982, that marked the end of the last oil shale boom and sent the western Colorado economy reeling for years. About 2,200 people lost their jobs on what's still referred to in the area as "Black Sunday."

On the 25th anniversary of the bust, companies on the vanguard of the latest efforts to tap oil shale say they're moving carefully and are mindful of the potential economic, social and environmental impacts.

Some politicians are urging caution. A measure by Rep. Mark Udall, D-Colo., in the House version of the 2008 Interior Department appropriations bill would prohibit using federal funds to prepare final regulations for a commercial oil shale leasing program or conduct commercial lease sales.

Udall has said he wants to make sure oil shale is developed responsibly to avoid another economic bust.

The 2005 federal energy bill required the BLM to prepare an environmental impact statement and commercial regulations.

Environmentalists worry that an oil shale boom could strain area water supplies and increase air pollution if more coal-fired power plants are built to power operations.

Lestz of Chevron said he

believes the technology wasn't adequate to mine oil shale in the 1970s and 1980s and doesn't know if it is yet.

"There's no certainty that we will be successful," he said. Chevron is working with the University of Utah and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico on its in situ process. Lestz said Chevron has spent a lot of time in the lab on the fundamentals and plans to drill on its research parcel by the end of the year to get material for further study.

At the Shell Mahogany research site, a web of gleaming silver pipes roughly the size of a football field attests to the years the company has spent on research. A coolant circulates through the pipes to freeze groundwater to form a wall designed to prevent water from flowing into the production area.

Underground heaters eventually will be inserted into the freeze wall to slowly cook the rock to at least 650 degrees Fahrenheit to free the oil. Building the wall will take another year.

Boyd said tests at a smaller site recovered 62 percent of the hydrocarbons, better than the 25 percent to 30 percent recovery rate for conventional oil and gas. He said the oil produced is high-quality transportation fuel.

Shell intends to move carefully to make sure it can produce the oil in economically and environmentally sound ways, Boyd said.

"We're committed to making sure that we don't hurry up and get to the point of production without fully assessing and making sure that we're in balance," he said.

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Congressional call for help

Congress presses administration for more help on foreclosures

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press writer

Foreclosure prevention tips

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress pushed the Bush administration on Friday to accelerate efforts to stem a rising tide of home foreclosures.

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank and other Democrats on the panel told administration officials time was critical, given statistics showing that 2 million subprime mortgages will start coming months at a much higher monthly payments, greatly raising the risks of defaults.

"Speed is important," said Frank. "Time is of the essence."

Frank questioned why the administration was not backing a proposal made by Sheila Bair, head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., that mortgage companies consider doing broad-based conversions of adjustable-rate mortgages to fixed-rate loans if the borrowers are current on their payments and living in their homes.

Treasury Undersecretary Robert K. Steel, the administration's point person on the mortgage crisis, said the administration could see benefits in a broader approach to speed refinancings and said the idea was being reviewed. But he stopped short of specifically endorsing Bair's approach.

Rep. Gwen Moore, D-Wis., said that she was troubled that mortgage lenders were moving too slowly to reach out to at-risk borrowers to start the process of refinancing mortgages.

"What are you doing to use the bully pulpit to get institutions more on board to stop these foreclosures," she asked.

Steel and Brian D. Montgomery, an assistant secretary of Housing and Urban Development who heads the Federal Housing Administration, said the government and industry groups have stepped up mass mailings, increased advertising and expanded toll-free telephone hotlines to provide assistance.

Steel said that 200,000 letters were going out this month to homeowners in jeopardy of foreclosure through an industry alliance known as HOPE NOW and this would be just the start of an aggressive outreach effort. He said that the administration was working "flat out" to deal with the crisis.

Many Democrats, howev-

A summary of foreclosure prevention tips offered by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development and Brothers Redevelopment Inc. of Denver:

- Contact your mortgage company as soon as you realize there may be a problem with making payments. Make sure to respond to all mail and other correspondence from the company.
- Educate yourself about homeowner's rights, foreclosure prevention options and foreclosure laws.
- Read mortgage documents carefully to become familiar with what would be required if you are unable to make payments.
- Prepare and follow a household budget to keep spending in line. Try to cut costs on non-essential items such as television, subscription services and other entertainment.
- Look for ways to make extra money by selling non-essential assets, taking on additional job or even renting out a room.
- Make an appointment with a non-profit housing counselor to review your situation and provide any assistance you need.

— The Associated Press

er, have been highly critical of the administration's efforts, contending that they are too dependent on the industry and offer too little in terms of government assistance to stem the number of foreclosures in the coming two years.

But Steel disagreed, saying that Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and other officials were devoting a large amount of time to dealing with the mortgage problems, which Paulson has said is the biggest threat to the economy at present.

"Under the president's leadership, the administration is working diligently to help mitigate the impact of rising foreclosures on homeowners and the economy," Steel said.

While the government reported Wednesday that the overall economy surged ahead at an annual rate of 3.9 percent in the July-September quarter, economists believe that the steepest downturn in housing in more than two decades will cut economic growth by half in the current quarter, raising concerns about a possible recession.

Cheese

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"What you taste in the cheese is the cheese beginning with the cow, so what we are trying to capture is something unique to our region," Ballard said.

Most people say Idaho is long overdue to have a cheese that it can call its own — especially when more than 10 large cheese producers currently operate in southern Idaho.

It does seem a little odd that one of the largest dairy producers in the nation doesn't have a cheese that it can be recognized by," said Lori Hamerly, who owns a small specialty food store in Boise. "I always knew that we were processing milk, but I never knew where it was going."

Most of the dairy products

that are produced by companies such as Glanbia, Jerome Cheese and Gansen are either packaged under another name, sold to fast-food restaurants or used in food supplements.

"But the Ballard's production pales in comparison to larger companies. The family cheese producer makes about 3,000 pounds of cheese per month compared to 575,000 pounds of cheese that is produced each day at Jerome Cheese."

However, Ballard said his small business could not survive financially without the help of Glanbia because it continues to buy most of his dairy's milk — he only uses about a third of it to produce cheese.

Still, with the exception of one business in Idaho that

produces cheeses using goat milk, the Ballards own the only business to produce small-batch specialty cheeses.

That leaves the Ballards in a unique position as pioneers of a uniquely Idaho cheese.

"We just got started, but now I think we found ourselves at the forefront of

something bigger," Ballard said. "We had to buy brand new equipment we brought in one of our cousins to help because we were having a hard time keeping up with demand."

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EDITORIAL

Stanching the red ink: Can the golf course do better?

Does the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course have to lose money?

It is, after all, a publicly owned facility, subsidized by the taxpayers to make possible greens fees low enough for use by golfers of modest means — and by senior citizens and youngsters.

But Twin Falls Muni last turned a profit in 1997 and its total losses have snowballed to more than \$400,000 in the decade since. Last year, it lost \$27,536, spending less than its projected budget and achieving its highest-ever revenue, \$371,804.

Under his five-year contract with the city, PGA Professional Mike Hamblin isn't required to report to the city revenue from lessons, the pro shop, snack bar and restaurant.

That contract expires next year, and a few members of the City Council — and more than a few members of the community — think the deal should get careful scrutiny before the city signs another golf management contract.

"We can't keep on losing money," Councilwoman Glenda Dwight said last week.

We agree.

The city's latest break-even proposition is selling corporate memberships to cover cover greens fees for employees at participating companies, starting at \$5,000 for a firm of 50 or fewer employees. City officials say the memberships could be a company perk.

That may or may not get the course back into the black, but it's impossible to tell for sure when we don't know how much total revenue the facility actually generates.

Hamblin's deal hearkens back to a day when Twin Falls was a community of 20,000 that had few options in contracting out city services. That's not the case anymore. The city can afford to be more choosy.

Good fiscal management demands that all options be on the table. That's especially true since there are many other pressing needs for tax dollars in Twin Falls.

By most accounts, Hamblin is well-respected and does an efficient job of managing Twin Falls Muni. But it's the citizens of this town who own the clubhouse, greens and fairways.

And it's up to the City Council — the taxpayers' representatives — to cut the best deal possible for them.

Our view:
The city of Twin Falls should carefully consider its options when the Municipal Golf Course management contract expires next year. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

When will Congress grow a spine?

Americans are wondering, with the lassitude of uninvolved spectators, whether the president will initiate a war with Iran. Some Democratic presidential candidates worry, or purport to, that he might claim an authorization for war in a Senate resolution labeling an Iranian Revolutionary Guard unit a terrorist organization. Some Democratic representatives oppose the president's request for \$80 million to equip B-2 stealth bombers to carry huge "dunker-buster" bombs, hoping to thereby impede a presidential decision to attack Iran's hardened nuclear facilities.



GEORGE WILL

While legislators try to leash a president by tinkering with a weapon, a sufficient leash — the Constitution — is being ignored by them. They are derelict in their sworn duty to uphold it. Regarding the most momentous thing government does, make war, the constitutional system of checks and balances is broken.

Congress can, however, put the Constitution's bridle back on the presidency. Congress can end unfettered executive war-making by deciding to. That might not require, but would be facilitated by, enacting the Constitutional War Powers Resolution, introduced last week by Rep. Walter Jones, a North Carolina Republican, it technically amends, but essentially would supplant, the existing War Powers Resolution, which has been a nullity ever since it was passed in 1973 over President Nixon's veto.

Jones' measure is designed to ensure that deciding to go to war is, as the founder insisted it be, a "collective judgment." It would prohibit presidents from initiating military actions except to repel or retaliate for sudden attacks on America or U.S. troops abroad, or to protect and evacuate U.S. citizens abroad. It would provide for



expedited judicial review to enforce compliance with the resolution, and permit the use of federal funds only for military actions taken in compliance with the resolution.

It reflects conclusions reached by the War Powers Initiative of the Constitution Project. That nonpartisan organization's 2005 study notes that Congress' appropriation power augments the requirement of advance authorization by Congress before the nation goes to war.

It enables Congress to stop the use of force by cutting off its funding. That check is augmented by the Anti-Deficiency Act, which prohibits any expenditure or obligation of funds not appropriated by Congress, and by legislation that criminalizes violations of the act. All this recites Rudy Giuliani's recent suggestion that the president might "have 'the inherent authority to support the troops' even if funding were cut off. Besides, American history is replete with examples of Congress restraining executive war-making. Congress has forbidden:

Sending draftees outside this hemisphere (1940-41); introduction of combat troops into Laos or Thailand (1950); restraint on troops into Cambodia (1970); combat operations in Southeast Asia (1973); mil-

itary operations in Angola (1976); use of force in Lebanon other than for self-defense (1983); military activities in Rwanda (1980s), in Nicaragua and Congo, Congress mandated the withdrawal of troops from Somalia, and forbade military actions in Rwanda.

When Congress authorized the president "to use all necessary and appropriate force" against those complicated in 9/11, Congress refused to adopt administration language authorizing force "to deter and pre-empt any future" terrorism or aggression. The wonder is that the administration bothered to seek this language.

The administration's "presidentialists" — including the president — believe presidents are constitutionally emancipated from all restraints regarding core executive functions, particularly those concerning defense and waging war. Clearly they think the rejected language would have added nothing to the president's inherent powers.

Congress' powers were most dramatically abandoned and ignored regarding Korea. Although President Truman came from a Congress controlled by his party and friends, he never sought congressional authorization to send troops into massive and sustained conflict. Instead, he executed

traces such as the U.N. Charter.

For today's Democrats, resistance to unilateral presidential war-making reflects not principled constitutionalism but pretense about the current president. Democrats were supine when President Clinton launched a sustained air war against Serbia without congressional authorization. Instead, he cited NATO's authorization — as though that were an adequate substitute for the collective judgment that the Constitution mandates.

Republicans, supposed defenders of limited government, actually are enablers of an unlimited president. Their belief in strict construction of the Constitution evaporates and they become, in behavior if not in thought, adherents of the woolly idea of a "living Constitution." They endorse, by their passivity, the idea that new threats justify ignoring the framers' text and logic about shared responsibility for war-making. Unless and until Congress stops its pratfall about presidential "usurpation" of power and asserts its own, it will remain derelict regarding its duty of mutual participation in war-making. And it will merit its current marginalization.

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ELECTION LETTERS

Kezele deeply concerned about future of Twin Falls

Will Kezele is the forward-thinking choice for Twin Falls City Council. Will has the business experience, the integrity and work ethic to lead our city in the direction it must take in the future. Will is a man of action, not reaction.

While preparing for this election, Will has researched all areas of the city government. As a respected business consultant, he has the ability to dissect a problem, identify the weakness and incorporate the solution. His ideas for solutions to securing new sources of water, encouraging commercial and residential growth in areas ensuring harmony between both sectors, and easing the ever-increasing traffic congestion are appealing and necessary for the stability and future growth of our community.

Will is deeply concerned about the future of the community where he and his wife are raising their family. His contribution to the Twin

Falls City Council would be immediately effective and beneficial to all of the citizens of Twin Falls.

LARRY CHRISTENSEN
BONNIE CHRISTENSEN
Twin Falls

Helder is the right person to replace Shawn Barigar

Shawn Barigar has too many positions and too much power in Twin Falls. It is just that simple.

We need a fresh new member of the Twin Falls City Council. One with fresh new ideas and one who really cares about the needs of all the people in Twin Falls, not just the developers and the special-interest groups.

We thanked God when just such a person decided to run against Shawn. He is Leo Helder, a longtime resident and businessman; a man of integrity with great new ideas for the future of Twin Falls. He is well-educated, highly educated and has the ability and the time to devote to the position of Twin Falls City Councilman.

Please join us and vote for Twin Falls City Councilman.

CARLETTA WILLIAMS
Twin Falls

Kezele will lead the way to a better Twin Falls

We have lived in this amazing community for only 18 years, but it is truly our home and we love it here. Four of our five children are raising their families here. We appreciate every effort that is made to make this the greatest place to live. Will Kezele is one of those special people we have watched grow and contribute to the great things that happen here.

Will is kind, energetic, and morally and ethically strong. Will has a big listening heart and a keen understanding of how to solve problems. Will has proven himself to be a great leader both in his industry, his personal life and this community. He just has a knack for helping people and making it a whole lot of fun in the process.

We encourage every citizen to make out on Nov. 6 and take the opportunity to vote. We just keep seeing Twin Falls get better and better, and with "Will," there is a way. See you at the polls.

JERRY MCCURDY
JUDY MCCURDY
Twin Falls

Barigar is kind of person who gives to community

I work for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and have worked under two presidents/chief executive officers, each with two totally different personalities. Both encourage staff to volunteer for the better of this community. I have been with the chamber staff has not given of themselves like our presidents/chief executive officers.

Some people are just born leaders and they have that drive within them to give back. Shawn Barigar will always be giving to his community because this is who he is. I read somewhere that "volunteering is not some-

thing that's just nice to do, it's necessary to solve important community problems." We all know we should do this, but not many of us do.

We all know giving back takes a lot of time away from our family and any personal activities we might enjoy. Most volunteering is done after you have worked eight or more hours; it takes dedication and a concerned individual to give of his or her own time. Giving back to your community is in a person's heart. I know that Shawn cares for this community and has the knowledge to make the decisions that are necessary to better this community because of his involvement.

Shawn's job working for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce just happens to be a job that is very visible in this community. If you would look at the community involvement Shawn had before he became president/ chief executive officer of the chamber, you would realize that he — the person — has not changed one bit, just his

place of employment. I encourage you to vote for Shawn Barigar on Nov. 6.

BOBBI FYLE
Twin Falls

Lois Skaug has ability, dedication to do good job

My wife, Lois Skaug, is running for Jerome City Council.

Lois has the ability and dedication to do a very good job. She has a strong educational background with two college degrees and seven full years of higher education.

Lois has diligently studied the issues and matters of Jerome. She is one of the very few candidates who is openly concerned about our continuing high property tax rate despite a stronger tax base. She is also concerned about the lack of effort to improve the shabby appearance of downtown's West Main Street.

I ask the voters to give her an opportunity. We can't lose.

JOE SKAUG
Jerome

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ELECTION LETTERS

Kezele's values are a rare find in a throwaway world

I have been frustrated recently with the inability to truly know the character of the candidates running for political office. It is difficult, with our limited sources of information, to know how the candidates will act in any specific circumstance presented to them. I have often wished that someone I knew might have some additional information that would help me make my choice on Election Day. To that end, I would like to voice my opinion with regard to a candidate that I do know. His name is Will Kezele. I don't just know Will a little bit. I have known Will for close to 20 years and I have seen him in almost every type of situation.

Will has been blessed with seemingly endless energy and creativity. He is honest to a fault. He loves his wife, his family and his dog. He is a businessman and knows the meaning of success and, yes, even on occasion failure, which is almost more important to me because I have seen how he has handled disappointments along with the successes.

In my association with Will, I find him infused with integrity. Unfortunately, that integrity is a describing that is not used in reference to a political candidate as much as we hope it would be, and yet it fits Will Kezele. I can promise you that you have concerns with regard to this city of ours that you can call him. He will be attentive, responsive and he will do what he says he will do. His values are conservative and they are values that are hard to find in this throwaway world of ours; values that are based on a foundation of God, Will Kezele and country.

I wholeheartedly recommend Will Kezele as someone you can trust; someone who would be a guardian of the trust of this great city of ours as you go to vote for Will Kezele for City Council and I would encourage you to do the same.

J. DEE MAY
Twin Falls

Barigar wears too many hats; vote for her

It is clearly a "conflict of interest" when our candidates all the positions that Shawn Barigar currently holds in Twin Falls. Shawn is now (1) president and chief executive officer of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, (2) a Twin Falls city councilman, (3) executive director of the Historic Downtown Association (I believe he has a new title but that was the name of the former director), (4) member of the St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board of Directors, (5) president of the Rotary Club, and perhaps many more that we don't know about.

Common sense prevails when these facts are revealed. No one individual can handle all these positions without a conflict of interest. However, we have the best possible solution to this problem. We are planning to vote for a man who has the education, the time and the ability to devote to the job of Twin Falls City Councilman. He is Lee Heider.

Lee Heider is a lifetime resident and businessman of Twin Falls, where he has raised his family and wants only the best for Twin Falls. He has fresh new ideas and will not be hurrying from one meeting to the next. Join me, my family and friends in voting for this fine man next Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Lee Heider for Twin Falls City Councilman.

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showed up to dig holes, cement posts and nail boards. Before the day was over, I had a new back fence and a friend.

I no longer live in the same home, but I often drive by, and my home is still standing firm, as does my friendship with Will and his family.

Over the years, I have found Will Kezele to be a man of integrity and charity. I have seen Will give of his time and means to assist people all around him. Caring about his community, and the people in it is a priority. He wants to make Twin Falls a community where people will feel welcome, productive and safe.

CINDY WADE
Twin Falls

New senior center will be well worth the effort

I can't believe I am finding myself writing my second letter to the editor in my lifetime. The subject matter must be important (I say to myself), and yes, I need it!

The concern is the need of a new Jerome Senior Center building.

There is one thing for sure, and that is we will all become senior citizens and may want a nice center to go to. We simply cannot ask for a bond to support repair or remodel. When we were through, we would still have a 100-year-old building with lack of internal space and no parking, particularly lack of handicapped parking.

The city is providing us with a wonderful lot to build on and has encouraged us to seek a new building. The current center, the Jerome depot, is on the state preservation designation, so we won't have to worry about it being destroyed. That gives me great relief for our precious Jerome history.

I urge all the citizens of Jerome City to get out and vote yes for the bond on Nov. 6. Polls open at Noon. Help your community! You

John Shine will make sure citizens' voice is heard

Since his appointment for Jerome City Council, John is a four-year term.

I'm writing this letter in support of John Shine for Jerome City Council. John is a current member of the council and is running for a four-year term.

Since his appointment for Jerome City Council, John is a four-year term. I have shown that he is a valuable addition to the council. He is a good listener and is committed to serving the citizens of Jerome by making certain their voice is heard.

John thoroughly researches and examines every matter that comes before the council to ensure his conclusions are fair and in the best interest of Jerome's future.

John understands the growth issues facing Jerome and, as an experienced businessman, he has the skills and ability to present a sensible point of view and offer solutions that will benefit the community.

He has the time and energy to devote to community leadership and has a history of commitment to public service. Since his appointment to the Jerome City Council, John has continually shown his loyalty to the citizens of Jerome and will continue to serve them well.

In the past year, John has proven he is a leader and

works well with city staff and citizens alike. He is a tremendous asset to the community, and I hope you will join me in voting for John Shine on Nov. 6.

EDNA PIERSON
Jerome

Kezele is 'Will'ing to share gift of leadership

My homeostasis was not interrupted when I first read of Will's decision to run for city council, simply because it's a "duh." If you know Will Kezele, the city council is a natural fit.

I met Will through his son, William, who sat in the first row of my health class, third hour on a day. I was passionately facilitating learning when he said, "My dad has a personality that is way better than all of these (Kelsey I remember Sorter, A/B personality tests, etc.)."

Little did I know how blessed my students and I would be to invite his dad as a guest speaker into my classroom. He brought information that connected with the heart and mind of each student; not only valid information, but his ability to sell it.

"No Student Left Behind is possible!" I thought, "All you need is relevant information to the learner coupled with effective instructional strategies and leadership charisma, and there would be no dozing daydreamers." Idealism aside, Will made a lifelong impact in a matter of one class hour. His ability to meet the needs of my students is testament that he can also reach the heart and mind of our great city.

According to the Encarta Dictionary, leadership is defined as the ability to guide, direct or influence people. In my opinion, the ability to lead is synonymous with the ability to lead well. To actually have the ability will be an innate gift. Will has been given this gift and he is

"Will"ing to share it with the Twin Falls community. Here's to an early Christmas present for all!

LEAH MOORE
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Leah Moore is a Twin Falls health educator, assistant varsity girls basketball coach and varsity pole vault coach.)

Jerome senior center: Next time vote for kids

I was driving through Jerome last Sunday and saw a huge banner hanging in the middle of town saying, "Vote for the Senior Citizen Center," and that made me think.

I've noticed in the past years there have been school bond elections that have failed because a lot of the senior citizens voted against them. I'm always amazed at this because they were educated in our public schools as were their children. Thank goodness there were enough citizens at that time that

voted for the schools. That would the school systems could keep up with the demand for the students and all of the government regulations.

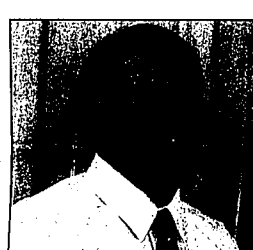
I'm not just targeting the Jerome seniors, just all of you around the Magic Valley. So come on senior citizens, next time, vote for the children — they are our future.

A senior myself,
BARBARA BLICK
Castelford

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Seat 5
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Rotary Club, American Legion, Idaho Works Board, Twin Falls Chamber
- Former Marine
- Board Member of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
- Endorsed by the Twin Falls Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge # 22.



Since joining the Twin Falls City Council two years ago Dave...

- Has brought a reasonable perspective and balance to the council and has been a positive influence for the benefit of our entire community.
- Has worked hard to serve the diverse needs and wants of our citizens.
- Has worked to balance growth and quality of life issues in Twin Falls.
- Is currently working alongside citizens groups, city leaders and fellow council members on updating our Comprehensive Plan and our Transportation Master Plan.
- Services with a council/citizens group reviewing sign ordinances that will provide for enforcement of unwanted sign clutter.
- Is liaison to the Parks & Recreation Commission and has been influential in assisting this citizens group in the bond, plus recognize how important it is to achieve a balance of quality, yet affordable programs for our families.

Nebraska teacher arrested in Mexico after fleeing with boy, 13

By Oskar Garcia
Associated Press writer

LEXINGTON, Neb. — A teacher accused of running away with a 13-year-old student planned a romantic life with him in his native Mexico, but she was near broke when they were captured there, authorities said Saturday. Their border crossing during a week on the lam may mean the teen, an illegal immigrant, will not be able to come back to the rural Nebraska town where he was an eighth-grader. The boy's relatives told police he had called home asking for money, leading investigators to a shopping mall in the border city of Mexicali on Friday, Kelsey

Peterson, 25, and Fernando Rodriguez, 13, were taken into custody without incident in the parking lot.

Peterson, a sixth-grade math teacher and basketball coach at Lexington Middle School, fled with the boy after police began investigating whether the pair had an intimate relationship, authorities said. Court documents said the boys was last seen Oct. 26. An international hunt was under way after Peterson's car was spotted crossing into Mexico on Tuesday.

"They didn't have a very well-defined plan. It was basically to continue driving into Mexico to hide," said Alfredo Arenas, the Baja California state police official who detained Peterson. "This was



Peterson Rodriguez

a mutual agreement to flee after the story came out that they were having sex."

The Associated Press generally does not identify people who are victims of sex crimes, but the boy's name had been widely publicized as police searched for him.

Peterson was turned over to the FBI early Saturday. The boy was turned over to relatives

in Mexico because he was an illegal immigrant in the United States and was not allowed to return, Arenas said.

Fernando's uncle, Pedro Raya, said he spoke to the boy Saturday and they agreed he would go to the family's rural hometown in the southern state of Guanajuato, mainly because of his immigration status.

"He's OK," said Raya, 47, of Yuma, Ariz. "I just told him to stay over there in Mexico and the FBI is going to take care of everything."

Dawson County Attorney Elizabeth Waterman said Saturday she knew about Fernando's immigration status but did not know how it was going to affect her

case against Peterson. "That's one of the things we need to answer so I really don't have an enviro at this time," Waterman said. "I don't know if that information is completely accurate as to if that's subject to change, but we're dealing with that."

Peterson is charged with kidnapping, child abuse and contributing to the delinquency of a minor in Nebraska. She's also faces federal charges of transporting a minor across state lines or a foreign border for sexual activity, U.S. Attorney Joe Stecher said.

Stecher said he didn't intend to double-prosecute Peterson, and would work with Waterman to decide in which jurisdiction she

would face charges. Court documents showed authorities had recovered several e-mails and letters in which Peterson and the boy professed their affection for one another.

In letters, the boy called Peterson his "Baby Girl" and said their relationship was "just not about the sex but that it was pretty good according to the court documents."

Fernando was an eighth-grader at Lexington Middle School, but district Superintendent Todd Chessmore said Rodriguez had been in Peterson's 6th-grade math class. He said he placed Peterson on paid administrative leave on Oct. 25.



More than 100 cars were involved in a series of collisions on I-99 Saturday, in Fresno, Calif. At least two people were killed and dozens more were injured in a massive pileup of as many as 100 vehicles on a foggy freeway Saturday morning, the California Highway Patrol said.

Pileup along highway near Fresno, Calif., kills 2, injures dozens

More than 100 vehicles involved in incident caused by foggy conditions

By Garance Burke
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — More than 100 cars and trucks crashed on a fog-shrouded freeway Saturday, killing at least two people and injuring dozens more, the California Highway Patrol said.

Eighteen big rigs were involved in the massive pileup on Highway 99 just south of Fresno as patches of dense fog obscured visibility on the heavily traveled roadway, CHP officials said.

"It looked like something out of a movie, walking up and seeing all the cars mangled and crushed," CHP Officer Paul Solorzano Jr. said.

A 6-year-old boy and a 28-year-old man traveling in separate vehicles were killed in the chain-reaction collisions around 7:45 a.m.

"There was probably 2-foot visibility in the fog when I got here. It was really bad," said Mike Bowman, a spokesman for the California Department of

Forestry and Fire Protection. "It looked like chaos. Cars were backed up on top of each other."

Rescuers had to extract several people from the wreckage, and three dozen patients to the hospital with injuries. A Fresno Fire Department spokesman Ken Shockley said.

"Everybody was trying to miss everybody, but it was impossible not to get hit," said Cindy Ramirez, 21, of Selma, whose purple Mazda pickup truck was rear-ended. "I'm fine physically, but I keep thinking about all of the things that could have happened."

Hours after the accident, the freeway was littered with smashed cars and trucks, broken glass, auto parts and blood. A big rig carrying stacked crates of live turkeys was stranded on the normally busy highway.

Crash victims gathered on the freeway shoulder near the wreckage, waiting to be interviewed by investigators.

The freeway's northbound lanes were shut down indefinitely as investigators worked to determine the cause of the crash. Traffic backed up for miles south of the wreckage. Southbound lanes remained opened.

Astronauts fix torn space station solar wing

By Liz Austin Peterson
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — A spacewalking astronaut fixed a ripped solar energy panel on the international space station Saturday in a difficult and dangerous emergency procedure that allowed the crew to extend the wing to its full length.

Spacewalker Scott Parazynski installed homemade braces on the torn wing and clipped the snarled wires that had ripped it in two places as it was being unfurled Tuesday. He then watched as the crew deployed the wing to its full 115-foot length.

Astronauts inside slowly extended the wing, watching closely for more problems. The wing was about three-quarters unfurled when the crew noticed the damage on Tuesday.

"Excellent work guys, excellent," space station commander Pegg Whitson said, after the wing was locked in place.

"Before we do the victory dance let's get Scott safely back to structure and then we can all rejoice," Discovery commander Pamela Melroy said as the robotic arm started driving Parazynski back to the station.

Perched at the tip of a 90-foot robotic arm and boom extension, Parazynski worked at the far left end of the linked, shuttle-station complex, about half a football field away from the pressurized compartments where the astronauts work and live.

The ugly snag involved a guide wire, two hinge wires and two grommets. Parazynski first clipped a 12-foot wire near the larger tear, using a special tool that looked like a hockey stick to

make sure the panel didn't spring back and hit him. The solar panel captures sunlight to generate electricity, and is alive with more than 100 volts of electricity, possibly as much as 160 volts.

"It's a bit of a reach here," Parazynski said, as he stretched to cut part of the guide wire.

"It's what those monkey arms are for," Melroy said, referring to Parazynski's 6-foot-2 height. As soon as Parazynski cut the guide wire, the approximately 90-foot stretch of it recoiled like the way down into a reef where fellow spacewalker Douglas Wheelock was controlling and monitoring it. To everyone's relief, it retracted smoothly.

"Beautiful. Nicely done," Parazynski reported.

Parazynski's helmet cameras sent close-up pictures of the damage to Mission Control and the space station, allowing the astronauts and experts on the ground to discuss the best way to tackle the damage on the gold-colored wing.

To reduce the risk of Parazynski being shocked by the electricity generated by the panel, all of the metal parts on his space suit were covered with insulating tape — triple-taped, in fact — as were all his tools.

Wheelock also kept a close eye on Parazynski and his tools, guiding him to lean back when he got a bit too close to the swaying wing.

Company recalls more than 1 million pounds of beef possibly tainted by e-coli

WASHINGTON (AP) — The giant agribusiness company Cargill Inc. said Saturday it is recalling more than 1 million pounds of ground beef that may be contaminated with E. coli bacteria.

The ground beef was produced between Oct. 8 and Oct. 11 at Cargill Meat Solutions' plant in Wyalusing, Pa. and distributed to retailers across the country. They include Giant, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Wegmans and Weis.

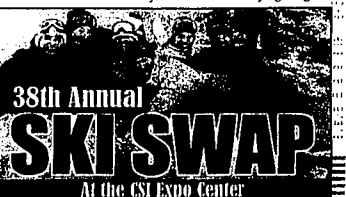
Cargill learned the meat may be contaminated after the Agriculture Department found a problem with a sample of the beef produced on Oct. 8, the company said. The bacteria is E. coli O157:H7.

"No illnesses have been associated with this product," said John Keating, president of Cargill Regional Beef, said in a statement. "We are working closely with the USDA to remove this product from the marketplace."

E. coli is harbored in the intestines of cattle. Improper butchering and processing can cause the E. coli to get onto meat. Thorough cooking, to at least 160 degrees Celsius, can destroy the bacteria.

E. coli O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration. The very young, seniors and people with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to E. coli.

The Wyalusing plant produces 200 million pounds of ground beef annually.



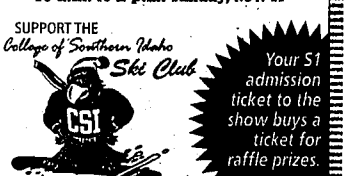
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Don Dean for Burley City Council

The ground is being leveled for Burley City Council

Autism 'epidemic' largely fueled by special ed funding, shift in diagnosing

As many as one in 150 children may have disorder

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — A few decades ago, people probably would have said kids like Ryan Massey and Eddie Scheupeln were just odd. Or different.

Both boys are bright. But Ryan, 11, is hyper and prone to angry outbursts, sometimes trying to strangle another kid in his class who annoys him. Eddie, 7, has a strange habit of sticking his shirt in his mouth and sucking on it.

Both were diagnosed with a form of autism. And it's partly because of children like them that autism appears to be skyrocketing. In the latest estimate, as many as one in 150 children have some form of this disorder. Groups advocating more research money call autism "the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States."

Indeed, doctors are concerned there are even more cases out there, unrecognized. The American Academy of Pediatrics last week stressed the importance of screening every kid — twice — for autism by age 2.

But many experts believe these unsocial behaviors were just about as common 30 or 40 years ago. The recent explosion of cases appears to be mostly caused by a surge in special education services, for autistic children, and by a corresponding shift in what doctors call autism.

Autism has always been diagnosed by making judgments about a child's behavior; there are no blood or biological tests. For decades, the diagnosis was given only to kids with severe language and social impairments and unusual,



Ryan Massey, 11, plays with some action figures in his bedroom, Oct. 8, in Decala, Ga. Ryan is the youngest of three brothers in his family, all of whom have Aspergers syndrome, which is a milder variant of autistic disorder.

repetitious behaviors. Many children with severe autism hit themselves or others, don't speak and don't make eye contact.

Blake Dees, a 19-year-old from Suwanee, Ga., falls into that group. For the past eight years, he has been in a day program with intense services, but he still doesn't talk, he's not toilet-trained, and he has a history of trying to eat anything — even broken glass.

But he's not a typical case. In the 1980s, the autism umbrella expanded, and autism is now shorthand for a group of milder, related conditions, known as autism spectrum disorders.

The spectrum includes Asperger's syndrome and something called PDD-NOS (for Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified). Some support groups report more than half of their families fall into these categories, but there is no commonly accepted scientific breakdown.

Crucially, there have been changes in parents' own perception of autism, the autism services schools provide, and the care that insurers pay for, experts say. Eddie, of Buford, Ga., was initially diagnosed with

obsessive-compulsive disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and other conditions. But the services he got in school were not very helpful.

His mother, Michelle, said a diagnosis of autism brought occupational therapy and other, better services. "I do have to admit I almost like the idea of having the autistic label, at least over the other labels, because

"The truth is there's a powerful incentive for physicians and schools to classify children in a way that gets services."

— Dr. Edwin Trevathan of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

there's more help out there for you," said Scheupeln.

"The truth is there's a powerful incentive for physicians and schools to classify children in a way that gets services," said Dr. Edwin Trevathan of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Many with Asperger's and PDD-NOS succeed in school and do not — at first glance — have much in common with children like Blake Dees.

At a recent gathering of families with Asperger's children in the Atlanta area, parents told almost comical stories about kids who frequently pick their noses, douse food in ketchup or wear the same shirt day after day.

Such a frank, humorous exchange was once a rarity. Doctors for many years belittled the "refrigerator mom" theory, which held that autism was the result of

being raised by a cold, unloving mother. The theory became discredited, but was difficult to dislodge from the popular conscience.

Even in the early 1980s, some parents were more comfortable with a diagnosis of mental retardation than autism, said Trevathan, director of the CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

Today, parents are more likely to cringe at a diagnosis of mental retardation, which is sometimes equated to a feeble-mindedness and may obscure a child's potential.

And increasingly, professionals frown at the term: The special education journal Mental Retardation this year changed its name to Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities.

The editor said that "mentally retarded" is becoming

passé and demeaning, much like the terms idiot, imbecile and moron — once used by doctors to describe varying degrees of mental retardation.

In contrast, autism has become culturally acceptable — and a ticket to a larger range of school services and accommodations.

In 1990, Congress added the word "autism" as a separate disability category to a federal law that guarantees special education services, and Education Department regulations have included a separate definition of autism since 1992.

Before that, children with autism were counted under other disabling conditions, such as mental retardation, said Jim Bradshaw, an education department spokesman.

The Social Security Administration also broadened its definition of disability to include spectrum disorders like Asperger's.

Something else changed: The development of new stimulants and other medicines may have encouraged doctors to make diagnoses with the idea of treating them, with these drugs.



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Italy starts expelling Romanians with criminal records

3 Romanians hurt in mob attack

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press writer

ROME — Italy began deporting Romanians with criminal records in response to a streak of violent crime blamed on immigrants, authorities said Saturday. A knife-wielding mob attacked a group of Romanians in Rome.

Romanian Prime Minister Calin Popescu Tariceanu warned of rising xenophobia in Italy. Earlier this week, he backed the crackdown and came under criticism at home for apologizing for violence blamed on Romanian immigrants.

"We should fight against the wave of xenophobia that is manifesting itself in Italy and we must fight against the

bad image that Romanians who are working in Italy have," Tariceanu said Saturday.

Up to 10 people wearing motorcycle helmets attacked a group of Romanians with knives, metal bars and sticks Friday night in the parking lot of a Rome supermarket, police said. Three Romanians were injured, one with serious head wounds. Police said they were looking for the attackers.

Authorities in Milan said that four Romanians with criminal records were put on a flight to Bucharest on Friday night, and that deportations for 12 other Romanians had been authorized.

They were the first reported expulsions since Premier Romano Prodi's center-left government approved a decree Wednesday night allowing the deportation of European Union citizens deemed dangerous.

The head of the Association of Romanians in Italy, Eugen Terteleac, said he welcomed the expulsions as long as government power isn't abused. But he denounced the mob attack and accused the media of creating a "climate of uncertainty and alarm."

"The Romanian community is living through a nightmare," he said in a telephone interview.

Pressure on authorities to crackdown on immigrants rose after the wife of a top navy commander was beaten to death near a Gypsy camp on Rome's outskirts earlier this week. A young Romanian man who lived in the camp was arrested for the attack.

Romanians have poured into Italy since their country joined the European Union at the start of year, taking jobs as

bricklayers, maids and janitors. Romanians number some 560,000 in Italy, or roughly 1 percent of the population.

Italian Foreign Minister Massimo D'Alema condemned the mob attack in Rome as "gang aggression unworthy of our country."

But he also told Sky TG24 TV there was "an emergency linked to the flood of people

from Romania," referring to a spate of violent crimes.

Two other Italians have been killed in recent attacks blamed on Romanians: a woman stabbed in the eye in a Rome subway and a cyclist beaten by suspected Romanian muggers. Three Romanians were also arrested in the mugging of Oscar-winning director Giuseppe Tornatore in Rome.

Baghdad residents return to neighborhoods as violence ebbs

By Steven R. Hurt
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — In a dramatic turnaround, more than 3,000 Iraqi families driven out of their Baghdad neighborhoods have returned to their homes in the past three months as sectarian violence has dropped, the government said Saturday.

Saad al-Azawi, his wife and four children are among them. They fled to Syria six months ago, leaving behind what had become one of the capital's more dangerous districts — west Baghdad's largely Sunni Khadra region.

The family had been living inside a vicious and bloody turf battle between al-Qaida and Mahdi Army militiamen. But Azawi said things began changing, becoming more peaceful, in August when radical anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his Mahdi Army fighters to stand down nationwide.

About the same time, the Khadra neighborhood Awakening Council rose up against brutal al-Qaida control — the imposition of its austere interpretation of Islam, along with the murder and torture of those who would not comply.

The uprising originated in Iraq's west and flowed into the capital. Earlier this year, the Sunni tribes and clans in the vast Anbar province have successfully rid the largely desert region of al-Qaida control.

At one point the terrorist group virtually controlled Anbar, against with the complicity of the vast Sunni majority who welcomed the outsiders in their fight against American forces.

But, U.S. officials say, al-Qaida overplayed its hand with Iraq's Sunnis, who practice a moderate version of Islam. American forces were quick to capitalize on the upheaval, welcoming former Sunni enemies as colleagues in securing what was once the most dangerous region of the country.

And as 30,000 additional U.S. forces arrived for the crackdown in Baghdad and central Iraq, the American commander, Gen. David Petraeus, began stationing many of them in neighborhood outposts. The mission was not only to take back control but to foster neighborhood groups like the one in Khadra to shake off al-Qaida's grip.

The 40-year-old al-Azawi, who has gone back to work managing a car service, said relatives and friends persuaded him to bring his family home.

"Six months ago, I wouldn't dare be outside, not even to stand near the garden gate by the street. Killings had become routine. I stopped going to work. I was



People gather at the Shorja street market in east Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday. More than four months after U.S. forces completed a 30,000-strong force buildup, the death toll for both Iraqis and Americans has fallen dramatically for two months running, and, as if fitting a possible shift in the capital, Iraqis in mainly Shiite eastern Baghdad have returned to the streets in numbers not seen in months.

so afraid," he said, chatting with friends on a street in the neighborhood. When he and his family joined the flood of Iraqi refugees to Syria the streets were empty by early afternoon, when all shops were tightly shuttered. Now the stores stay open until 10 p.m. and the U.S. military working with the neighborhood council is handing out \$2,000 grants to shop owners who had closed their business. The money goes to those who agree to reopen or first-time businessmen.



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War, plague, pestilence and ear hair

My wife has been complaining lately that I must do something about my ear hair. I figured that I had nothing of the kind. After all, I looked at my face every morning in the steamed-up bathroom mirror and couldn't see a thing. Ear hair is for old guys. I'm only in my extremely late forties. *Extremely late.*



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Besides, I keep hearing on TV that 60 is the new 40. Since I've never met a 40-year-old guy with visible ear hair, I figured that in this brave new world ear hair has probably gone the way of sensible shoes. Then I read in the "Guinness Book of World Records" about a 60-year-old man named Rudhankant Bhojraj of Naya Gang, India, who has ear hair 5.2 inches long. I was appalled. And a little nauseated.

So I started wiping the steam off the bathroom mirror and taking a good, hard look at myself. Danged if my wife isn't right.

I checked the Internet, the source of wisdom about all things disgusting, seeking remedies.

Seems I can melt my ear hair away, using chemical depilatories. But I've lived around two dozen women to know that Nair can hurt, so as a practicing coward I figure it's not for me.

Or I could buy a small pair of scissors and snip it off. Trouble is, you can't trim hair from your ears if you can't actually see it in the mirror. One slip, and I'll spend my declining years listening out of an ear horn.

Or I could buy myself a pair of tweezers and hope for the best. My wife takes a more direct approach: If she notices a wild hair in my ear, she yanks it out without warning.

"I can't be seen in public with a man who has ear hair," she explains.

In the course of researching an article last summer, I asked Dr. Chris Scholes, a Twin Falls dermatologist, why this was happening to me.

"It's genetic, to a great extent, and usually determined by the level of testosterone," he said. "This made me feel a little manly, but it didn't get rid of the ear hair."

"Plucking is effective," Scholes said. "It usually isn't people's first choice, but it works."

"I wouldn't be my first choice either."

"For unwanted hair in the nose or in the ears, trimming is probably the best approach," he said. "It grows back, but you can manage it."

Trimming it is, I guess. Unless I move to India.

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TAKING THE HOT SEAT

Dental day spares pocketbooks as it lets CSI students practice

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

While 6-year-old Steven Norman fidgeted in a dentist's chair Saturday morning at the College of Southern Idaho, his grandparents were thankful their wallets remained closed.

A class of about 14 dental assistant students at CSI received some hands-on training Saturday while performing free dental treatments on area children.

About 30 children, including Norman, got to take the hot seat. "It tasted bad," said Norman about his teeth cleaning experience, which included a cavity-protection treatment. But it was worth it. "I got a goody bag," he said, holding up a new, green toothbrush.

Norman's grandparents also walked away happy. "Dentistry is really expensive," said Debra Norman. "We don't have insurance on him."

Future dental assistants from CSI said they enjoyed the experience. "It was fun," said Whitney Furniss, 18, who is a first-year dental assistant student at CSI. "It wasn't as stressful as I thought it would be."

With a bright, white smile Furniss said she enjoyed interacting with children, after she worked inside a child's mouth.

"She was nervous," Furniss said about the child. "But she was cooperating."

Hygienists from area practices volunteered Saturday for the event and showed future dental assistants the ropes.

"My hygienist was really nice," said Furniss. "I like working with kids and interacting with them."

The Normans, who are from Burdett, plan to go to the free clinic again next year, they said.

The clinic is becoming routine for CSI, and is in its fourth year — two are offered each year, said Suse Beem, dental program coordinator for South Central Public Health District.

Beem said Saturday's clinic was slightly short on children.

"I usually see more kids," she said. Around 40 to 45 children have



Jessica Miller, left, a student in the College of Southern Idaho dental assistance program, and Lorinda Newton, a dental hygienist, work on 11-year-old Emily Brown's teeth Saturday afternoon at the free clinic.

been serviced during past clinics, but about 30 were on Saturday.

Children came from throughout the area, including, Rupert, Hazelton, Hansen, Filer, Kimberly and Twin Falls.

A lot of them have never been to a dentist," Beem said about the younger children who came to the free clinic. "We want their first visit to be positive."

Dental health is extremely important for children, said CSI Dental Assisting Program Director Tonja Bovecut.

Some parents overlook a child's baby teeth, but non-permanent choppers. But that oversight can lead to larger health issues — espe-

cially as permanent teeth emerge — such as problems involving nutrition, speech and overall self-confidence, clinic organizers said.

Fluoride treatments cost around \$15 to \$20, and sealant procedures total up to around \$20, said Bovecut.

Those costs were covered by sponsors including the Regence Care Foundation for Children, the South Central Public Health District and CSI.

Sealants help prevent tooth decay and reduce the chances of cavities, clinic organizers said.

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5 Fairfield candidates vie for seats

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — An election race is uncommon in this town of 400 people, especially when the city's political climate is calm. Yet this year's election boasts two races for Fairfield seats.

Three candidates filed for two four-year council seats, one which was formerly filled by Jerry Young, who opted not to run. The two candidates who receive the most votes win a seat.

Doug Hoskinson joins incumbents Boni Peters and Terry Lee in the race.

Peters said the city's water and sewer study, which began a year ago, is a project she hopes to see completed.

"The infrastructure of the city is so important for the current residents and for future residents and developers," she said.

Peters has nine years of experience as a city clerk, including four in Fairfield and one year on the City Council.

"I know both sides of the city — doing the books and now being able to vote on what happens with the books," she said. "I love this city. It is our home. I want to invest in what we have, but also to see it prosper."

Lee is a six-year council veteran with two additional years with the city's planning and zoning.

"The city needs economic development power to support them. It's kind of hard to do any economic development without adequate power."

Lee said Fairfield is losing potential businesses because there is not enough affordable electrical power to support them.

Lee cited his experience on the council and helping to write the city's comprehensive plan, as well as qualifications for the job. "I have always done well and continue to do what's right, to the best interest of the city," he said.

Doug Hoskinson has two years of experience on the City Council. He said the city's water, sewer and power capabilities must keep up with his growth.

"I want to help the city government take care of the problems that we have," he said.

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Peters



Lee



Hoskinson



Young



Ballard

Agencies meet on ways to help developers

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

For a new development to get the approval of the Twin Falls County commissioners, it must first go through the county's planning and zoning commission.

Numerous agencies, such as school districts, police and fire departments, are often involved in the process.

Now the process of getting information straight will be easier thanks to new monthly meetings held by the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission.

"There are a lot of folks in the process of any development," said P&Z Director Bill Crafton. "It's important to get input and clarity on issues coming before the commission."

John Zamora, road foreman for the Buhl Highway District, said he thinks the meetings will benefit planning and zoning applicants as well as the agencies involved.

"I think the meetings will be good for the application process, because issues can be brought up and resolved prior to the public hearing," he said. "By getting issues out in the open and out of the way, these applications can be worked out faster."

Mike McDonald, staff biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said he was impressed with the number of agencies represented at a recent meeting.

"The meetings create an opportunity for the county in affording all agencies to see issues arising from applications on the agenda," he said. "From the cann-

company, highway district and BEQ (Department of Environmental Quality), we are all involved and the meeting creates interagency communication."

"So often, when issues are finally brought out in front, we are way behind the eight ball. This way the applicant and the agencies involved are working together."

The meetings began in September and are set to continue on an indefinite basis. Crafton said the meetings are not open to the public but provide a workshop forum for agencies involved.

"I really think this will help get everyone on the same page," he said.

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Murtaugh City Council candidates run unopposed

By Amanda Murphy
Times-News correspondent

You might not see new faces on Murtaugh's City Council come next year, but according to the candidates, all who are running unopposed this election, there will definitely be some changes within the city.

Mayor Deewane Hunsaker, 50, a certified crop consultant, will continue mayoral charge.

Over the years, he said, the city has seen a new well and water system installed that he hopes will effectively provide for the growing community. He said the recent building project of a 42-lot

subdivision is a signal for good things to come.

"We would like to see some growth, to welcome in new businesses that will generate jobs and income," Hunsaker said.

Councilman Yale Besire, 45, a farmer by trade, will hold his seat for another four years. He has enjoyed living in Murtaugh all his life and says he is proud of the time he dedicates to the City Council.

He points to the well and water system as one of the council's major accomplishments.

"A new subdivision is going in and I hope we continue to expand responsibly," he said.

Councilwoman Jackie Russel will also retain her seat. She moved to Murtaugh two years ago and has served on the City Council for a year.

Originally from Oregon, Russel moved to the area in order to further her education at the College of Southern Idaho, where she received several scholarships.

"The main focus of the council, she said, is to strengthen out the water situation and claims, "We have been — jumping through hoops."

Mary Barry, 31, is a sales manager by profession, and holds the two-year seat on the City Council.

He said the council has worked hard to get the well, the water system running, and meters set up. And, he said, the council will continue to work on the septic tank.

Barry said plans to re-draw city lines could double Murtaugh's area and population. Though he welcomes the prospect of expansion, he also realizes the City Council will have to help the town prepare for such growth.

"We need to control this growth and maintain the country home-setting that we are so proud of," he said.

AROUND THE VALLEY

CSI and UI to host ag open house Monday

The College of Southern Idaho Agricultural Department and the University of Idaho Agricultural and Extension Education Department will hold an open house from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in Room A24 of the Evergreen Building at CSI.

Anyone interested in learning more about the ag programs offered at CSI through the University of Idaho is encouraged to attend. Faculty members will give presentations on the programs and answer questions.

Information: Amanda Moore-Kriwox, 736 3624 or akriwox@uidaho.edu.

Buhl High Issuing report cards this week

Students of Buhl High School students are asked to pick up first quarter report cards for their children from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday or Thursday.

There will be available during these hours to meet with parents. Report cards should be picked up in the office prior to visiting with teachers. Parent Teacher Conferences may be scheduled by contacting the counseling department at 543-8262.

— compiled from staff reports

Violet Juanita Torix

Violet Juanita Torix, 82, of Rupert, passed away Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at Cassia Regional Medical Center due to a sudden illness.

VI was born Oct. 19, 1925, in Hanna, Okla., to William and Dorie Swearingin. On April 2, 1943, she married Joe Torix. She lived in Oklahoma and California until 1956, when she and Joe moved to Idaho to farm. She worked at Mayfield and Hoppers and was a full-time mother and grandmother. She enjoyed sewing for grandkids, gardening, reading, crocheting, and loved having a house full of family.



VI is survived by her husband, Joe Torix; children, Terry (Jettie) Torix of Star, Idaho, Larry (Ann) Torix of

Rupert and Steve (Bonnie) Torix of Winnemucca, Nev.; grandchildren, David, Matt, Ben, Thad, Bonnie, Brandie, Scott, Christina, Curt, Gabe, Dirk and Derek; great-grandchildren, Alexis, Alyssa, Wyatt, Jessica, Terron, Colton, Dallas, Kyle, Juggar and Kayden; brothers, Geel Swearingin and Harley Swearingin; and sister, Lillie Rhoads. She was preceded in death by three sisters and 10 brothers.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Mortuary and one hour prior to the service on Monday. Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital.

The family would like to thank the nurses at Cassia Regional Medical Center for the good care they gave to VI.

Ella Anderson Smith

Ella Anderson Smith, 86, a wonderful homemaker, passed away peacefully Nov. 1, 2007, at her daughter's home.

She was born June 22, 1921. Before Ella was married, she worked during the war years as a telephone operator and also as candy maker at Mars Candy. After she married Melden Joseph



Smith, now deceased, she became a dedicated and loving mother and wife to her seven children and spouse.

Ella is preceded in death by her son, Dale Smith, and is survived by her other six children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Hansen Mortuary, 4th Ward, 10885 S. Pampus Drive (835 E.) in Sandy, Utah. A viewing will be from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. at the church. Condolences to www.larkinmortuary.com.

Reva 'Darlene' Kirby, 59, of Filer, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at her home, surrounded by family and friends after losing her battle with breast cancer. Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never ever the same.



She was born Jan. 12, 1948, in Wendell, Idaho, to Howl

Thahn and Reva J. Simmons. She attended school in Glens Ferry and Filer. On Jan. 4, 1967, she married Jack V. Kirby of Twin Falls. They had three children, Sandra E. Anderson of Buhl, Carl V. Kirby and Lloyd Y. Kirby of Boise.

Darlene had a love for the outdoors. She enjoyed fishing, camping, boating and water skiing, but most of all she loved sharing smiles and laughter with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. For the past two years, she traveled the country from coast to coast with her hus-

band and their dog, Toby. She is survived by her husband, Jack V. Kirby of Filer; two children, Sandra E. (Rey) Anderson and Lloyd V. Kirby; three grandchildren, Sonya II. (Chaney) Eggen of Twin Falls, Brad Anderson and Sarah Anderson of Buhl; three great-grandchildren; her mother, Reva J. Simmons of Kimberly; brother, David (Dorrie) Simmons of Rupert; and four sisters, Roselle (John) Stewart of Grandview, Loreta (Dale) McMinn of Wendell, LaFue (Phill) Clements of Gooding and LeAnn (David) Alford of

Kimberly. She was preceded in death by her father, Rod Thain Simmons; her sister, Vickie Lynn Brown; and son, Carl V. Kirby.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made at US Bank in memory of Darlene Kirby for breast cancer awareness.

Henry O. Mathews

Henry O. Mathews, 65, died peacefully surrounded by his loving family Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, at his home in Hazelton.



Henry was born in Noel, Mo., the seventh of 10 children of Garfield and Susie Mathews. He married Alice Poque on Aug. 28, 1970, and together they raised three children, Vickie, Tammy and Robin. They moved to Hazelton in 1975, where he worked in agriculture most of his life. Recently, he worked at L.W. Moore in

Hansen, Idaho, as a mill operator until his retirement in 1999. His hobbies included working on cars, fishing

and hunting with his grandsons and rebuilding campers.

Henry had a wonderful sense of humor, his greatest love and accomplishment were his three girls and his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Alice of 37 years; daughters, Vickie (Thomas) Hooley of Hansen, Idaho, Tammy (Ricky) Muck of Kimberly, Idaho, and Robin (Rob) Jones of Willoughby, Ohio; sister, Hazel Barth of Missouri; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild and two on the way. Henry was preceded in death by his parents and eight siblings.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Wesley Johnson officiating.

Today's Auctions are on page D-7.

Please join us...

as the Citizens Advisory Board deliberates on cleanup at the Idaho National Laboratory Site including:

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Public question and comment sessions will be held periodically throughout the meeting. For a detailed agenda or other information, contact Robert Penzo, U.S. Department of Energy-Idaho Operations Office, Federal Coordinator at 200.526.6518 or visit www.idemcib.org

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The Citizens Advisory Board provides advice to the Department of Energy on issues related to the Idaho National Laboratory Site Environmental Management cleanup.

DEATH NOTICES

Wanda Allen

Wanda Allen, 82, of Jerome, died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

Clyde N. Lewis

Clyde N. Lewis, 94, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Ferna Roethlisberger

Ferna Roethlisberger, 79, of Buhl, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, at Snake River Rehabilitation Center in Buhl.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Our families gathered on Oct 12 to say goodbye to

Eula Appell

our Mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, and Great, Great Grandmother.

Thank you to our friends, relatives, and everyone who made a donation, sent a card, made a visit, or called us in our time of sorrow.

Iona (Bob) Kodesh & family
Pete (Joy) Appell & family
Sharon McClure & family

Fairfield

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No one filed for the second contested seat — a two-year council position. However, two write-in candidates, Pamela Tucker and former councilman Scott Maroff, will vie for the seat.

Tucker served as a Jerome County commissioner for four years and was administrative assistant to the Blaine County commissioners for five and a half years. She has a long history of volunteering and leadership, including heading up the Jerome County Centennial.

"I've watched the city and I find it doing things quite well," Tucker said. "I think there's been some local leadership that's happened almost by accident, and that doesn't bode well for a city in change. A person must be

willing to give Fairfield first priority — time, quality and effort. I will do that. I don't have a hidden agenda."

Maroff said he would like to see the completion of the

beautification of Scatter Road, the water and sewer study, and other projects and ordinances. He oversaw the city's

water and sewer operations during the first seven of his 11 years on the council.

Moyor David Hanks, uncontested in his bid for reelection, said he plans to consider more youth involvement in the community during his next term.



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Group of eastern Idaho residents oppose wind farm

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A group of eastern Idaho residents has banded together to oppose a proposed wind farm they say will destroy scenic views and harm wildlife. "There's no better place that I've been, and I've traveled a little," said LaVar Grover, one of about 50 members of the Coalition to Preserve Wolverine. Seattle-based Ridgeline Energy wants to build the wind farm in Wolverine Canyon. It has leased nearly 18,000 acres for the project, including some state endowment land. The wind turbines would use only about 60 acres, but would be spread out along the ridge line. "They're property owners and they're concerned with the view in their backyard," Ridgeline Vice President Rich Rayhill told the Post Register. "If I were a property owner I'd probably be squawking, too. I prefer it this way. I think it's a good process. Of course we'd rather have everyone saying we think this [project] is

great, but we think it's a good process." Coalition members said the 300-foot tall wind turbines, miles of roads and traffic will harm wildlife as well as be a disaster for people who like to hike, hunt, ride ATVs and go snowmobiling in the area. "Can you imagine looking up there and seeing windmills?" Grover said. "It's unbelievable." The Bingham County planning commission on Sept. 26 recommended the permit for the project be approved, capping the number of wind turbines at 150. Area landowners appealed that decision, and the three-person Bingham County commission is scheduled to meet Nov. 13 to consider the project. One wind turbine can produce about 1 1/2 megawatts, which is enough to power 600 to 800 homes, Rayhill said he's negotiating to have the power used locally. He also said the wind farm will increase the county tax

base, as well as bring in money for the state endowment fund that benefits public schools because some of the leased land is state endowment land. He also said that the land around the wind turbines could continue to be used for ranching, timber and farming. "We're way in favor of wind farms in general," said George McDaniel, who owns 5,000 acres in the vicinity, including Taylor Mountain Ski Area. "They produce good, clean energy. There are a lot of good things about them. But we are opposed to taking a pristine forest and littering it along the ridge tops and forests with windmills." "There's increasing pressure on the landowners to subdivide their land, which would totally change the character, way more than windmills," he said. Still, local residents aren't sure about having a wind farm nearby. "We're way in favor of wind farms in general," said George McDaniel, who owns 5,000 acres in the vicinity, including Taylor Mountain Ski Area. "They produce good, clean energy. There are a lot of good things about them. But we are opposed to taking a pristine forest and littering it along the ridge tops and forests with windmills."

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UI plans ads for southwest Idaho

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho board of directors has approved an additional \$500,000 for a marketing campaign that will include efforts to reach potential students in southwest Idaho. The \$1.8 million total budget is for print, radio and television ads, as well as printed materials and recruitment over the Internet, said Tanla

Thompson, UI director of Media Relations. She told the Lewiston Tribune that the school, if it spent triple that amount, could reach audiences in Seattle and Portland. Meanwhile, she said, the school is going after specific students, notably in the backyard of Boise State University, the largest school in the state with about 19,000 students.

UI plans to wrap two Boise city buses with advertisements, and begin running three new 30-second television ads that will be ready by the time Idaho plays Boise State in football on Nov. 17. The slogan on the buses will be "A Legacy of Leading," replacing the slogans that have been on area buses the last year that read "No Fences," and "Open Space. Open Minds."

Clyde the calf, too cute to kill, gets new home in Jackson Hole

POCATELLO (AP) — Clyde the calf knows how to turn on the charm, responds when his name is called, joins in during baseball games and even accepts banana treats. All skills that helped the 1-year-old Jersey steer from being turned into an Idaho hamburger. "In my own little animal world, I thought, 'This is great, somebody has a cow for a pet,'" said Cecilia Heffernan, a floral designer from the resort town of Jackson Hole, Wyo. "When someone told me he wouldn't be a pet after September, I just couldn't let that happen to Clyde."

Heffernan met the fawn-colored calf when she took her horse to be trained at C&N farms in the eastern Idaho town of Chubbuck. Clyde lived next door in a pasture, being fattened up for the ultimate fate of most Idaho cattle.

"He was standing at the fence and I stared at him and then started petting him," Heffernan told the Idaho State Journal. "Eventually, he was taking treats out of my hand." She looked forward to her visits with Clyde when she would check on the progress of her horse. "I found out his name was Clyde and that made him eye cuter," Heffernan said. The family that owned him also had a soft spot for him, and Melissa Kulleck even asked her husband, Merlin, why he brought home such a cute calf. Their 11-year-old daughter, McKenzie, named him. "We've named our cows before, but Clyde was different," said Melissa Kulleck. "He liked people. He was more like a big dog."

But then Heffernan found out Clyde was soon destined to go from playmate to dinner plate. She sent e-mails to clients and friends in Jackson Hole, and found a family that vacations in the resort town who agreed to let Clyde live in their pasture. She offered to buy Clyde. "I talked to Merlin about it

and he kind of laughed," Heffernan said. "He said, 'You sound like my wife.'" But she struck a deal and last week drove Clyde to his new home where he lives with a donkey and two horses. "He has great views of the Tetons," Heffernan said. "He acts like he's always been there."

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More states putting poachers in the cross hairs

New compact tracks illegal hunters

By Keith Kilder
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Curtis Thurman had just finished catching a nice limit of fish when the wildlife enforcement officer popped suddenly out of the forest to issue him a citation for illegal snagging in the South Fork of the Boise River.

An even greater shock followed when Thurman discovered the yearlong suspension of his fishing privileges imposed after his guilty plea included not only Idaho, but some two dozen other states.

Those states are all members of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, formed in 1991 as an effort by the six founding states — Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington — to protect from poachers fish and wildlife that bring in millions of tourist dollars annually.

"Oh, man. It killed me," said Thurman, of Boise, who ended up not going on annual fishing trips this summer to Washington, Oregon and Montana. "It canceled my privilege of going into the mountains, really."

Since the compact formed, lawmakers in 20 more states have passed legislation to join, and 10 more, including Alaska, are considering signing up. A Web site is also being created for the compact.

"I suspect that all the states in the U.S. will join at some point," said Clay Cummings, assistant chief for the Enforcement Bureau of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

States that join share information on people who have pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime that led to the revocation of their hunting or fishing privileges, and then other member states decide whether or not to also revoke that person's privileges.

Each state has a representative that sits on the compact's board, which elects a chairman.

"People are more mobile than they ever used to be," said Chairman Bob Timlan, the chief game warden for North Dakota, which joined the compact in 2001. "The overall benefit is that people can't just violate in one state and say, 'Ah, I have all the rest of the states I can go hunt in illegally.'"

Joining the compact allows states to treat nonresidents accused of a violation as residents. That means officers far afield don't have to spend time taking a nonresident to jail, but can simply issue a cita-



Curtis Thurman holds his fishing pole and tackle box in the field across from his home in Boise Thursday. Thurman was fishing on the South Fork of the Boise River in August 2006 when he was ticketed by an Idaho Fish and Game officer for illegal snagging.

tion. If citations are ignored, the compact allows the state where the alleged violation occurred to contact the person's home state. That person's hunting and fishing privileges in the home state are then suspended until he or she proves that the original problem has been dealt with.

"I kept busy. But I would have rather been fishing."

Curtis Thurman, on losing his fishing privileges after being caught illegally snagging in the Boise River

"There are some folks who don't care what the fine money is," said Cummings. "But if they lose their hunting or fishing privileges, that's much more important."

States not part of the compact, said Timlan, such as Nebraska, don't share information about resident and nonresident poachers.

"Whatever happens in Nebraska, stays in Nebraska," he said. But states in the compact, nearly 17,000 poachers have lost their hunting, fishing or trapping privileges since 1998, including more than 2,800 so far this year. License revocations can range from one year up to a lifetime for a flagrant violation.

Big money is at stake for many states. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife, hunters spent \$23 billion.

anglers \$41 billion, and wildlife watchers \$45 billion that year.

"Wildlife generates a substantial portion of Utah's economy," said Mike Fowles, chief of law enforcement for the Utah Division of Wildlife.

"It does benefit Utah to have lots of wildlife to view and to hunt and to fish."

Utah joined the compact in 1993. Thurman, 47, said he was unaware he was breaking the law by snagging kokanee, which are landlocked sockeye salmon, and was fined \$330. He stopped fishing when he had his limit, unlike some violators who officials say don't stop and can end up denting entire populations.

"There are sometimes a few individuals who can do a lot of damage," said Cummings. "They are often a target for poachers, especially in hunting units that biologists try to manage to produce animals with impressive phenotypes by limiting the number of hunters. Poachers can skew that formula."

"I do believe (poaching) is one of the larger problems that's preventing us from achieving more success in having better bull elk ratios," said Brian Ferry, a biologist with the Oregon Department

of Fish and Wildlife who oversees one of the state's top trophy elk hunting units in the Ochoco Mountains. "Bulls aren't able to live long enough to attain that trophy standard that is so sought after by some of our hunters."

The result, he said, is that fewer hunting tags are offered to law-abiding hunters.

Oregon has revoked the most hunting and fishing licenses so far this year with 395, and is followed by Iowa with 355, and Tennessee with 319. The record for license revocations was set last year by Colorado with 582, followed by Iowa's 543, also in 2006.

A fair number of poachers are caught after other hunters or anglers call authorities.

"There are more people calling than they did 20 years ago," said Timlan. "I think people understand that the fish and wildlife are a public resource, and when someone takes it illegally they're stealing from the public."

Thurman's suspension ended in late September, concluding a year he said he spent mostly working on his house, fixing up his boat, and even putting a new engine in his truck.

"I kept busy," he said. "But I would have rather been fishing."

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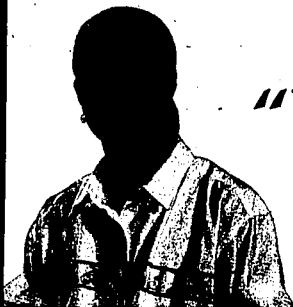
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Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation receives books from Boy Scouts

By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

BURLEY — True to the oath of the Boy Scouts of America and prompted by their Scout leaders, future Eagle Scouts Stewart Borgholthaus of Pocatello, and Jake Garn of Burley spearheaded separate book-drives in their respective communities to collect gently-used books for underprivileged and disadvantaged children.

Together they collected more than 2,600 books, and with their families presented them to the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation.

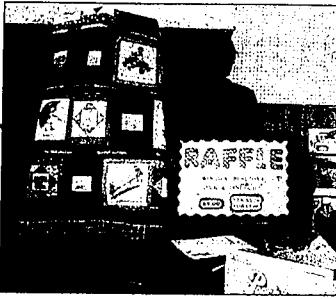
Jake Garn is the son of Val and Ann Garn of Burley. His Troop leaders are Walt Graham and Ken Yearsley. Jake is an eighth-grader at Burley Junior High School where he is active in soccer, basketball and track. He plays piano, trumpet and French horn in the regular and jazz bands. He distributed fliers for the book drive, soliciting donations from people at his and other churches and made numerous phone calls. He also had collection boxes at various locations in Mini-Cassia where people could drop off their donations. His family and his Troop helped with the drive as well. Jake also worked in the Reading Foundation booth at the Cassia County Fair.

Stewart is the son of Jay and Melody Borgholthaus of Pocatello, and his leader is Terry Baker. Stewart organized his Scout Troop and others in his neighborhood to get the word out about the need for books. He contacted local

schools and sent fliers with the children to take home to their parents. As he received the books, he stacked them in a designated room in their home.

According to Stewart, the books just seemed to roll in and even now continue to stream in. Stewart, 14, enjoys snowboarding, playing tennis and basketball. He says his older brother was his inspiration and he got his Eagle rank a couple of years ago. He also credits his parents as being willing to help him be successful in achieving his Eagle.

The Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation is founded on the idea that reading is an essential part of learning and growing. It stresses the importance of parents reading to their children for at least 20 minutes a day. The foundation gave away 8,000 books between August 2006 and August 2007. Books are given free of charge to children at community events, such as county fairs, health fairs and school events.



M. Helen Almanza, administrative assistant/Vista of the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation, set up a booth at both Minidoka and Cassia county fairs. She was assisted at the Minidoka Fair by volunteers from the Idaho Migrant Council Summer School and at the Cassia Fair by Honor Society students and area Scouts. A 'Sally, Dick and Jane' quilt donated by Dr. Marcia Hallett, was displayed and tickets were sold for the benefit of the Foundation. The winner of the quilt raffle will be drawn at the general membership meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley.



For his Eagle Scout Award, Jake Garn, 14, of Burley, hosted a book drive for the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation, and collected 1,211 gently-used books. From left, Terry Carner, executive director for the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation; M. Helen Almanza, administrative assistant for the foundation/Vista; Jake Garn, Spencer Atkins, Seth Spackman, Jordan Page, Thayne Peterson, Cole Blaser, Trevin Whitehead and Dr. Walter Grakam, Eagle Scout advisor. Stewart Borgholthaus of Pocatello, not shown, also hosted a book drive and collected 1,200 volumes for the Foundation.

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Forget ugly, CSI men win hideous game

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Basketball is a game of grace, a certain beauty and flow. Unless we're talking about Saturday's final game of the 31st Annual K&T Steel Tournament.

Despite playing through an ugly contest that will be most remembered for a combined 64 fouls and 82 turnovers, the No. 2 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team improved to 3-0 on the young season with a 85-75 win over Central Florida Community College.

In a game that was played most often in 10-second increments between whistles, the tempo-pushing Golden Eagles were held to 36 points less than season scoring

average. However, a Juan Pattillo barrage of athletic dunks late in the game kept the 2-1 CSI Women's basketball team at bay. After Central Florida trimmed a 20-point CSI lead down to 10 with 3:59 left, Pattillo connected on back-to-back dunks to put CSI up 79-67 with 3 minutes, 30 seconds left to play. The Patriots would go on to cut the CSI lead to seven with under two minutes to play, but couldn't narrow the gap from there as a game that lasted over 2 hours and 20 minutes.

"Is it Sunday yet?" CSI head coach Barrett Peery joked after the game. "It feels like it should be Sunday. That's one of the longest games I've been a part of."

CSI sophomore post Art Parkhouski picked up a 17-point, 10-rebound double-double, while Pattillo picked up a double-double of his own with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Tournament MVP Joey Shaw added 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Terry Fields scored 12. In a physical contest, CSI was the most physical on the glass in outrebounding Central Florida 63-45. While the Golden Eagles got the win, Peery was hoping his team would distance itself from the Patriots in the late stages of the game.

"I would have liked to see us step up a little bit more and finish them off," Peery said.

The Patriots were led by 16-point

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31st Annual K&T Steel Tournament

At CSI gymnasium, Twin Falls
Thursday's games
Central Florida 86, Westchester 66
CSI 119, Central Arizona 82
Friday's games
Central Florida 69, Central Arizona 61
CSI 124, Westchester CC 67
Saturday's games
Westchester CC 77, Central Arizona 66
CSI 85, Central Florida 75
Tournament awards
MVP: Joey Shaw, CSI
Coach of the Tournament: Barrett Peery, CSI
All-Tournament Team: Kevin Galloway, CSI; Art Parkhouski, CSI; DeAndre Duncan, Central Florida; Hickman Simmens, Westchester; Dominic Saunders, Central Arizona.



College of Southern Idaho forward Juan Pattillo dunks the ball against Central Florida Saturday in Twin Falls.



College of Southern Idaho players Jaleisa Savio (8) and Izabelle Ma'afala (10) celebrate during the Golden Eagles' win over North Idaho College in the Region 18a Tournament title game Saturday in Twin Falls.

Harbison's impact felt as he awaits transplant

By John Derr
Times-News writer

Benefit for Will Harbison

JEROME — Will Harbison has spent much of his life on a basketball court. He is a self-proclaimed basketball junkie. From playing at Hagerman High School in the early 1990s, to his team as an assistant coach for the Pirates boys and at Westminster College in Utah, to serving as the head coach of the girls basketball team at Jerome High School the past three years.

However, today he is not studying, playing, coaching or evaluating talent, developing new offenses or defenses, or evaluating talent.

Today, he is in Salt Lake City awaiting a lung transplant that will save his life. He can't be more than an hour from the hospital if the call comes. It is a risk but something that has to be done. His friends and supporters are holding a benefit auction on Nov. 7 at Jerome High School to help raise funds to defray some of his medical expenses.

Harbison has Cystic Fibrosis, a chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. He was first diagnosed when he was just 1 month old. He has never let it slow him down or deter him from his goals.

His high school coach, Randy Clark, said that Harbison has had a tremendous impact on his life.

Clark remembers Harbison refusing to sit out of the state tournament his junior year despite doctor's advice. After playing he would go back to the hospital each night to receive IVs.

"The day I met Willie I thought he was a nice boy, but I had no idea of the impact he would have on my

life. He is a very special person that has touched my lives. We are blessed to have Will and his family as our friends," said Clark.

Despite all the struggles with his health, Harbison has never been one to complain or let it hold him back from a challenge.

He applied for the open Jerome position when the Tigers were fresh off an undefeated state championship team coached by Michelle Skyles that returned no starters and very little varsity experience. It certainly wasn't an ideal situation to come into.

It was supposed to be a rebuilding year, but that didn't happen. The Tigers finished with a winning record and came within a game of returning to the state tournament.

The past two years have also been successful, ending with winning records. He has an overall 45-29 mark, including 18-6 last season. The only disappointment: no trips to state.

Seniors guards Jordan Burnham and Melly Reid arrived at Jerome the same year as Harbison and have played for him for the past three seasons.

"He is a good motivator, he



Harbison

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NIC ya later

CSI volleyball wins Region 18a title

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Champions again. For two seasons, the College of Southern Idaho volleyball program and new head coach Heidi Carlisser focused on this one opportunity. For two years, Saturday, Nov. 2, 2007, was known as the day the Golden Eagles could once again return to national prominence. When that day came, they made sure it counted.

The No. 9 Golden Eagles are heading to the 2007 NICAA Division I National Tournament after putting together what has arguably been their best match of the year in Saturday's Region 18a Tournament Championship win over North Idaho College in Twin Falls.

Region 18a Tournament

At CSI gymnasium, Twin Falls
Friday's semifinal matches
No. 1 North Idaho 3, No. 3 Eastern Utah 1
No. 1 CSI 3, No. 4 Colorado NW 0
Saturday's championship match
No. 1 CSI 3, No. 2 North Idaho 1

Sophomore team captain Gabriela Bolowczyk hammered down a match-high 23 kills as the 37-11 Golden Eagles topped the 20-10 Cardinals 28-30, 30-27, 30-16, 30-24. The win gives CSI the opportunity to work toward the ninth national championship in program history.

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An open letter by Gilbert the Golden Eagle

Dear Twin Falls, CSI girls goes out to the fans who filed into the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium for Saturday's Region 18a Volleyball Tournament. It goes out to everyone

who took the time to notice this new era of Golden Eagles volleyball. And it goes to the haters, to everyone who abandoned the program last year, who left anonymous phone messages saying



ERIC LARSEN

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Broncos keep rolling, beat down Spartans in rout

By Dustin Lippay
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — It was a nonchalant case of domination.

"What else could you call a 42-7 rout, a game in which the hometown Boise State Broncos outgained visiting San Jose State 434-156 and manhandled the Spartans (3-6, 2-3 WAC) in all phases of the game?"

It seems that this Boise State team, "B-1, 5-0 WAC," has simply become efficient at domination, and it just isn't surprising.

"Once we got up, we just played our game," BSU safety Marty Tadmán said. "We just did our job."

Tadmán fills a lot of jobs for this team. He is the starting safety, recording five tackles (including a pair of his typical open-field gems), stopping SJSU on third down. He returns punts,

including three Saturday at Bronco Stadium for 51 yards. His long return covered 48 yards.

Someday he hopes to get one into the end zone.

"I think too much when I get to the punter," Tadmán said, "I took so much time in juking him, the other guy caught me from behind."

A new special-team wrinkle gave Tadmán, Saturday's player of the game, a chance to finally throw a pass. A lateral off a punt result to Colorado. Scandrick, who took 18 yards to the 16-yard line.

Tadmán also stopped a gadget play, sprinting from his punt-return position to cover a San Jose State player who was kneeling away from the play in an attempt to deceive the Broncos. Tadmán came up and the fake was averted.

"I always check it," Tadmán said, "I

knew something was up. I just saw what they were doing."

Tadmán's long return and the lateral to Scandrick each gave the Broncos second-half possessions starting at the SJSU 16-yard line.

"Our special teams have been very good this year," Tharp said, "When are these guys going to finally get one into the end zone? They are so close. You can't ask for a better situation where you just have a couple plays to punch it in."

Antish Smith also had a 51-yard kickoff return to answer SJSU's only score.

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Boise State linebacker Kyle Glass intercepts down San Jose State's Kevin Arrighetti Saturday at Bronco Stadium in Boise.



Boise State

Panthers bust through Tigers to reach 1A semis

By Jon Mentzer
For the Times-News

Despite a slow start, the Carey Panthers stuck to their guns with a heavy dose of power football against the Richfield Tigers in the first round of the Class 1A Division II Idaho High School Football State Championship in Carey Saturday.



Carey running back Blake Whitby escapes Richfield defender Luke Wood during the Panthers' 48-0 win Saturday in the first round of the Class 1A state playoffs.

The game ended midway through the fourth quarter due to the mercy rule as the Panthers outlasted the Tigers in a 48-0 victory.

Carey running back Scott Ellsworth, who finished the day with five receptions for 142 yards, scored the first touchdown when he received a swing pass from quarterback DJ Simpson and took it all the way for the score all while dodging defenders left and right.

As the first quarter wound down, the Panthers were able to turn on their jets and put it to the Tigers. Early in the second quarter, Simpson and Ellsworth hooked up once again for a score, breaking the bull game open.

Simpson had 214 yards through the air and three touchdowns.

Up by two scores, the Panthers were able to run the ball and work the clock. They began to mix running the ball in the middle with the option, which made it hard for the Tigers' defense.

"They do what they usually do," Richfield coach Garr Ward said. "They have great depth and an excellent team. They set the standard."

Running back Heath Adomson scored from the red zone to put the Panthers up by three scores.

Just before halftime, Simpson threw a deep pass to Adomson right down the middle of the field. Adomson went in the end zone untouched to put the Panthers up 28-0.

"I would say the pass to Heath was the backbreaker," said Kirkland.

"That pass was one play that kind of knocked them in the teeth a little bit and it got (us) going."

With 72 hard-fought yards and a touchdown, Gonzalo Zarate calmed in during the second half and racked up a team high 73 yards on the ground.

With the game put away while in the third quarter, Kirkland called in the second string team.

"I have a lot of confidence in those guys," Kirkland said of his second unit. "They went 6-0 in the JV games against big schools and dominated them. We have a good crew coming for the years to come. They've helped out as we get into those games."

Backup quarterback Dillon Simpson finished the day with a touchdown as well.

Carey will now face the Dietrich Blue Devils in the semifinals on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

The Panthers won their previous match against the Blue Devils 50-12.

According to Kirkland, the Panthers better be ready for an ever-improving Blue Devils team.

Slow start hurts Buhl in defeat at Fruitland

Times-News

Buhl struggled to get out of the gate on the road Saturday against perennial Class 3A power Fruitland, and the Grizzlies made sure the Indians paid dearly for it as they built a 27-0 halftime lead en route to a 33-15 win, booking a state semifinal date with Timberlake.

Fruitland piled on the pressure in the first half, taking advantage of the inability for Buhl to do much of anything with the football. The Grizzlies' ball-control offense left Buhl's defense on the field for lengthy stretches and allowed the Indians just 13 offensive plays in the first half, and 37 overall.

When they did get the ball, the Indians opened up the passing game in an attempt to get things going. Patrick Osterkamp was 12 of 25 for 159 yards and a touchdown pass to Gauge Owen, while Ryan Beck led the Indians on the ground attack with 35 yards on seven carries.

"We just didn't get off the bus. We played pretty well in the second half but you have to put two halves together," said Buhl head coach Stacy Wilson. "The Grizzlies are a good team, and you can't go down 27-0 to a team like that, but the kids never quit and they did a very good job of being very happy with their effort, and that's all you can ask as a coach."

The Indians end their season at 7-3.

CLASS 1A DIVISION I COUNCIL 42, HAGERMAN 14
The top-ranked Council Lumberjacks utilized a 20-point burst in 99 seconds of the second quarter to put the game out of reach and set up an exciting Class 1A Division I state semifinal date with Oakley.

Council, which played a full 48 minutes for only the second time this season, converted a recovered onside kick and an interception into two touchdowns, which doomed Hagerman to defeat despite giving the Lumberjacks all they could handle for the other 46 minutes.

Senior running back Isidro Nava found precocious little Council defense, but the Pirates were able to move the ball through the air, where sophomore gunslinger Dylan Brooks was 10-of-29 for 260 yards.

"It was pretty proud of our kids. Council hasn't played a full game since the first game of the year," said Hagerman coach Lonnie Funkhouser. "We had a hard time running the football, but it was a great experience for our kids. They were able to move the ball because they played tough against the defending state champs. (The Lumberjacks) were bigger, stronger, and faster at pretty much every position but our kids played hard."

Hagerman finishes the season at 7-3.

Council 42, Hagerman 14
Hagerman 0-9-0-0
Council 2-0-0-24
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CSI women cruise to win at Mesa CC

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho women moved to 2-0 on the season with a 73-54 win at Mesa Community College Saturday night in Arizona.

Coach Randy Rogers used his bench liberally in the game, and balanced scoring was the result. LaCale

Pringle-Buchanan and Anita Burdick led the way with 11 points apiece, while Amy Higbee, Madly Blunk and Maylene Ornelas each chipped in with eight. Rogers praised the play of Higbee and the team's defensive effort.

Gilbert College, Community College of the Golden Eagles' offense was sporadic against Mesa. "We had little stretches of four or five minutes where we didn't score at all," said Rogers. "We had other stretches where we scored a bunch in a hurry."

CSI is off this week, but will travel back to Arizona Nov. 15-17 for the Central Arizona Tournament. There the Golden Eagles will face the last three national champions in Central Arizona, Odessa College (Texas) and Moore College (N.Y.). "Three monster games," said Rogers, "against the best in the country."

Williams, Jazz light up Warriors

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams scored 16 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter and the Utah Jazz made a franchise-record 12 3-pointers to beat the Golden State Warriors 133-110 on Saturday night.

Williams hit four of the Jazz's 12 3-pointers. Utah was 12-for-16 behind the arc, breaking the previous record of 10, set on Nov. 23, 1984 against Seattle.

With the Jazz holding a six-point lead, Williams made seven of his final eight shots to turn the game into a rout. Utah's 133 points were the most for the team since a 133-124 overtime victory over Minnesota on Nov. 24, 1997.

Al Harrington led Golden State with 38 points on 15-for-20 shooting. Kelenna Azubuike added 17 points. Okur scored 28 points and Ronnie Brewer added 19 for the Jazz, who had seven players score in double figures.



Golden State Warriors guard Baron Davis, left, leads hard into Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams, left, while trying to get to the basket Saturday in Salt Lake City.

Nets over the 76ers.

Vince Carter added 18 points for New Jersey.

Andre Iguodala led the Sixers with 16 points, and Kyle Korver had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Kidd thwarted a late Sixers rally with a 3-pointer from the left side to give the Nets an 85-80 lead. Kidd was dependable as he's always been for New Jersey, posting his 88th career triple-double.

BUCKS 78, BULLS 72
MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd scored 27 points and rookie Yi Jianlian added 16 to help the Bucks beat the Bulls for their first victory of the season.

With the win, Milwaukee snapped a 15-game losing streak to Central Division opponents dating back to last season, and kept the Bulls' winless streak at 11 games, replacing freshman outside hitter Sandra Sanders with fellow freshman Nateri Nyles.

The switch worked as Nyles finished with 17 kills and 13 digs in three games played, providing the Golden Eagles with the spark that would help them win the match.

"All week long, 'Ta was the one who had been passing better and had the best week of practice," Carrisier said. "But we needed someone to start putting away the ball. Santia can do that, but Nathy had a great match."

Freshman Alyssa Wietrick added 10 kills and six blocks, while the sophomore libero's

first two games, the Bucks held the Bulls in check. It was a miserable night for the Chicago's starters. Ben Gordon scored 15, but the rest of the starting five were held to single digits.

PACERS 121, GRIZZLIES 111
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Dunleavy had 27 points and eight rebounds to help the Indiana Pacers remain unbeaten with a 121-111 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Dunleavy connected on 11-of-17 from the field as six Pacers finished in double figures.

MAVERICKS 123, KNIGHTS 102
DALLAS — Point guard J. Barea made the most of his first NBA start, hitting 9 of 11 shots for a career-high 25 points, and led the Mavericks past the Kings.

Joel Howard, who missed the first two games because of a suspension, led Dallas with 27 points. Dirk Nowitzki matched Barea's 9-for-11 performance and had 24 points.

Kevin Martin led Sacramento with 28 points.

ROCKETS 89, TRAIL BLAZERS 80
HOUSTON — Yao Ming had 21 points and 12 rebounds and Tracy McGrady added 20 points and six assists as the Rockets improved to 3-0 for the first time since the 1996-97 season.

Yao scored only eight points and McGrady only five the second half, but the Rockets stayed in control with their defense, forcing 10 turnovers and holding the Blazers to 44 percent shooting (31 of 76) for the game.

— The Associated Press

Harbison Clark

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helped out with everything, not just basketball," said Burnham. "He would text us and ask how we were doing. He still did it, and I know he won't be here after the last three years."

Reid echoed Burnham's feelings. "He influenced us on and off the court. He reminds us to never give up no matter how hard it gets. He made us the players that we are," Reid said. "When we go to state he will be there on the bench with us. He has been strong for us and now we need to be strong for him."

Last season he was forced to be on oxygen much of the time as his health deteriorated. The decision was made for him to focus on his health. Longtime friend Brent Cook, who assisted Harbison last season, will take over the program at Jerome this winter.

"Will is not only a great basketball coach, but an inspiration to everyone he meets. He is a tremendous influence on our young people. He is always positive. I never heard him say a negative word about anyone or anything," said Brent Clark.

The Tigers return a bunch of experience this season. Reid and Burnham will lead the way along with returning starters Aubree Callan (sophomore guard) and Jordann Hollifield (junior post). Other varsity players include Hailey Long (junior wing), Bullie Meservy (senior wing), Bayless Swan (sophomore post) and Carrie Thibault (freshman guard).

Gilbert Champs

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CSI volleyball would never be the same. I have one thing to ask you all: How do you like them, Eagles? "One of you said CSI president." Dr. Jerry Beck led an egg by firing longtime head coach Ben Stroud and hiring Heidi Carrisier before the start of last season. Said he killed the program. Yes you did. I heard it. I saw you say it. I have very good eyesight.

Sure, Dr. Beck laid an egg. But guess what? That egg wasn't dead or rotten at all, and now it's hatched. Now I'm hatching a new plan to fly east to Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the 2007 NJCAA National Tournament. Not bad, concerning I'd had my wings clipped two of the previous three seasons.

Now I can amble again that people have stopped calling me a cheat. Now I can move on and focus my gaze on that ninth national title. Who knows if we'll get it. I'm just happy for the opportunity.

As heading back to normal I feel so good to spread my wings again. Sincerely, Gilbert the Golden Eagle

Champs

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"That was a big win for us because we've been preparing a long time for this game," Bolowczuk said. "I don't know how to describe it. I'm so happy."

After dropping a tightly-contested 30-28 first game, Carrisier made a change to the Game 2 lineup, replacing freshman outside hitter Sandra Sanders with fellow freshman Nateri Nyles.

The switch worked as Nyles finished with 17 kills and 13 digs in three games played, providing the Golden Eagles with the spark that would help them win the match.

"All week long, 'Ta was the one who had been passing better and had the best week of practice," Carrisier said. "But we needed someone to start putting away the ball. Santia can do that, but Nathy had a great match."

Freshman Alyssa Wietrick added 10 kills and six blocks, while the sophomore libero's

team-high 17 digs helped offset 15 kills by NIC's Amanda Misa and 13 from fellow sophomore Whitney Tucker.

The Golden Eagles ultimately, terrestrially won the first point of each game, and dominated the third game, rattling off a 9-0 run midway through to go up 20-9.

Now, CSI will open up

national tournament play on Thursday, Nov. 15, against an opponent to be determined in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

"We have a team that can compete at the national level," Carrisier said. "The whole thing is about bringing that tradition of CSI volleyball with us and the girls did it today."

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Runner with enlarged heart dies during Olympic trials

NEW YORK (AP) — Elite distance runner Ryan Shay, who collapsed and died Saturday during the U.S. men's marathon Olympic trials, had been diagnosed with an enlarged heart but cleared by doctors, his father said.

The thing that made him such a great athlete is what killed him," Joe Shay told The Associated Press.

An enlarged heart like Ryan's translated into extra endurance crucial for a distance runner.

Ryan and other top athletes underwent medical testing in Flagstaff, Ariz., where he

trained, last spring, Joe Shay said, and he was cleared for running.

But the doctors told him that because your heart rate is so low, when you're older you may need a pacemaker to make adjustments on that," said Joe Shay, adding his son first was diagnosed with a larger than normal heart at age 14.

Scientists long have noticed the phenomenon of the "athlete's heart." Athletes who train hard in aerobic sports, such as cycling, running or swimming, tend to have a bigger heart that

pumps more blood throughout the body.

The 28-year-old Ryan Shay collapsed about 5 1/2 miles into the race.

"I got a call that Ryan had fallen down ... then I got another call that his heart had stopped," Joe Shay said.

The medical examiner's office said an autopsy will be performed Sunday.

What was supposed to be a glorious weekend for the sport became instead a wake. That somber mood is sure to carry over to today's New York City Marathon, in which 38,000 runners will compete.

"It's a big loss for the running community," said 2004 Olympic women's marathon bronze medalist Deena Kastor, who used to train with Shay in California. "It's a day we should be celebrating. It has cast a pall."

Shay and Ryan Hall and their wives had hoped to celebrate together after the trials. Now Hall is dedicating his race at the Olympics to Shay. Minutes after Hall crossed the finish line first in record time, his arms raised in triumph, he heard the unthinkable news.

Shay was one of Hall's for-

mer training partners, and Shay's wife was Hall's teammate at Stanford.

"That just cut me straight to the heart," Hall said. "It makes you forget what you just did."

Organizers had decided to pair the trials with the storied annual marathon, hoping the timing would attract large crowds. The plan worked, as fans fought gusty wind to line the compact 26.2-mile course, which began in Rockefeller Center and traipsed through Times Square before heading to Central Park for five loops.

They witnessed a potential

historic day for American marathon running. Hall, a 25-year-old who had never made the distance before April, established himself as a contender in Beijing, with a trials record time of 2 hours, 9 minutes, 2 seconds, joining him in China will be Dathan Ritzenberg (2:11:07) and Brian Sell (2:11:40).

Meb Keflezighi, the 2004 Olympic silver medalist, was hobbled by cramps in both calves and fell back to eighth. Shay hit the ground near the Central Park boathouse, a popular Manhattan tourist spot.

Unbeaten foes

Indianapolis hosts New England Patriots and Cleveland Browns in the season's first rematch of late teams undefeated this far into a season.

Open dates: Chicago, Miami, N.Y. Giants, St. Louis

San Diego at Minnesota (4-3) (2-5)
Gamba seemed to have found his critics in recent weeks, winning three straight. Vikings will need to have a two-game losing streak.

Seattle at Cleveland (4-3) (4-3)
Inconsistent Seahawks sit atop the AFC West, which they probably will win 7-0 or 9-1. Browns are one of the NFL's biggest surprises.

NFL WEEK 9

San Francisco at Atlanta (2-7) (2-5)
Two former high draft picks at C&S — Alex Green and Faber — key matchups. Smith just coming back from a separated throwing shoulder.

Cincinnati at Buffalo (2-6) (4-3)
 Bengals are a major disruption. Bills are relatively healthy and on the rise for last-second FCBs by Denver and Dallas. Buffalo could be 5-2.

Denver at Detroit (2-7) (2-7)
 Lions starting to look legitimate despite being outscored 200-2 by Eagles and Bengals in their two losses. Denver has dropped four of its last five.

Green Bay at Kansas City (2-7) (4-3)
 Short week for the Packers, who go back on the road to play Jacksonville (week 9). Chiefs (10, led by Jared Allen, has been solid.

FOOTBALL

Carolina at Tennessee (4-3) (5-2)
 David Carr returns at QB for the next Cup championship. Achilles' tendon. Titans have allowed the fewest yards rushing to the NFL.

Arizona at Tampa Bay (3-4) (4-4)
 Since starting the season 4-1, Tampa has lost consecutive games and three of last four. Cardinals look to snap a two-game losing streak.

Dallas at Philadelphia (5-1) (5-1)
 Probably Eagles best chance to be a factor in the NFC East. Tony Stewart has been the major factor in the Cowboys' climb to the top of the NFC.

NASCAR

Underdog Bowyer enjoying his role

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Clint Bowyer figures he's in an ideal position with three races left in NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship.

All the attention heading into Sunday's Dickies 500 at Texas Motor Speedway is focused on series leader Jeff Gordon and runner-up Jimmie Johnson, just nine points off the pace.

Virtually everyone has conceded the title to four-time champion Gordon or reigning champion Johnson. That's fine with the third-place Bowyer.

"Jimmie and Jeff, they deserve it," said Bowyer, almost an afterthought despite being within striking distance of the lead. 11th points

behind Gordon after the first seven races of the Chase.

"You just go out and try and beat them," Bowyer said. "If you can, you can, and if you can't, you can't. You can't wreck your race car trying to do something that is not there. You have got to take what it is going to be give you and do the best you can. If it is meant to be, it is meant to be."

That attitude is what has allowed Bowyer, a second-year Cup regular, to turn into this season's biggest surprise. He made it into the 12-man Chase, along with fellow Richard Childress Racing drivers Kevin Harvick and Jeff Burton and has outshone his better-known teammates, who are seventh and eighth in the points.

Dickies 500
1:30 p.m. ABC

Patriots favored over Colts in battle of NFL's one unbeaten

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

This is how good the New England Patriots are perceived to be: 5-point favorites at Indianapolis in Sunday's meeting of the NFL's two remaining unbeaten teams.

That's a point-and-a-half higher than the opening line set by Las Vegas. In other words, the betting public thought it was too low, perhaps because Bill Belichick seems intent on pounding everyone into dust in his mission to prove he can win without stealing the other folks' signals.

There's certainly a case to be made for the spread.

The Patriots haven't scored fewer than 34 points in a game and haven't won by less than 17 leading to suggestions they have been running up scores, most notably in last week's 52-7 win over Washington. In that game, Belichick twice went for it on fourth-downs with leads of 30-0 and 45-0, and kept playing wide-open football even with the game out of hand. Tom Brady diagnosed the final hole with 30 seconds went left.

The Colts, meanwhile,

have been almost as impressive, if not as dominating.

They've averaged three of last season's four losses by beating their three division opponents on the road. And their division, the AFC South, is certainly better than the Patriots' AFC East, where Buffalo's win over Baltimore two weeks ago is the only victory by a team other than New England against a non-division opponent.

The spread is probably incentive for the Colts, who beat the Patriots in Indy 38-34 in last season's AFC title game. Who ever heard of an unbeaten Super Bowl champion being an underdog at home?

"The point spreads are really public opinion because they're trying to get an even number of bets on both sides," Tony Danzy said, when the line came out. "Obviously, a lot of people think New England is going to win."

Just for the heck of it, let's make a list of people wrong.

COLTS, 38-34

COWBOYS, 24-13

Baltimore (plus 9 1/2) at Pittsburgh (Monday night) Big spread. But the Ravens have lost four road division games.
STEELERS, 21-13

Denver (plus 3) at Detroit The Lions are starting to look like a legitimate playoff contender in the weaker NFC.
LIONS, 27-20

San Diego (minus 7) at Minnesota The Chargers are starting to look like a potential challenger to the Patriots and Colts.
CHARGERS, 31-13

Carolina (plus 4) at Tennessee The Titans' defense is a little too much for a team with QB problems.
TITANS, 16-10

Jacksonville (plus 3 1/2) at New Orleans The Saints are finally playing the way they were supposed to.
SAINTS, 21-20

Green Bay (plus 2) at Kansas City Short week for the Packers and they go on the road against a team that had a bye. Awful scheduling.

CHIEFS, 17-14 Seattle (plus 1 1/2) at Cleveland For what it's worth, Derrick Anderson is from the Pacific Northwest.
BROWNS, 31-29

Arizona (plus 3) at Tampa Bay The Bucs are sliding.
CARDINALS, 20-17

Cincinnati (minus 1) at Buffalo Carson Palmer is puzzled at his team's problems. Maybe he'll be puzzled by Buffalo's defense.
BILLS, 26-23

Washington (minus 3 1/2) at New York Jets The Redskins are facing Kellen Clemens this week, not Tom Brady.
REDSKINS, 20-10

San Francisco (plus 3) at Atlanta Alex Smith's shoulder is sore.
FALCONS, 21-17

Houston (plus 3) at Oakland At least the Raiders have been keeping things close.
RAIDERS, 16-14

LAST WEEK'S 8-5 (spread): 8-5 (straight up)
SEASON: 59-52-5 (spread); 76-40 (straight up)

GOLF ROUNDUP

Verplank surges to grab share of lead

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Scott Verplank was two shots behind with three holes to play Saturday, then surged into a share of the lead at the Children's Miracle Network simply by making pars.

Verplank, one of six players who had not a share of the lead on a wild afternoon at Disney, wound up with a 71 and was tied with Stephen Ames going into a final round.

Ames, who had a two-shot lead at one point, bogeyed two of his last three holes with three-putts that brought him to 70. He had to settle for a 70, but had few complaints about still being in the lead.

The man of few words was Brett Wetterich, who might have joined the leaders except for his triple bogey on the final hole when he suffered a two-stroke penalty for accidentally moving a twig inside the hazard while deciding whether to play the shot. He had a 72 and walked off without speaking to reporters on a PGA Tour official.

Verplank and Ames were at 13-under 203, with Justin Leonard (70) and long-shot Ted Riddings (71) in

the five-way tie for third. Two dozen players were separated by four shots going into the final round of the final PGA Tour event of the year.

Davies tied at Mizuno

SHIMA, Japan — Laum Davies was penalized two strokes for putting from the wrong place, a penalty that dropped the 44-year-old English star into a tie for the lead with Momoko Ueda in the Mizuno Classic.

The penalty led to a double bogey on the par-4 14th, and Davies settled for an even-par 72 and a tie with Ueda (67) at 7-under 137. American Rellay Rankin (72), Sweden's Maria Hjorth (68) and Japan's Mie Nakata (70) were one stroke back.

Rose four up at Volvo

SOTOGRADE, Spain — England's Justin Rose shot an even-par 71 to take a four-stroke lead over European Order Merit vice Padraig Harrington and countryman Simon Day after the third

round of the Volvo Masters.

Rose had a 4-under 209 total on the Valderrama course.

Harrington shot a 71, and Dyon had 71.

Erlie Els tops the money list, \$313,892 ahead of Harrington, but skipped the tournament to play in Singapore. Harrington, who won last year's Order of Merit title at this event, leads Rose by \$394.

Cabrera stay atop Singapore

SINGAPORE — U.S. Open champion Angel Cabrera shot a 1-under 70 to double his lead to four strokes after the third round of the Singapore Open.

Cabrera, from Argentina, had a 9-under 204 total.

American Jin Park (72) and a tie with England's Lee Westwood (71) followed at 4 under, and two-time defending champion, Adam Scott (73) was 3 under along with Vijay Singh. Phil Mickelson (73) was even par.

— The Associated Press

Hoops

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performances by both DeAndre Duncan and Brandon Hickson.

The Golden Eagles took a 43-32 lead after a first half of play that saw the teams combine for 45 turnovers and 29 fouls, including nine committed offenses. O'Connell was pumped in 14 first-half points to match Duncan's 14 for the Patriots. The Golden Eagles broke out of a 27-all tie at the 4:08 mark with a 16-1 rally to end the half.

The Golden Eagles have a week off to prepare for the Burkea Challenge, held Nov. 15-17 at the CSI gymnasium.

The Golden Eagles open the tournament at 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15, against Arizona's South Mountain Community College.

WESTCHESTER CC 77, CENTRAL ARIZONA 66

Hickman Simmons' 20 points led the Westchester Community College Westcos to their first win of the season, a 77-66 defeat of 0-3 Central Arizona College. Corey Ellis added 13 points while Myles Nichols scored 12 for the Westcos.

Ryan Sacker's 22 points and eight rebounds paced the Vaqueros, while

Harvick wins race; Edwards wraps up Busch Series title

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Kevin Harvick won another race and runaway points leader Carl Edwards finally wrapped up his first NASCAR Busch Series championship Saturday at Texas Motor Speedway.

Edwards, who built a lead of more than 800 points in the first half of the season, stumbled during the second half of the year before putting away the title with a final-place run in the O'Reilly Challenge. He leads runner-up David Reutimann by an insurmountable 552 points with two races to go.

"It's really amazing to be a Busch Series champion," said Edwards, who has won four times season. "I can't wait to hear how exciting that is and what it means to me."

Team owner Jack Roush was relieved that Edwards got it done Saturday.

"The rhythms in this business will just drive you crazy," Roush said. "We had an unbelievable start to the year and of course, it was unbelievable and we had to give a lot of it back. It means a lot to me to see Cui win his first championship in NASCAR."

Carl Edwards lifts the trophy after clinching the NASCAR Busch Series championship with a 11th-place finish in the O'Reilly Challenge race Saturday in Fort Worth, Texas.

"We were a better race team than we looked like at the end with crashes and parts and things breaking. These guys definitely deserve that championship and I'm happy for them.

Edwards, a Nextel Cup regular who has done double duty all season, finished third in the Busch Series as a rookie in 2005 and was runner-up to fellow Cup star Harvick last year.

For a while, it seemed as if he might blow the huge lead.

DRAG RACING

High Desert Speedway crowns 2007 champions

High Desert Speedway in Gooding crowned its 2007 Season Points winners last weekend.

While most of the classes were won handily, the Pro Class came down to the final race. Paula Neyman, who missed several races early in the season, rallied in the points standings and won

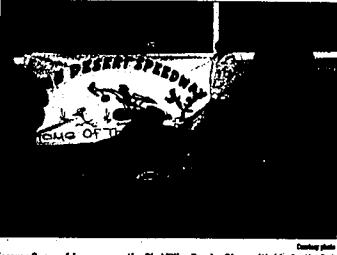
the final race, which feature double points, to take the title in the speedway's largest class. Neyman, 62, won the title with her grandsons cheering her on in the stands.

"I went up against all those young guys and I whooped them," said Neyman with a laugh.

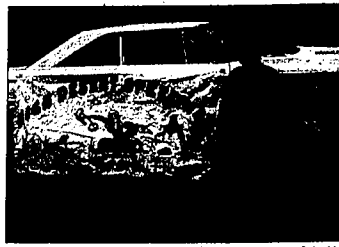
Paula Neyman, right, of Export won the Pro Class with her 440 Dodge Corvett.



Eric Meyers of Jerome won the Junior Dragster Class.



Jeremy Quam of Jerome won the 510/Six/Combo Class with his Arctic Cat Snowmobile.



John Howden of Weedell won the Street Class with his 1963 1/2 Ford Mustang.



Dusty Howden of Weedell won the Street Class with his 1966 Ford Mustang.

Your Scores and Stats

BOWLING

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS

SUN. EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Leazer 681, Cory Moore 657, Dale Black 611, Rick Frederiksen 541.

MEN'S GAMES: Bob Leazer 249, Cory Moore 236, Chris Warr 226, Nate Cross 222.

LADIES SERIES: Tiffany Hager 609, Tracey Hoffman 583, Kim Leazer 510, Nicole Frederiksen 541.

LADIES GAMES: Tiffany Hager 215, Tracey Hoffman 215, Kim Leazer 207, Nicole Frederiksen 207.

MON. MAJORS

BOYS' SERIES: Nicholas Parsons 475.

BOYS' GAMES: Nicholas Parsons 235, Zach Black 174, Tyler Allres 165, Anthony Vest 160.

GIRLS' SERIES: Danielle Allen 421, Ashley Nanna 410, Tami Craig 365, Tanna Coates 352.

GIRLS' GAMES: Danielle Allen 157, Ashley Nanna 154, Tami Craig 123, Tanna Coates 122.

MON. FOLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Tony Brass 638, John Bonnett 612, Rick Morrow 594, Lawrence Tolman 579.

LADIES GAMES: John Bonnett 255, Ron Marshall 234, Juan Hernandez 225, Rick Morrow 222.

LADIES SERIES: Georgia Randoil 546, Margaret Watson 538, Loretta Rodriguez 503, RocioNee 497.

LADIES GAMES: Margaret Watson 208, Georgia Randall 201, Dee Hall 181, Loretta Rodriguez 181.

MEN'S SERIES: Dale Black 621, Craig Pitman 570, Phil Lutz 565, Kelly Jeroux 550.

MEN'S GAMES: Dale Black 241, Craig Pitman 232, Kelly Jeroux 222, Tim James 221.

LADIES SERIES: Patty Skuzo 579, Stacey Pitman 554, Barbara Reynolds 541, Ann Dean 498.

LADIES GAMES: Stacey Pitman 221, Patty Skuzo 219, Ann Dean 192, Gretchen Black 189.

MID MORN. MIXED
LADIES SERIES: Tom Glass 618, Gerald Leis 603, Mac Brown 582, Myron Schroeder 579.

MEN'S GAMES: Gerald Leis 233, Tom Glass 223, Keith Kohn 211, Eddie Chappell 204, Myron Schroeder 203.

LADIES SERIES: Vicki Kiestig 545, Gail Cederlund 535, Bonnie Draper 522, Joann Burkett 493.

LADIES GAMES: Gail Cederlund 213, Bonnie Draper 193, Vicki Kiestig 192, Pat Gross 186.

TUES. AM. TRIOS
SERIES: Ann Shepherd 524, Londa Stout 513, Ann Brewer 503, Charlene Anderson 493.

C.S.I. TUESDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Travis Gihring 324, Lev Atkabarot 273, Erin Winn 264, Joseph Kent 243.

MEN'S GAMES: Travis Gihring 163, Defino Martinez 144, Erin Winn 143, Joseph Kent 141.

LADIES SERIES: Rosanna Gonzales 261, Jennifer Sibbett 234, Rhonda Martinez 230, Michelle Wineinger 217.

LADIES GAMES: Jennifer Sibbett 137, Rhonda Martinez 133, Michelle Wineinger 117, Amanda Schipper 111.

CONSOLIDATED
SERIES: Bob Leazer 658, Dennis Seckel 653, Dale Black 638, David Cederstrom 635.

GAMES: Bob Leazer 267, Dennis Seckel 256, Mike Leazer 235, Ed Davis 235.

MM. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Ed Dury 595, Ken Hodges 575, Ken Cameron 537, Rich Farnsworth 534.

MEN'S GAMES: Ken Hodges 232, Ed Dury 227, Ken Cameron 205, Rich Farnsworth 203.

LADIES SERIES: Bonnie Draper 539, Sandy Schroeder 491, Dee Hall 473, Jean McGuire 465.

LADIES GAMES: Bonnie Draper 206, Ann Brower 182, LaVona Young 178, Dee Hall 174.

LADIES CLASSIC
SERIES: Vicki Collins 574, Julie Shull 558, Michelle Baughman 554, Jeannette Johnson 554.

GAMES: Jeannette Johnson 227, Vicki Collins 216, Julie Shull 212, Ann Shepherd 204.

SUNSET
SERIES: Mary Cooke 631, Tiffany Hager 586, Kristy Rodriguez 553, Ann Shepherd 552.

GAMES: Mary Cooke 218, Kristy Rodriguez 214, Tiffany Hager 203, Michelle Baughman 203, Ann Shepherd 203.

FRI. PM. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Gerald Leis 594, Bob Chalfant 582, Tom Smith 557, Bill Boren 550.

MEN'S GAMES: Bob Chalfant 245, Tom Smith 214, Gerald Leis 208, Eddie Chappell 205.

LADIES SERIES: Shirley Kunsman 530, Jean McGuire 525, Bonnie Draper 525, Shirley Griffiths 472.

LADIES GAMES: Gayle Harrell 197, Shirley Kunsman 189, Bonnie Draper 180, Shirley Griffiths 180.

C.S.I. FRIDAY
MEN'S SERIES: Craig Balla 629, Patrick Harris 605, Roy Dalton 549, Matt Lavigne 429.

MEN'S GAMES: Roy Dalton 243, Patrick Harris 226, Craig Balla 223, Matt Lavigne 185.

LADIES SERIES: Hallie Ramsey 562, Jashell King 418, Jenn Lewis 403, Amanda Schipper 368.

LADIES GAMES: Hallie Ramsey 198, Jenn Lewis 144, Jashell King 151, Melonie Jones 137.

459, Jackie Boyd 432, GAMES: Dan Harmon 174, Carol Miller 171, Deanna Hill 168, Jackie Boyd 164.

LIL' GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Billy Rowan 239, Simon Haisel 234, Michael Tolley 280, Chris Coates 275.

BOYS' GAMES: Daniel Schliebe 113, Chris Coates 107, Willie Rowan 106, Simon Haisel 106.

GIRLS' SERIES: Ashley Etters 298, Katie Upchurch 247, Alicia Beverly 243, Elyso Matlock 225.

GIRLS' GAMES: Elyso Matlock 123, Ashley Etters 117, Alicia Beverly 111, Katie Upchurch 98.

GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Joe Campbell 393, Brian Payne 383, Junior/Combo 348, Kyle Lorbicchi 328.

BOYS' GAMES: Joe Campbell 175, Brian Payne 137, Jaden Tuma 127, Junior/Combo 119.

GIRLS' SERIES: Kati Jo Brooks 434, Jay Makay 432, Brooke Newlan 406, Miranda Curtis 330.

GIRLS' GAMES: Jay Makay 182, Kati Jo Brooks 165, Brooke Newlan 156, Miranda Curtis 131.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS
SUN. ROLLERS

MEN'S SERIES: Stan Visser 633, Robbie Watkins 618, Keith Kelly 596, RD Adema 575.

MEN'S GAMES: Robbie Watkins 223, Keith Kelly 221, Stan Visser 214, RD Adema 202.

LADIES SERIES: Margie Adema 607, Amanda Adema 473, Ruth Rho 439, Sandy Kelly 416.

LADIES GAMES: Margie Adema 222, Amanda Adema 205, Ida Countryman 169, Ruth Rho 168.

COMMERCIAL
SERIES: Bob Lester 643, Coby Magee 642, Rick Frederiksen 629, Matt Olson 602.

GAMES: Bob Lester 246, Rick Frederiksen 245, Coby Magee 236, Leon Klimes 232.

BRASON
SERIES: Jean Stokeshaw 553, Edie Barkley 529, Virginia Mulkey 515, Vi Crowsaw 509.

GAMES: Jean Stokeshaw 213, Edie Barkley 202, Virginia Mulkey 199, Vi Crowsaw 191.

VALLEY
SERIES: Tim Sonan Sr. 683, Kent Stowe 672, Ron Dawson 662, Blayne Thompson 656.

GAMES: Ron Dawson 278, Kent Stowe 268, Tim Sonan Sr. 265, Bill Palmer 248.

FIFTY PLUS
MEN'S SERIES: Howard Harder 582, Tom Glass 574, Russa Borselt 573, Gerald Leis 671.

MEN'S GAMES: Tom Glass 224, Charles Lewis 223, Gerald Leis 222, Max Danos 212.

LADIES SERIES: Pat Glass 594, Jean Stokeshaw 549, Gal Cederlund 538, Leta Danos 502.

232, Joel Johnston 217, Todd Dickenson 215, Lynn Claypool 211.

LADIES SERIES: Amanda Morton 528, Tonia Collins 500, Mary Rackham 499, Kathy McClure 482.

LADIES GAMES: Amanda Morton 202, Lisa Dickenson 191, Mary Rackham 188, Kathy McClure 183.

FRI. EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Mike Goodson 682, Joe McClure 620, Blayne Thompson 614, Robbie Watkins 590.

MEN'S GAMES: John Wakley 265, Mike Goodson 244, Joe McClure 232, Robbie Watkins 228.

LADIES SERIES: Julie Capurro 509, Krista Wakley 506, Brooke Thompson 505, Melissa Stubb 484.

LADIES GAMES: Bobbie Ladson 201, Julie Capurro 187, Jami Jones 185, Melissa Straub 183.

SNAKE RIVER, BOWL BURLEY
TUESDAY KIDS

SERIES: Jozef Elder 321, Jacob Schaefer 281, Caitlin Schaefer 409, Klara Heib 384, Nara Elder 290.

GAMES: Jozef Elder 130, Jacob Schaefer 101, Klara Heib 159, Caitlin Schaefer 142, Nara Elder 104.

TUESDAY TEENS
SERIES: Anthony Meyer 567, Dale Amen 524, Jarod Studer 509, Bridget Albertson 420, Larkia Miller 397, Sandy Davis 273.

GAMES: Dale Amen 213, Andrew Egan 209, Anthony Meyer 205, Larkia Miller 156, Bridget Albertson 150, Sandy Davis 123.

PINHEADS
SERIES: Andrew Morgan 545, Fred Fowler 444, Riggin Maiter 436, Francis Fowler 411, Abrina Blount 363, Cheyenne Powers 351.

GAMES: Andrew Morgan 239, Fred Fowler 181, Riggin Maiter 159, Francis Fowler 146, Bethany Adams 140, Abrina Blount 133.

CLASSIC TRIOS
(4 GAME SERIES)
SERIES: Bob Bywater 935, Brad Holm 916, Don Howell 892, Dan Norris 878.

GAMES: Don Howell 268, Brad Holm 258, Bob Bywater 256, Justin Stromm 255.

DAWDLIN MARAUDERS
SERIES: Derry Smith 587, Brenda Schenk 543, Kathryn Stanger 412, Diane Stroberg 409.

GAMES: Brenda Schenk 218, Derry Smith 214, Rylee Hamilton 150, Diane Stroberg 149.

LADIES CLASSIC TRIOS
SERIES: Kym Davis 536, Denise Hiltbrand 528, Georgia Schaefer 477, Jewel Tetter 456.

GAMES: Kym Davis 244, Georgia Schaefer 194, Melissa Wilcox 187, Julie Vincent 183.

ODDBALL
SERIES: Jachelle Lowe 511, Glenda Mechem 487, Jan Studer 463, Sharon Hayden 454.

GAMES: Kathy Wickel 203, Jan Studer 193, Jachelle Lowe 177, Debra Banner 172.

TUESDAY MIXED
SERIES: Jordan Parsh 686, Bob

Bywater 673, Clarence Platt 584, Stacy Heib 550, Theresa Knowlton 506, Alicia Bywater 417.

GAMES: Jordan Parsh 279, Bob Bywater 257, Willie Nelson 243, Stacy Heib 199, Theresa Knowlton 180, Sarah Dunn 158.

WED. MIXED
SERIES: Kurt Stimpson 649, Tyson Hirsch 621, Marty Holland 566, Annette Hirsch 537, Georgia Schultz 494, Terri Harris 417.

GAMES: Kurt Stimpson 249, Tyson Hirsch 224, Marty Holland 210, Annette Hirsch 214, Georgia Schultz 168, Jessica Meyer 161.

RAILROADERS
SERIES: Jamie Stewart 513, Suzi Yehertson 486, Kym Son 476, Lisa Hutchinson 467.

GAMES: Jamie Stewart 203, Lisa Hutchinson 193, Suzi Yehertson 155, Eileen Terry 177.

THURS. MORN. DOUBLES
SERIES: Derry Smith 593, DeLoan Carson 525, Carol McFee 507, Kay Heffington 500.

GAMES: Derry Smith 229, Kay Heffington 211, DeLoan Carson 194, Nanette Kostka 189.

HOUSEWIVES
SERIES: Anna Studer 533, Lisa Hutchison 529, Theresa Knowlton 528, Sharon Ratho 489.

GAMES: Anna Studer 210, Theresa Knowlton 191, Lisa Hutchison 188, Sharon Ratho 180.

MAJOR
SERIES: Spencer Meyer 719, Rick Heib 716, Tyson Hirsch 705, Darin Carter 677.

GAMES: Rick Heib 279, Tyson Hirsch 269, Darin Carter 264, Spencer Meyer 257.

MA & PA
SERIES: Garth Jones 649, Randy Rose 664, Brent Olsen 559, Kils Rodriguez 525, Janet Grant 500, Lynn Despain 432.

GAMES: Garth Jones 233, Rod Ruyven 205, Randy Rose 202, Kris Rodriguez 200, Janet Grant 180, Lynn Despain 155.

EARLY BIRDS
SERIES: Darin Carter 744, Deo Malmor 600, Dusty Penrod 599, Norma Carter 506, Gerolga Schultz 461, Shannon Carter 440.

GAMES: Darin Carter 279, Dusty Penrod 224, Shawn Millsapp 214, Carol Smith 197, Norma Carter 180, Becky Smith 176.



The Minico Spuds pose during their recent trip to Boise.

Spuds get Olympic training in Boise

The Minico Spuds traveled to Boise on Oct. 20 for some training in the Special Olympics sport of floor hockey. This is a new sport for Special Olympians in Idaho and the Spuds were able to train with national coaches. Debbie Henschel, Sherri Eggleston and Alena Vargas trained as hockey coaches with Matt Berden of Minico and Vadian Dougal of West Minico training as junior coaches. Both Braden and Douglas are Global Messengers for Special Olympics and received advanced leadership training to help them lead other teams to success.

While in Boise, the Spuds were privileged to take a tour of the new Special Olympics World Games headquarters. Dawn Thomas, director of volunteers, took the Spuds through the building and showed them what's in store for the world's participants in the World Games 2009. Idaho was chosen to host the world games, which will bring athletes and their coaches from all over the world to the Gem State.

The Spuds are now preparing for their next regional bowling tournament to be held Nov. 10 at the Snake River Bowl. They will also be participating in a Mini Global Messengers Training cummating in a program and dinner for their parents and friends on Nov. 9 at East Minico Junior High.

GEM STATE TRAVELING

Places to go, things to see in McCall

County: Valley
Trivia: Barbara Morgan taught second, third, and fourth grades at the McCall-Donnelly elementary school for 22 non-consecutive years. Morgan became the first teacher to travel in space this year.

Manchester Ice and Event Centre

200 E. Lake St. The centre features a large indoor ice skating rink and grandstand seating looking out toward Payette Lake and the surrounding snow-capped mountains.

Activity Barn Tubing Park

The Activity Barn features a 700-foot long lift-served tubing hill with a vertical drop of 85-feet and four levels of difficulty. Guests sit in their tube and let the tow rope pull them to the top. Runs of varying difficulty will take the tuber 700-feet back down the hill. The scenic site 2 miles south of McCall is on a working cattle ranch adjoining the Payette River and has surrounding mountain views. Snacks and drinks are available in the Activity Barn's red yurt, which also serves as a warming hut.

On weekends, a bonfire will keep guests warm between activities.

Payette Lake

Offers boating with several sandy beaches and mountain scenery. North Beach is a popular spot for waterskiing. There is a marina and good boat ramps near the town of McCall. For picnicking and swimming, the town has two city parks on the lake. Ponderosa State Park, located on a peninsula extending out into the lake, offers camping.

Slick Rock Mountain

East of McCall on Lick Creek Road is a large rock face that is a popular spot for climbers in the Lick Creek Canyon area of the Payette National Forest. Slick Rock has ten top pitches varying in difficulty from 5.3 to 5.6. It is one of the longest continuous technical rock climbs in Idaho. There is a turnout for parking and the bottom of the face is a 15-minute hike across a creek. Lake Fork campground is located nearby for those interested in overnight facilities.

Smokejumper Base-Payette National Forest

The McCall Smokejumper Base is one of only four Forest Service smokejumper training bases in the United States. The complex includes smokejumper training unit, parafall, Payette National Forest dispatch office and the McCall air tanker base. During the summer months 70 smokejumpers, three smokejumper aircraft and two air tankers are based in McCall. Tours of the facility are available at specific times.

Thanksgiving travel

It doesn't always lead you to grandma's house

By Beth J. Harpaz
 Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Thanksgiving is always one of the busiest travel times of the year. But not everybody is heading home to mom. Some folks go skiing, some head to Orlando or Vegas, others cram the streets of New York and Chicago to watch parades. And some far-flung families gather at a hotel instead of grandma's house.

"We literally have generations of families that come for Thanksgiving. It's our busiest weekend of the year," said Clark Albright, director of marketing at Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, Ariz. — <http://www.camelbackinn.com/> — where guests get a whole bird carved at their table rather than going

through a buffet. In Massachusetts, more than 70,000 people visit Plymouth Plantation each November to learn about life among Colonial settlers and the native Wampanoags — more commonly known as Pilgrims and Indians. Here you'll find costumed interpreters plucking the feathers off real turkeys and chatting about a harvest celebration that took place in 1621.

Plymouth also hosts a variety of Thanksgiving celebrations, including a Victorian-style dinner where President Lincoln's 1863 proclamation declaring Thanksgiving to be a national holiday is read aloud. Other holiday meals at Plymouth include a walk-in courtyard buffet (\$37.95 including admission to the

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Arapahoe Basin Ski Area - Colorado



Plymouth Plantation - Plymouth, Mass.



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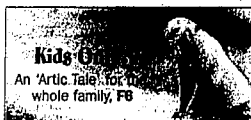
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TEENS TALK: HIP TO KNIT

Knitting gains popularity with Magic Valley teenagers

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News correspondent

Think knitting is just for grandmas?

Tell that to the Knitting Club at Twin Falls High School.

The club meets once a week during lunch. This time, only three students show up, but that's because they forgot to advertise the meeting, they say.

The teenagers sift through knitting supplies raided from their mothers and gossip about classmates and student teachers between knits and purrs.

"I don't know what these are," Josh Haines says, holding up a pair of needle toppers from the box. Someone explains that they go on the ends of the needles so the project doesn't slip off.

"Oh, I thought they were earplugs," he says.

The teenagers join the growing ranks of young knitters in the U.S. The number of female knitters under age 45 has doubled since the early 1990s, according to author Stephanie Pearl-McPhee's "Yarn Harlot." Among those knitters are teenagers like Rachel Toft.

Toft, 17, learned how to knit a few years ago at church and continued when she discovered how much she enjoyed it.

"I think it's fun and it's really relaxing and, like, you feel really good," she says.

Today, Toft has started working on a new scarf out of wily gold thread. The gold came from the box of yarn Haines brought.



Josh Haines looks over yarn he brought from home during a knitting club meeting at Twin Falls High School. Haines, who has been knitting for a year, says the craft is "quite an expression."

Haines, 17 says he gets his yarn from dollar stores. Michaels and his mother, who gets her yarn from Dumpsters, he claims.

"She's crazy," he says. "She's who has been knitting for a year, likes the social aspect and says

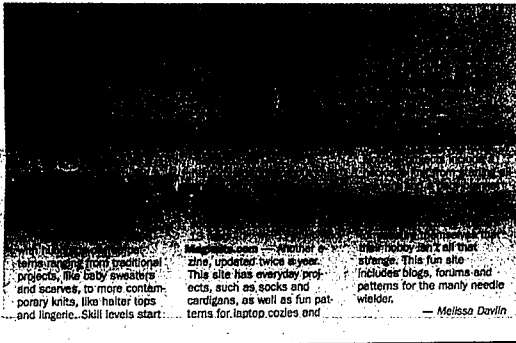
the craft has sparked some of the best conversations he's ever had.

"A lot of people knit. Like, I can go to my grandma's house and sit and talk with my grandma while knitting," he says.

Another important aspect



Rachel Toft and Derik Rudd examine a set of needle toppers during a Knitting Club meeting at Twin Falls High School.



THE SOCIAL KNITTER

Knitting skills a little rusty? Are you fluent in the ways of the needle, but want to flex your stitching prowess? Here's a list of upcoming knitting classes at Sheep to Shawl, at 655 Blue Lakes Blvd., in Twin Falls.

Knitting with the Past Gal — Child m

knitting techniques with these quick little projects. 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 14 and 28. \$2 plus supplies.

Knocks Out Two Chemo's — Learn how to knit socks on a 2.25 circular needles. This classic project will be an advanced knitting project.

is cookies. He brings some today to share with club members.

"Baked goods are a big part of knitting," he says. "If you can knit, you can probably bake. I can't, but you

know." His cookies are made from a mix bought at a dollar store.

Derik Rudd started crocheting when he was 12 and knitting when he was about 16. Now 17, he knits "when-

ever I feel like it." He doesn't seem to feel like it today. Instead of stitching, he puts a halo of yarn on his head and chats with Haines and

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The immigration of love

Pursuit of fiance visas leads loveborn to bond online

By Karin Brulliard
The Washington Post

This is what love has done to Wendy Brown. She's lost weight, resumed smoking and all but decided to move to the Balkans to be with her Albanian fiance. And each night, she spends hours in her cozy Baltimore apartment, mingling online with strangers who are equally fixated on the same topic: getting their soul mates through the U.S. immigration system.

"We are both devastated," Brown,

38, wrote last spring on VisaJourney.com, reporting that the U.S. Embassy in Albania had denied her fiance a visa. She also posted a list of the questions the fiance was asked at his interview. "I'm going to keep fighting and fighting until we get what we both want more than anything in the world... and that is to be together." Many people are frustrated with the immigration process and its long lines and opaque applications that, if misinterpreted, can send a case back to square one. Perhaps none are more

ardent than the growing ranks of U.S. citizens applying for fiance and spouse visas, who say their passion is driven by a sense that their own government is fighting them and by the fear that delays or denials might spell the end of a romance.

In recent years, these American petitioners have channeled their despair into a few Web sites featuring the odd pairing of love stories and red-tape navigation for those fed up with the federal immigration



Wendy Brown of Baltimore flew to Albania in April to be with her fiance, Mosa Haxhi. He was denied a U.S. visa the same month and awaits another review.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens 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: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, salad, bread, fruit pie
 Tuesday: Meatloaf or liver, fried potatoes, baked squash, beet salad, corn, bread, dessert
 Wednesday: Chicken potato, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, cabbage, fruit salad, bread, dessert
 Thursday: Ham and beans, vegetables, fried potatoes, corn bread, pudding
 Friday: Baked potato bar, salad, bread stick, peach cobbler

ACTIVITIES:
 Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.
 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.
 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
 Saturday: Super Bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
 1010 Main St., Buhi. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet, 1 a.m. to \$4.50; seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday:

MENUS:
 Monday: Potato soup and beef sandwich
 Tuesday: Goulash, bread, salad, vegetables, dessert
 Wednesday: Ham and cheese quiche, vegetables, salad, bread, dessert
 Thursday: Ham slices, sweet potato bake, salad, vegetables, fruit, rolls, dessert

ACTIVITIES:
 Today: Park roast dinner, 1 p.m.
 Haaks Band
 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.
 Board meeting, 1 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.
 Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
 Friday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
 310 Main St. N., Kimberley. 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:
 Today: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, pumpkin dessert
 Monday: Cook's choice
 Wednesday: Beef stew, butterscotch pudding
 Friday: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, dessert

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Nu-2U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 AA meeting, 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
 Wednesday: Nu-2U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday: Nu-2U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Foot clinic
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens 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: Fish and chips, broccoli, pineapple salad, chocolate chip cake, bread
 Tuesday: Teriyaki meatballs, rice, corn, carrot salad, fruit, garlic bread
 Wednesday: Chili, Fritos, Waldorf salad, lemon cookies, bread sticks
 Thursday: Pit ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, pearl onions, coteseaw, Texas sheet cake, roll
 Friday: Soup and sandwich

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.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.

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.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
 Friday: SilverSneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
 130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60:

MENUS:
 Monday: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, summer squash, roll, fruit, cookie
 Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, potato soup, carrot sticks, chocolate pie

Filer Senior Haven
 222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, oven potatoes, broccoli, salad, roll, cherry pineapple nut cake
 Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup, corn bread, pistachio salad, cinnamon roll
 Thursday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, carrots, salad, bread, fruit

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: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, bread, fruit, cookie
 Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, potato soup, carrot sticks, chocolate pie

MENUS:
 Tuesday: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, bread, fruit, cookie
 Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, potato soup, carrot sticks, banana and cherry pie
 Friday: Baked potato bar, roll, Jell-O

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 3 p.m.

MENUS:
 Tuesday: Pork stew, biscuits, salad, apples, chesecake
 Wednesday: Casserole, bean salad, pears, bread, brownies
 Friday: Salisbury steak, rice, cabbage, pears, carrot salad, bread, banana cream pie

ACTIVITIES:
 Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Saturday: Fundraising breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

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: Cook's buffet
 Wednesday: Baked chicken, dressing, roll, vegetables, carrot raisin salad, bread pudding
 Friday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, roll, coteseaw, green beans, carrots, spice cake

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Shopping trip to Twin Falls, 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at the Kneadery, 9 a.m.
 Massage therapy, 9:30 a.m.
 Tuesday: Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m.
 Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
 Wednesday: Footlight dancers, 10:30 p.m.
 Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Jackpot, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday: Red Hatters Lunch at Golden Elk and movie, 11 a.m.

Carey Senior Center
 Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3,

seniors; \$5, non-seniors.
 Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, roll, coteseaw, green beans, carrots, spice cake

Minidoka 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: Taco salad, Texas toast, cottage cheese, pudding
 Tuesday: Cheeseburger, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, peach cobbler
 Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, roll, salad, chocolate mousse
 Thursday: Potato bar, roll, fruit salad, pudding
 Friday: Veteran's dinner, smorgasbord

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
 Pool, 1 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Wednesday: Blood pressure, 10 a.m.
 Pool, 1 to 4 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 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872, ext. 2, for appointments
 Friday: Veteran's Day salute, noon
 Pool, 1 p.m.
 Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 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.

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool

Silver and Gold Senior Center
 210 E. Wilson, Eden. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors, \$5, non-seniors.
 Tuesday: Sausage party, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, coteseaw, fruit
 Thursday: Spaghetti, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread - sticks

ACTIVITIES:
 Tuesday: Energy assistance
 Wednesday: Bake day
 Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Friday: Chuck Wagon Dinner and Auction, 5 p.m.
 Saturday: Pancake breakfast

MENUS:
 Monday: Spaghetti, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
 Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
 Friday: Egg salad sandwiches, baked beans, salad, fruit, bread, dessert

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Flu shots

Don't wait to make connections with elderly

By Susan Campbell
 The Hartford Courant

On a Saturday, a woman sat watching golf on television in her eastern Connecticut home. The event ran late, and when it was over, she got up, turned off the television and turned to go to bed.

"I felt something against my leg," she was said later, and then her legs gave out under her, and she crumpled in a heap on the floor.

The 86-year-old didn't hit her head on the way down, didn't lose consciousness at all, but no matter how she shifted herself to rise, her legs would not support her weight. The house's one telephone is in the kitchen, and she tried to scoot on her rump to it, but she couldn't clear a small, 3-inch rise into the kitchen.

And so there she lay, waiting for someone to come. The woman, who lives alone, has family members, but they're in her age group and not as mobile as they once were.

(Forgive the coyness about not naming her. She is an older woman, and because she lives alone, she prefers to choose her visitors, and publication of her name might rob her of that.)

There, on the floor, the woman tried to make herself

as comfortable as possible. Mostly she hunkered down. Sometimes she slept. A day or so after her collapse — the exact timing is hard to say because the hours bled into one another — a neighbor came by, a handyman, and he called out when she didn't answer her door. The woman called back, but he didn't hear her, and so he left. It got dark, and then it got light again.

That Tuesday, she missed her bowling league, which is unusual for her. A friend named Lynne thought her absence was odd but nothing to worry about.

But the next night, a Wednesday, another friend went by her house to give her a ride to practice with the Concert Choir of Northeastern Connecticut, and he couldn't miss anyone either.

This time, Lynne, who is also in the choir, didn't wait a moment, not even until the end of rehearsal. She immediately called 9-1-1 and raced over to find the EMTs helping the older woman who had spent four days on the floor without food or water.

She was tired and sore but very much alive.

Understand that this is an active, cognizant old woman with a network of buddies who look out for her. Three years ago, she fell and broke

her hip and enhanced her already rigorous physical therapy by sitting at home in a chair and lifting her 10-pound bowling ball from floor to hip, floor to hip. She was a Rosie the Riveter in Rhode Island during World War II.

More accurately, she was a Wilhelmina the Welder, says Phyllis, another friend. She has raised Alredales and even showed that hard-headed breed. She's fond of long walks, and she has her own car.

In other words, she's an active woman, not one to garner much notice if she takes off for a drive or a long walk.

Her friends at a local diner had seen her the Friday before she fell, but maybe Yankee reticence kept them from acting when they didn't see her after that. Everyone feels awful about this, that they didn't act sooner, that their friend had lain on the

floor for so long. She had been walking around with pneumonia, and her friends had noticed her pallor. Most likely, that moment weakened her, she said, and that's why her legs gave out.

She spent a few weeks in a rehabilitative care center, entertaining the staff with her stories, but she's home now.

In preparation, her friends altered her house a bit, a handrail here, a grab bar in the bathroom. Phyllis took her out for ice cream recently and noticed she's walking taller than she has in years. Thanks, physical therapy!

If there's a lesson in all of this, her friends say it's this: Even the most active older person needs someone to look in on them once in a while.

They need you to call, and if they don't answer, they need you to go by, and they need you to be persistent about it.

Exercise Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center
 492 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: Crispy fish fillet, potatoes au gratin, vegetables, peaches, bread
 Tuesday: Pepper steak, rice, broccoli Normandy, carrots, pudding, bread
 Thursday: Barbecue pork chops, baked beans, peas, carrots, bread

ACTIVITIES:
 Thursday: Area 3 meeting in Caldwell
 Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
 Cards, 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center
 140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed internet.

MENUS:
 Monday: Spaghetti, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
 Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
 Friday: Egg salad sandwiches, baked beans, salad, fruit, bread, dessert

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Flu shots

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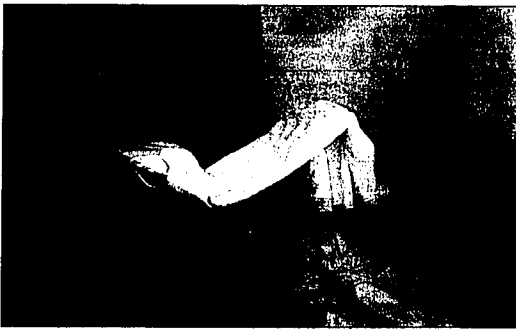
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agency's help line, whose representatives are trained in immigration regulations and provide scripted advice that critics say is often wrong.

Visajourney, a site whose 35,000 members are mostly Americans with foreign fiances and spouses, is at once a celebration of love and a condemnation of bureaucracy. Members, who call themselves "Vjers," describe meeting their beloveds in Kenyan bars, Jamaican churches, online video games. They have posted thousands of photos of smiling couples in foreign lands. Their profile pages are adorned with beating hearts, clocks counting the hours since their last meetings and such statements as "feels like eternity... without him."

Members also post detailed timelines with dates of approved and denied forms and interviews; moderators crunch those into graphs of average wait times at domestic visa offices and overseas embassies. They rank U.S. immigration offices with stars as if they were restaurants. They advise one another on procuring police records for an Ecuadorian fiancé and how much proof of a relationship — photos, love letters — a hopeful British fiancée should bring to an interview. (As much as he can carry, one member advised, adding "knock 'em dead.")

"Misery loves company," said Brown, a former alcohol rehabilitation specialist.



Wendy Brown of Baltimore has a wedding dress ready but had to put her plans for nuptials in Las Vegas on hold. She has shared details of her immigration battles with those in similar straits on Visajourney.com. Visajourney, a site whose 35,000 members are mostly Americans with foreign fiances and spouses, is at once a celebration of love and a condemnation of bureaucracy.

"You're looking for any beacon of hope."

That company has grown alongside a jump in these visas: Nearly 33,000 fiance visas were issued in 2005, up from about 9,000 in 1995. Spouse visas rose to more than 16,000 from about 4,600 since 2000. Immigration officials offer no simple explanation for the growth, but some observers say the Internet — with its online dating sites, instant messaging and Web cams — has fueled transnational relationships.

Waiting in the U.S. is not so easy. The petitioner files

numerous forms and documents that are typically processed within six months, longer than for many other non-family visas.

Next come background checks. Then the application goes to a U.S. embassy or consulate, where the fiancé or spouse submits more forms and is interviewed. The process can take months or years.

Visajourney members list a host of complaints: Those on the East Coast are enraged about what they call a recent slowdown in approval times, which they zealously track.

They condemn U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' recent announcement that it was prioritizing employment and citizenship cases after a summer surge in work-visa applications.

Officials say that waits vary and that decisions are made with the interest of legitimate applicants and national security in mind; foreigners sometimes feign love to get visas, so officials must be diligent, said Immigration Services spokeswoman Chris Rhatigan. "The government, she said, is committed to family-based visas."

Knit

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Toft while they work. "The students don't worry about reactions to their craft. They know, however, that many still stereotype knitting as a hobby for old people."

My little sister learned how to knit and she was like, 'Don't tell anyone! I don't want people making fun of me!'" Toft says.

Her sister shouldn't worry. Even the boys say they don't get teased.

"No one makes fun of me for anything," Haines says. "Plus, if you have a large sharp object in your hand, I wouldn't be inclined to make fun of them," Rudd adds.

Those pointy knitting needles aside, knitting might be more accepted among young people because of the recent emergence of funky yarns and trendy patterns, says Michael's employer, Tammy Lowther. Knitting gives people a chance to express themselves by making unique clothing and accessories.

"I think that makes it more competitive with what you can find in a store," she says.

Although Knitting Club members say they don't usually follow patterns, some have caught their eyes.

"There's a hat that makes it look like there's a bowl of spaghetti on your head,"



Lowther

"I made a shirt for my older sister a couple years ago," Toft says. "I'd just started knitting and it didn't turn out very good."

Now her experience helps other club members. Today, she assists Haines with his project.

"This is a terrible scarf. I should redo it," he says.

"Well yeah, that's because you dropped stitches all over the back of it!" Toft says.

He tears out stitches and abandons the scarf for the moment, chatting about class projects instead.

At the end of the lunch hour, the students break up and head back to class. They hope the club's membership will grow eventually. Toft says she knows a lot of people want to learn, especially now that knitting is more trendy.

"I think it's like coming back," she says. "It's not like a grandma thing anymore. It's for everyone."

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Plenty of new starts are waiting, Libra

IF NOV. 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Perhaps you feel that no one appreciates your most valuable talents. Romance could seem elusive for the next few weeks or your love life might hit a few bumps in the road. By the time the holidays are over, you will feel confidence return and relationships will get back to normal. Next April and May, heed inconsequential advice from well-wishers — and accept any offers, as they could prove to be of long-lasting benefit and have far-reaching consequences. A minor opportunity could trigger a positive and powerful alteration in the direction of your life next year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Prime the pumps. This is a good week to start something new and exhilarating. You like to have many irons in the fire; this might be a beneficial time to add interests to your bonfire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The foreign and exotic simultaneously attract and repel you. Put aside preconceived notions and embrace change this week. You never know how good something is until you try it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Dr. Seuss may have known what your upcoming week would be like when he wrote "Green Eggs and Ham." Familiar things may take on a distinctly unusual appearance and make you think twice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Resistance is futile. Acoliers, loved ones and friends may urge you to experiment with something dramatically different this week. Aim energies towards positively transforming your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Play it footloose and fancy free during the exciting week ahead. It is time to

experiment with fresh ideas and "isms." Get out and mingle with new people or visit unusual, out-of-the-way places.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Read the writing on the wall. When people and situations change, it is necessary for you to adapt and change with them. This week it is best to go along with the "maddening crowd."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): New starts are in view on numerous levels. A changing of the guard at work might give you a chance to try your hand at different tasks. Be willing to experiment in the week ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be a participant. You can't be merely a spectator who watches from a so-called Ivory tower this week. Dig deep into the nitty-gritty and get your hands dirty. You will be glad you did.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Abandon your usual haunts. You could find some free time on your hands, so use it wisely this week. Visit a neighbor and catch up on the gossip or try out a hot new dining spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A surprise may open doors. Your partner or significant other might have some startling news or offer highly creative financial ideas. Agree to test out some new techniques this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be sure that actions add to the greater good. This is a week when you can nudge along beneficial reforms even if it only seems like a drop in the bucket. You are someone's shining light.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Primp in front of the mirror. You may feel like a celebrity with all the attention you receive this week. People will respond favorably to friendliness, so make friends while the sun shines.

Over-40s get their own social networking site

Newsday

Thinking about visiting an online social networking site but afraid you'll run into your kids or grandkids? A new Web site is hoping to attract over-40s who want to chat and share their experiences.

San Francisco-based TeeBeeDee launched its social networking site, www.tbd.com, this fall. The company was founded by Robin Wolaner, who started Parenting Magazine 20 years ago. Tbd.com says the site is the place for people over 40 who believe that life is still to be determined.

Online social networking is growing up. A recent report from Web tracking service comScore Media Matrix said

half the visitors to MySpace — the No. 1 social networking site — are older than 35. That's a marked change from a few years ago when MySpace was mainly a haven for teens and 20-somethings talking about sex and relationships and the accompanying angst.

As for www.tbd.com, like MySpace, it encourages members to create their own profile pages and search out people with similar interests. Members can also post discussion topics or join in ongoing discussions.

And what are over-40s interested in? Again like MySpace, many of the topics are about sex and relationships and the accompanying angst.

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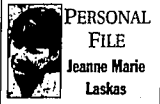
It's a long story with good characters

Robin is mad at me. Or she should be. It's been months since I've written to her, and so much has happened. I want to know about her new baby. Will I want to know how big sister Amelia is doing. I want pictures! I want to know all about the new house, and I want to hear how she's coping with a year so check-full of change.

The wanting is the easy part, the asking and the laughing and the show of support. The telling is the hard part. The telling is, "This is what's causing distance between me and so many old friends. It's not that I have something huge to tell Robin; I have no big deal. There is just so much."

Here's the thing, Like Robin, Susannah is mad at me. And so are Kathy and Kit and Ryan and Sully and Jeanne. Or they should be. And I should be mad at them. We don't keep in touch in the ways we believe we should. Even so, somehow "being mad" never actually enters the equation. We forgive, forgive, forgive and forgive. We are friends who fall into a special category: I can't quite name it.

People talk about "old friends" as if all of them are the same; folks you shared some good times with, remember fondly, and, if you happen to cross paths with them again, folks you'd long hang out with over martini



PERSONAL FILE
Jeanne Marie Laskas

and some knee-slapping stories of the good old days. Anyone who has ever gone to college, or had any sort of social life at all during early adulthood, has many such "old friends."

Anyone who has ever made it beyond those years probably has some of this other kind I'm talking about, too. I need a name for them. They are more than "old friends." They are friends who don't drop. They are friends with whom you once shared a lot of life's content. A first baby or a first heartbreak or a stint in rehab or some exciting claim to fame. Big things happened, and you were there for each other.

Then one of you moved away, or got married and got too busy, or simply got involved with a new group forming over some shared love of perennials or fine wine or rugby. Here's the thing: I could open my MS Outlook right now, fire up a hit-and-run e-mail, and I could say, "Oh, my goodness, and I'm sorry it has been so long since I've written," and I could begin to reconnect. If I do to, well, what I (and poor Robin) would be in for:

perhaps 25,000 words of summary to get her up to date with the everydayness of my life. She is not the sort of friend to whom I can say, "Oh, the kids are doing great," and be done with it. I have to give her content. Just as I would need it her.

"Well, that doesn't exactly sing."
"Companions of substance." Hoo-boy.

I wish I knew what to call these people, to differentiate them from the rest. You could advise "Just call her!" Of course. But once again the commitment of time required to do the job right (17 or 18 hours of gabbling, minimum) isn't practical.

"What?" I see the title of one of those long family holiday newsletters, or, "Start a blog." But for friends don't cut it for them; you need to process with, friends you need to be understood by.

Susannah recently sent me an e-mail with a photo of Andrew, her adopted child. "What?" I see the title of one of those long family holiday newsletters, or, "Start a blog." But for friends don't cut it for them; you need to process with, friends you need to be understood by.

getting divorced."
I wrote back with "What?" and "Oh, my God!" and she said: "There's been so much to tell you that I don't know where to start, so I don't start at all."

She added, "I feel like I'm losing a whole category of good friends all because of the plot of my life."

"Plot friends?" Hmm. People with whom you share important life plot points. It's still not an identifier that sings, but I'm getting closer. You don't edit these people out of your history, and you have to figure out a way to weave them into your present. If your life were a novel, they would be characters in it.

So, I open my MS Outlook, fire up a blank screen and begin a message to Robin. "Are you mad at me?" I start. "I am so sorry I have been so out of touch. I stare at the screen, surrender to the impossibility of it all, and simply hit "Send."

In a few hours, she writes back. "I'm not mad at you, but she writes, "But you should be mad at me."
And so we begin the dance. Or, more accurately, the next bumbling chapter. Here's the thing: People who read the news of my life may critique the sloppy structure, but the characters don't care.

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Tired of that question?

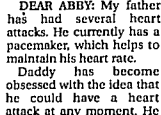
If you've ever been asked a question you didn't feel comfortable answering — "Why aren't you married yet?" "When will you start to have kids?" "Have you gained weight?" — you may want to hear from me.

The holidays are fast approaching, and that's often when sweet Aunt Tilly starts posing uncom-

fortable queries. We would like to gather some horror stories or amusing stories of the rudest questions you've asked or been asked. Don't worry — you won't get into embarrassing, just to help others avoid embarrassment.

To share your tales, contact reporter Ariel Hansen at ariel.hansen@ecm.net or 735-3376.

Father's brush with mortality leaves him in constant fear



DEAR ABBY
Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My father has had several heart attacks. He currently has a pacemaker, which helps to maintain his heart rate.

Daddy has become obsessed with the idea that he could have a heart attack at any moment. He keeps his blood pressure monitor strapped to his arm at all times and constantly checks the levels to see if there is a problem.

Can you please tell me how to get through to him that he is stressing himself out so much worrying about having a heart attack that he's more likely to have one? His mother worried so much about dying that she caused herself to have the stroke that killed her. Daddy is now acting just like she did.

Sally says Mom and I don't understand what this kind of fear is like, but my father-in-law suffered the same thing. Color cancer before his death and never once complained or burdened us with his illness.

Abby, please help. My family is falling apart over this.

— ANXIOUS DAUGHTER

DEAR ANXIOUS DAUGHTER: Death is a fact of life, and no two people react to the reality of impending mortality in the same way. Having had a brush with his own, your father's reaction is understandable.

Some people in his position make up their minds to live every moment of the rest of their lives to the fullest, postponing none of their pleasures. Others — and I have known two — spend their precious time living in fear and magnifying every twinge or anxiety. Both of them died anyway.

I can't live your father's life for him and neither can you. But perhaps a psychotherapist could help your father understand that nobody has a contract with God, so he should live his

life as joyfully and healthfully as possible so he can make the best of whatever time is allowed to him — which could be decades.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old, educated, professional woman. I met an attractive man 36 at a wedding reception. We hit it off instantly — danced together, joked, laughed, etc.

We have had several casual dates since, which all seemed to go well. He invited me to a dinner dance at his country club. After removing my wrap, he noticed a small tattoo on my shoulder and made a rude comment.

Abby, he more than implied that tattoos are not acceptable in polite society and are associated with gangs, drunken saloons and other "lowlifes." The evening did NOT go well, and I haven't heard from him since.

How can I explain to him that tasteful, artistic tattoos are in fashion and in no way diminish one's character? I really like his character, and would like to pursue a relationship. He doesn't return my calls or my e-mails. I am heart sick and think of him daily. What's your advice?

— LONELY IN ATLANTA

DEAR LONELY: While this "gentleman" may not like tattoos, he should be aware that they are now very common and are worn by about a third of the population, from what I'm told. Including doctors, lawyers, accountants and movie stars. My advice is to forget about a romance, with him. From his perspective your relationship was only skin deep.

Focusing on the family pet's health care

By Denise Flaim Newday

Resolved to better the care and comfort of your animal friends? Here are some ideas to reconsider in making life happier and healthier for the furred and feathered.

Vaccination schedules. "More is more" has long been the mantra in veterinary — and, come to think of it, human — medicine. The combination vaccines became the order of the day. But today, the pendulum is swinging on "wombo combos," as veterinary immunologist Jean Dodds of Santa Monica, Calif., calls them, tongue uncoiled firmly in check.

Indeed, the American Animal Hospital Association's updated Canine Vaccine Guidelines (available at www.aahnanet.org) outlined only four vaccines it considers "core," or required, for dogs. Other than this quartet of parvo, distemper, canine hepatitis and rabies, all other vaccines are "noncore," or optional, depending on an individual dog's lifestyle or risk factors.

In addition, the association stresses that when a dog has been boosted at one year, re-vaccination should occur no more than every three years.

The American Association of Feline Practitioners' Updated Feline Vaccination Guidelines are available at www.aafponline.org.

• **Your vet relationship.** It's crucial that you have an open, respectful relationship with your veterinarian. This doesn't mean you always have to agree, but it does mean that you should be able to discuss your animal's health rationally, calmly and unemotionally. If that's not the case, then perhaps that vet is not the right match for you. Because communication is crucial in any medical emergency, consider popping around for another vet before you find yourself — and your animal — in a crisis situation.

• **Diet.** Feeding out of a bag or a can is feeding out of nature to most of us, but growing numbers of owners and breeders are deciding to feed a more natural, biologically appropriate diet. Books about how

to muck balanced, nutritionally complete meals for cats and dogs abound. (A good source is www.dogwise.com.)

If you won't have the time, money or inclination to switch from a commercial diet to a homemade one (which requires a level of commitment and research), then by all means augment your animal's diet with

healthful foods. A study at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., showed that Scottish terriers that ate fresh vegetables three times a week halved their risk of bladder cancer, which the breed is prone to. Green leafy and orange-yellow veggies were particularly beneficial.

And while we're on the subject: Get an honest assessment of whether your animal is overweight. Excess pounds can shorten his lifespan, not to mention leave him vulnerable to disease, particularly diabetes in cats.

• **Pesticides.** A weedless green lawn may be a sign of success in suburbia, but consider the toll those chemicals can take on pets. That same Purdue study showed that the risk of bladder cancer was

higher among dogs exposed to certain herbicides, compared with dogs that had not been exposed.

What are a couple of dandelions compared to your dog's health, not to mention your peace of mind? There's nothing more satisfying than letting your dog "graze" on a lawn that's green in one respect than in another.

• **Water.** Are you drinking the water out of your faucet? If not, are you giving it to your animals? If you have concerns about the water quality in your household, then up your inventory of Poland Spring for the four-legged in residence, too.

• **Training.** Good animal companions aren't just born; they're nurtured, with lots of consistent training and positive reinforcement. If your critter has a persistent problem — a dog that jumps on visitors, a bird that feather-plucks, a cat that has litterbox accidents — get it on a head-on. There are plenty of books, Web sites and private trainers and consultants that can point you — and your companion — in the right direction.

Friend? Not? It's got to be one or the other on the Web

By Rob Peprano
The Washington Post

Social-networking sites like the big three — MySpace, Facebook and LinkedIn — act as a sort of shared address book, letting people post profiles, leave new messages, one another and find out who they know in common.

That concept is nothing special, so numerous companies have made a run at it. But competition among networks has allowed people to engage in a kind of multiple-personality disorder, confining personal and work lives to different sites. You could stay in touch with your drinking buddies at MySpace, then schmooze with your business partners at LinkedIn.

But life isn't always that neat. And when the private and professional overlap at these sites, you can spend more time worrying about your image than building your network.

That's a hazard with all of these sites, but in particular with Facebook, which hit the

30 million-user mark recently. I'm dealing with this issue myself. It was once a purely recreational use of Facebook. All of the friends I had listed there were people I'd known and trusted for years, whether I'd met them at school, afterward or on our jobs. But now my job is spilling over into my space, so to speak.

I initially liked Facebook in part because its rules gave me a moderate level of privacy. Unlike MySpace, which normally exposes a person's identity to all visitors, Facebook reveals your details only to people who have a connection to you — a degree from the same school, a paycheck from the same company, and an acquaintance in the same city. Facebook also differs from MySpace by looking suitable for business as well as pleasure. If MySpace — a junkyard of blinking ads and badly organized links — is a frat house, the clean design of Facebook means it is a cocktail house. (The fun-free LinkedIn might as well be the airport.)

We deal with this in real life by using words like buddy, acquaintance, source and contact to distinguish different levels of closeness. But on the Web, it's too easy to be reduced to a binary universe of "friend" or "not friend."

surprised when my co-workers started becoming Facebook friends too. It would have been rude to decline their requests, not least since some were my bosses. My Facebook use was kept increasing, and my Facebook social life started getting broader and shallower than the real thing.

Earlier this year, I began receiving friendly invitations from people whom I'd never met outside of work publications and job-blisters. Are friends, too? By the book definition, no. I may break bread with these folks and enjoy talking with them, but that doesn't mean they'll be invited to dinner at my house. Then again, denying them is a little harsh, too. In effect, saying "I don't know you" — doesn't seem an appropriate

response to this situation. We deal with this in real life by using words like buddy, acquaintance, source and contact to distinguish different levels of closeness. But on the Web, it's too easy to be reduced to a binary universe of "friend" or "not friend."

Facebook says that it still caters to nonbusiness relationships. "It's much more about actual friends," said Chris Kelly, the Palo Alto, Calif.-based company's chief privacy officer. (Disclosure: As my Facebook profile shows, he and I go back to college.)

For those who find their work and home worlds merging, Facebook provides a long list of customizable privacy settings. (MySpace and LinkedIn also offer such flexibility, MySpace only permits three levels of profile visibility: public, over-18 users only

tings, adding that he thought most of the remaining 90 percent would be fine with the defaults.)

The number of different privacy preferences — at least 135 in my account — may also explain where that gap comes from. With 56 different privacy options, bureaucratizing itself, like an office that's grown too big, MySpace might get to see.

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STORK REPORT

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Shamus Finn Johnson, son of Joseph and Camille Johnson of Jerome, was born Oct. 17, 2007.

Augustus James Adams, son of Jack Adams and Denise Thornton of Jerome, was born Oct. 17, 2007.

Vincent Calne Street Brennan, son of Vincent and Savannah Brennan of Jerome, was born Oct. 25, 2007.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Breaden Fox Sutton, son of Lindsey and Brian Sutton of Elkhorn, was born Oct. 17, 2007.

Kentley Dean Bozotto, daughter of Kelly and Jason Bozotto of Bellevue, was born Oct. 18, 2007.

Tracy Michelenagelo Bailey and Savannah Suzanne Bailey, son and daughter twins of Amy and Michael Bailey of Shoshone, were born Oct. 19, 2007.

Taylor Willa Heltzman, daughter of Kristy and Trent Heltzman of Hillyard, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Zach Asher Quesnel, son of Susan and Troy Quesnel of Hillyard, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Mayah Cecilia Vargas Vega, daughter of Cecilia Vargas-Vargas and Mario Vargas Velazquez of Hillyard, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Briana Shea Dowton, daughter of Charla and Terry Dowton of Challis, was born Oct. 22, 2007.

Adora Faith Zies, daughter of Mely and Levi Zies of Hillyard, was born Oct. 22, 2007.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Conner Wida Edwards, son of Amanda and Joseph Carl Edwards of Twin Falls, was born Sept. 13, 2007.

Noelvi Rubi Ayala, daughter of Margarita Garayoa and Fernando Ayala of Gooding, was born Sept. 30, 2007.

Rennay Rose Flemings, daughter of Larenda Shirley Carreira and Johnathan Quinn Flemings of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 12, 2007.

Orion Kade Riestra, son of Michelle Lynn Boyer of Gooding was born Oct. 15, 2007.

Raven Jo Archer, daughter of Melissa Jo Johnson of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 16, 2007.

Auten Marco Antonio Palomo, son of Driena Deja McManus of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 16, 2007.

Roman Woody, son of Viviana Martzol and Matthew John Woody of Filer, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Rubi Alexandra Zamarripa, daughter of Sinia Gonzalez and Jose Alejandro Zamarripa Negrate of Jerome, was born Oct. 19, 2007.

Jalden Star Weaver, daughter of Melissa Ann Portwood of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 20, 2007.

Kadance Marie Black, daughter of Kale Dominic Black of Hazelton, was born Oct. 21, 2007.

Baylee Bree Wray, daughter of Shelley Sue and Thanner James Wray of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 21, 2007.

Tarren Patrick DeFord, son of Ronnie Lynn and David Grant DeFord of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 23, 2007.

Tracy Dustin Smith, son of Julie Marie and Dustin Bert Smith of Jerome, was born Oct. 23, 2007.

Fabian Antonio Vazquez, son of Andrea Tapia-Juarez and Jose Antonio Vazquez of Filer, was born Oct. 23, 2007.

Senald Cerimovic, son of Arisa Jasic and Senad Cerimovic of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 23, 2007.

Haldyn Reese Maltos, son of Emily Nicole and Joe Robert Maltos of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 23, 2007.

Breandyn Bradley Whitted, son of Mistia Nicole Whitted of Buhl, was born Oct. 23, 2007.

Halle Elizabeth Brittain, daughter of Erin Maxine and David Lloyd Brittain of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 24, 2007.

Heldi Jane Watson, daughter of Jeanette Louise and Joshua Tony Watson of Jerome, was born Oct. 24, 2007.

Payton John Selb, son of Erin Michelle Taylor and Michael John Selb of Jerome, was born Oct. 25, 2007.

Rylan David Livingston, son of Allison Marie and Michael James Livingston of Kimberly, was born Oct. 26, 2007.

Reese Michael Balls, son of Michelle and Christopher Michelle Balls of Jerome, was born Oct. 26, 2007.

Deon Hayden Calderon, son of Angela Lynn and Eric Gallegos Calderon of Jerome, was born Oct. 26, 2007.

Victoria Elizabeth Murray, daughter of Shayna Elizabeth and Aaron Jeffrey Murray of Kimberly, was born Oct. 26, 2007.

Sessy Dawn Rosales, daughter of Heather LaNae Hacking and Vicente Rosales of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 26, 2007.

Oszylyn Victoria Jane Ruple, daughter of Heather Onda and Bryan Hoy Ruple Jr. of Gooding, was born Oct. 26, 2007.

Daymond Joel Bashore, son of Anne Teresa and David Charles Bashore of Filer, was born Oct. 26, 2007.

Kortney Janae Ehrisman, daughter of Cynthia Sue and George Robert Ehrisman of Jerome, was born Oct. 27, 2007.

Drake Franklin Tanner, son of Carson Rose and Mark Christopher Tanner of Jerome, was born Oct. 29, 2007.

Juan Luis Jeffers, son of Angela Dawn Astorga-Zepeda of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 29, 2007.

Cadey William Lombard, son of Deanna Mae and Dennis Wayne Lombard Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 29, 2007.

Carson Rollan McCulliston, son of Lindsey and Chad Alvin McCulliston of Jerome, was born Oct. 29, 2007.

Eddie Ray Rosas, son of Sarai and Oscar Dionicio Rosas of Buhl, was born Oct. 29, 2007.

ENGAGEMENT

BOLT-KILLINGER

Ron and Vannie Bolt of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette Renae Bolt, to Adam Kent Killinger, son of Hoy and Nancy Killinger of Twin Falls.

Bolt is a 2002 graduate of Magic Valley Christian High School and attends school for an insurance license in Twin Falls. Killinger is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School and works at Action Plumbing in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Blue Rock Vineyard and Winery in Buhl. A reception will follow.



Adam Killinger and Lynette Bolt

WEDDINGS

ANTHON-CHENEY

Whitney Lynn Anthon and Kyle Cheney were married Oct. 20 at the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Clyde and Verlynn Anthon of Declo. The groom is the son of Shayne and Barb Cheney of Caldwell.

A reception was held Nov. 3 at Sunrise P River Ranch in Rupert.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Declo High School and attended Utah State University for two years. She works at Canyon Dance Academy in Caldwell and is studying communications at Boise State University.

The groom is a 2004 gradu-



Kyle and Whitney Cheney

HEGY-TOMMACK

Vanessa Mae Hegy of Twin Falls and Matthew Ryan Tommack of Boise were married Aug. 4 at the Hegy family cabin in Pine, with friends and family attending.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2001 graduate of cosmetology from New Images Academy of Beauty in Boise.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2003 graduate of Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in biology.

The couple resides in



Vanessa and Matthew Tommack

Fuzzy science: Pets and what they do for your health

By January W. Payne
The Washington Post

People spend billions annually on their pets. Feeding, grooming, even clothing their animals. They play with them, sleep with them, approve surgery for them and cry for them, much as they would for people.

But does owning a pet make people healthier? Popular assumptions notwithstanding, science is still unclear.

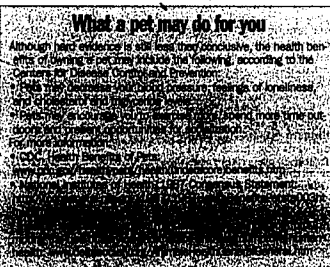
A new study out of Finland suggests the answer may be no. Pet owners, the study finds, smoke cigarettes more but drink alcohol less than non-pet owners. They also have a higher body mass index (BMI), a ratio of weight relative to height. Pet owners spend slightly less time playing organized sports. They are more likely to take part more often in such activities as hunting, fishing and boating. Pet owners are also less likely to report having good health than non-owners.

The findings point in a different direction from many previous studies, which have suggested that pet owners enjoy such health advantages as lower cholesterol, triglyceride and blood pressure than non-owners, even after accounting for such variables as exercise.

Previous studies also have shown that owning pets may relieve feelings of loneliness and encourage pet owners to exercise more, spend more time outdoors and socialize more, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But this area of research is filled with inconsistencies, with one study's findings often contradicting another's. And because many of the studies are of poor quality and not much funding goes to finding new answers, said James Serpell, director of the Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. "much of this is speculation" meaning much research needs to be done to find definitive answers. What seems most promising, he said, is the idea that pets offer social support — something that can affect how people deal with stress, which is known to impact health.

"At some level it seems obvious to me (that pets are) providing exactly the same type of support as other social networks, including family and friends," Serpell said. Still, "while we like our



What a pet may do for you

What a pet may do for you — such as bathing and dressing themselves, preparing food and walking several blocks — but others who didn't own a pet.

In 2005 BMJ (formerly the British Medical Journal) published a review examining studies that helped popularize the idea that pet ownership positively affects human health. The review found that while some studies reported pet-owning benefits such as better physical and psychological well-being in the elderly and reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, many later studies failed to confirm these findings.

Given this inconsistency, the BMJ review suggested that researchers focus less on whether owning a pet offers measurable health benefits and instead on how pets affect individual quality of life and how humans are affected by a pet's death.

Future research also should tackle more specific questions, gleaned from what's already known. "If pets are another form of social support, (then) we should start to ask more directed kinds of questions about the kinds of people who would be more likely to benefit from having a pet — maybe the kinds of people who don't have a strong social support network," Serpell said.

friends and our family, they're likely a source of conflict, but most animals are not. Most animals give but don't take much.

A standard evidence of pet benefits to human physical and mental well-being may be seen, but examples of their use for health purposes are not. For decades, household animals have been used to assist patients with medical conditions such as blindness or seizures, as well as to relieve depression and social isolation. But, published in the National Institutes of Health last month, a study that last thoroughly explored the health benefits of pet ownership 20 years ago, its experts hedged.

"Extensive evidence was presented to conclude that pets are likely to be medically beneficial to some people's health," they wrote in a consensus statement. "However, much is to be learned about many of these relationships before broad generalizations of medical benefit can be made." No comparable group of experts has since been convened to re-examine the question.

The health differences found between pet owners and non-owners in the Finnish study, published in the online medical journal PLOS ONE, were small and may not apply to Americans, the authors say. What's more, the study found a "difference only in the proportions of people reporting 'good perceived health' and not in the proportion reporting 'bad health,'" said lead author Leena Kolvislita, a researcher at the University of Turku, in an e-mail interview.

"We wanted to report the slight differences" between the pet owners and non-owners who both reported good perceived health, "but, at the same time, to make sure that no larger than life interpretations could be made," Kolvislita said.

Her analysis was based on a survey of more than 21,000 Finnish people who responded to a questionnaire as part of a 15-year health and social survey. Eighty percent of those who had pets reported good perceived health, compared with 82 percent of those without pets. Twenty-eight percent of pet owners smoked regularly, compared with 23 percent of non-owners; 33 percent of pet owners smoked occasionally, compared with 32 percent of non-owners; and 39 percent of pet owners smoked, compared with 45 percent of non-owners.

But overall, pet owners in the study also were less educated than non-owners, suggesting that any health benefits observed might be due to socioeconomic status rather than pet ownership, the researchers said.

"The grand message of the study could be that pets provide us all with a vast potential for health promotion as has been shown previously," Kolvislita said. "Walking your dog makes you feel better for your sake and for your baby friend's sake, and perhaps also helps you to lose some weight."

Some research has suggested that pets offer social support that acts as a stress reliever, which affects health. One such study, published in 2001 in the journal *Hypertension*, found that pet owners had lower blood pressure readings when undergoing mental stress than people who did not own pets.

A 1995 American Journal of Cardiology study reported that dog owners by men was associated with decreased risk of death within one year of a heart attack, compared with those who didn't own dogs. A 1999 journal of the American Geriatric Society study found that men and women who owned a pet scored better on a scale that measures the abil-

ity to complete daily tasks — such as bathing and dressing themselves, preparing food and walking several blocks — but others who didn't own a pet.

In 2005 BMJ (formerly the British Medical Journal) published a review examining studies that helped popularize the idea that pet ownership positively affects human health. The review found that while some studies reported pet-owning benefits such as better physical and psychological well-being in the elderly and reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, many later studies failed to confirm these findings.

Given this inconsistency, the BMJ review suggested that researchers focus less on whether owning a pet offers measurable health benefits and instead on how pets affect individual quality of life and how humans are affected by a pet's death.

Future research also should tackle more specific questions, gleaned from what's already known. "If pets are another form of social support, (then) we should start to ask more directed kinds of questions about the kinds of people who would be more likely to benefit from having a pet — maybe the kinds of people who don't have a strong social support network," Serpell said.

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The Washington Post

Another catalog company has jumped on the booming baby bandwagon. Lands' End, the Wisconsin-based retailer best known for its collection of casual clothing, has introduced a line of nursery furniture, cribs, chests and changing stations, in antique white and cherry finishes.

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An 'Arctic Tale'



Polar bears, which live 25 to 30 years in the wild, can endure extreme cold because they have a two- to four-inch layer of blubber. A scene from 'Arctic Tale.'

Filmmaker works on a project for the whole family

By Scott Moore
The Washington Post

Polar bear facts

Scientific name: *Ursus maritimus* ("sea bear").
 • Live 25 to 30 years in the wild.
 • Up to eight feet long; weigh 800 to 1,700 pounds.

WASHINGTON — The Arctic, says filmmaker Sarah Robertson, is a vast, icy playground of opportunity. Yes, freezing temperatures are the norm, parts of winter are nonstop nighttime, and the 4 million native people and more than 40 types of mammals sometimes battle for survival in a vastly changing environment.

But this region at the top of the world — which includes parts of Canada, Alaska, Russia, Greenland and Scandinavia — has a strange allure for the Canadian filmmaker and her family.

"The Arctic is a great place for kids," Robertson says. "The Inuit (native people) have so many kids. They love children. ... They don't push them to the sides. They're upfront and involved in everything."

Co-directors Robertson and husband Adam Ravetch spent much of the past 15 years filming scenes that are in "Arctic Tale."

Their Arctic adventures sometimes included their 12-year-old son, Cooper, and daughters Rosie and Jessica, ages 6 and 5.

"My kids run with the (Inuit) kids. During the 24-hour sunlight they are out playing at midnight, doing their own thing, with their own group of friends, learning how to hunt and fish," Robertson says.

"My son still associates mustard with seal intestine. They're eating fun things, and as long as I bring mustard and ketchup along, they're cool."

In a similar way, Robertson and Ravetch found a kid-friendly way to

splice up their "Arctic Tale" message. The heart-tugging story of a polar bear cub named Nanu and a walrus pup named Seela is sprinkled with toe-tapping pop songs and joke-filled narration by Queen Latifah.

This helps make viewers care about the film's closing question: Will the Arctic be ice-free by the year 2040?

"We wanted people to be emotionally involved and trying to understand what it would be like to be these animals," Robertson says.

The filmmakers took more than 800 hours of often-spectacular footage of ferocious walrus and polar bears on ice floes and deep in the ocean.

To get that footage, they had to:

- Take chances. Ravetch braved water temperatures of 29 degrees for underwater shots of the 2,000-pound tusked walrus.
- Be patient. Some 30-day periods had just four good days of shooting.
- Be a bit lucky. One of the best scenes in the movie —

"We wanted people to be emotionally involved and trying to understand what it would be like to be these animals."

— Filmmaker Sarah Robertson

Nanu holding on to her mother's fur — was captured after three weeks of searching for polar bears in minus-40-degree weather.

Robertson recalls not being able to find any bears: "Then at night, we're in a tent (and) these little animals come to us, checking us out. And the cubs get caught up and twisted in the guy wires. ... The whole tent is shaking, and the mother bear is roaring, telling the cubs to get away. And you think the mother bear is going to come right through the tent."

"They were able to get away without incident, but we got no sleep — and no footage."

But the next morning, the crew followed the bears' pawprints and found the mother and babies resting.

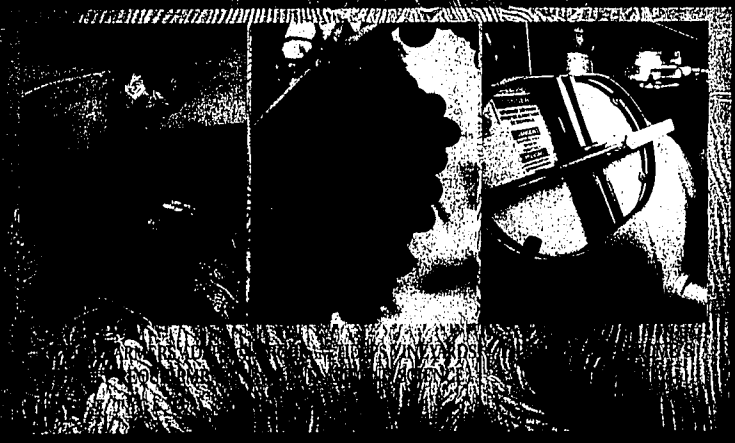
"Finally, you get these nuggets if you keep on believing you're going to get something and (are) ready," Robertson says. "Encounters come without warning, and sometimes they are really fabulous."



Filming walrus in the Arctic requires skill, patience and a little luck. Co-directors Sarah Robertson and husband Adam Ravetch spent much of the past 15 years filming scenes that are in "Arctic Tale."

Walrus facts

INSIDE INDUSTRY FOOD PROCESSING



DAIRY KEEPS ON GROWING

Combined effort by dairy farms and dairy processing plants help industries through turbulent times

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

In September, members of the dairy processing industry gathered in the resort town of Sun Valley for the annual Idaho Milk Processors' Association meeting.

The association, which was loosely organized more than 70 years ago to solve problems common to the dairy industry, now represents an industry in Idaho that has a combined annual revenue of more than \$2 billion each year.

Their success has been Idaho's success — in less than 20 years the state has gone from being the 13th to the third largest producer of American cheese in the nation — expanding the previously stagnant dairy industry into a booming industry that now processes milk into everything, from cheese to highly concentrated whey protein for sports supplements.

Nevertheless, south-central Idaho did not earn its status as one of the dairy processing capitals in the United States without some challenges and setbacks.

There are almost 500,000 dairy cows in Idaho — with 72 percent of those cows located in the Magic Valley area — and that number will continue to grow as more dairy processing plants move into the region, demanding more dairy production.

But that number is sharing space with a growing number of people who are also moving into the region and causing residential development

to expand closer to dairy operations.

During the past year, some residents in Jerome County have been protesting the Big Sky Limited Partnership feedlot, which has requested permission from Jerome County Commissioners to open a 13,000-animal feedlot.

Tensions grew so high during town hall-style public hearings in September that law enforcement officers had to drag at least one person from the hearing.

"It's a tough situation because (dairies) bring in a substantial amount of revenue, but they also create a substantial smell that makes you question if they're worth it," said Tyson Boch, a resident of Jerome County, who will live near the proposed site of the Big Sky feedlot. "Anybody with eyes can see that all this milk means money and jobs, but anybody with a nose can tell that it doesn't come without some cost."

The unseen green of the dairy and dairy processing industries

Most people in south-central Idaho are unaware of the extent of the economic benefits that dairies and the dairy processing industry bring to the region.

Even Boch, who works as a sales associate for a company that provides transportation for agricultural products, estimated that revenues couldn't exceed \$1 billion per year.

Members of the surrounding communities, such as

Quick facts about cheese production in Idaho

- Dairy processing provides jobs for more than 1,500 people in Idaho.
- The annual payroll in Idaho's dairy processing industry is almost \$30 million.
- Sales of milk and other dairy product in Idaho generate about \$2.2 billion annually.



"It's a tough situation because (dairies) bring in a substantial amount of revenue, but they also create a substantial smell that makes you question if they're worth it."

— Tyson Boch, a resident of Jerome County

Gandy Campitello, Doug Lambert and his wife Michelle, estimated that it brought in "a few million" each year.

None of them even came close to the actual annual revenue that Idaho's dairy and dairy processing industries bring into the state.

Based on market prices in early 2007 and production output for dairy and dairy products in Idaho, the state's dairy and dairy processing industry was generating more than \$6 billion each day, or about \$2.2 billion each year. And those figures do not take into account a slight increase in market prices for milk and other dairy products.

One can't survive without the other

So, how did south-central Idaho become a mecca for milk and dairy processing? Well, that's like asking,

"What came first, the chicken or the egg?"

"That's always been a discussion of what came first — was it the dairies or the ability to process the dairy?" said Jeff Williams, CEO of Garbin Inc. "Certainly one cannot survive without the other, so I think it's really a symbiotic relationship that has helped us meet the capacity and grow." Although dairies have existed in the Magic Valley area before Idaho received statehood, it was the dairy processing plants that helped dairy farms survive low market prices for milk and growing operational costs.

Because processing plants like Glanbia Inc., Jerome Cheese, Gussner Foods, Darigold and Brewster Cheese West produce a larger — and in some cases more specialized — array of dairy products, the region has been able to thrive by pro-

ducing a greater variety of dairy products.

The rising popularity of sports supplements and infant formulas, which are made from whey protein extracted during the cheese-making process, has increased demand for milk that can be processed.

But, at the same time, dairy processing plants depend on dairies to provide enough raw milk to meet processing demands.

Currently, dairies provide between 25,000 to 30,000 pounds of raw milk each year for retail sale or processing.

However, dairy processing plants say they will need raw milk production to increase because additional processing plants, such as High Desert Milk Inc. that will open in Burley, are moving into the area.

"It certainly helps the dairies when we need more milk," Williams said. "But

(the dairies) are still facing challenges, like what's going on in Jerome County."

Should they stay, or should they go now?

State and regional officials say that making it more difficult for the dairy and dairy processing industries to operate in south-central Idaho could be detrimental to the region's economy.

It's estimated that more than 10 large dairy operations have moved to Idaho from California in the past 15 years, citing the state's lower cost of doing business as the main reason for relocating their operations.

However, if the state imposes costly environmental requirements or if communities prevent dairies from moving into the region, it could drive up the cost of doing business and send dairies elsewhere — as well as the dairy processing industry.

"There is only one way that Idaho can continue to have growth in those industries," Williams said. "It will need to continue to give (dairies) a place with the lowest costs for doing business in milk production."

Southern Idaho remains dependent on strong food processing industry

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Southern Idaho is one of America's most diverse food baskets. From milk, potatoes, fruits and fish we grow, and process, it all. The diversity of the area's agricultural base provides an abundant resource of raw materials for many food processors.

Having a fully developed infrastructure in place gives companies the ability to process, package, store and transport products to markets locally and across the globe.

"One advantage companies have here is the availability of raw materials," said Jan Roeser, regional economist with Idaho Department of Labor. "If you had to ship product, like corn, across a great distance there is the possibility for it to be damaged in shipping."

Food processors have quite the selection of raw goods to choose from. In 2006 over 17 percent of the state's wheat was grown in the Magic Valley.

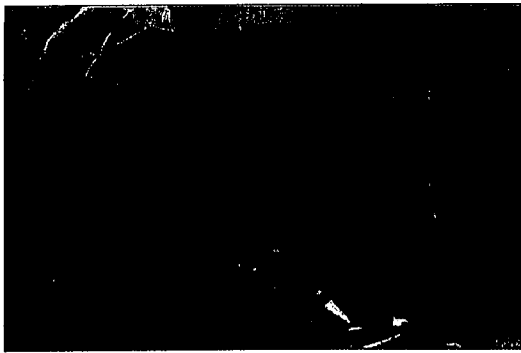
Magic Valley growers accounted for 29 percent of all barley, 27 percent of potatoes, 61 percent of sugarbeets and 57 percent of dry beans grown in Idaho.

The availability for mass amounts of milk has led to several top-notch cheese producers to call Southern Idaho home. Major players include Idaho's largest single processing plant Jerome Cheese (DavisCo), Glanbia, the largest cheese manufacturer in the Northwest; Foster Farms, and Gannett Foods of Magic Valley.

According to the most recent Southern Idaho

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Lilia Lopez of Clear Springs Foods loads trout onto a conveyor belt for processing.

Economic Development Organization's Southern Idaho Food Sciences report, the above mentioned companies process over 23 million pounds of milk each day. "Over the last ten years the dairy industry has added significant growth to the food processing industry in our region," said Jan Rogers SIEDO executive director. "This growth helped to stabilize and further diversify our food processing industry base."

Not surprisingly, 60 percent of all manufacturing in the Magic Valley is in food. Out of about 80,000 total jobs available in the area 8,000 of them are food processing related.

Related Industries, like

trucking, are directly impacted with food processing," Roeser said. "The need for transportation and distribution is extremely high. It seems that there are never enough drivers to fill the number of positions needed."

Most food processing companies are large employers, like Bahls's Clear Springs Foods, the world's largest trout farm and number one

producer of commercial trout in the United States. Clear Springs Foods, produces rainbow trout for consumption in some of the nation's finest restaurants.

"Generally there are about 400 on our \$19 million gross payroll," said President and Chief Executive Officer Larry Coe.

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Scarrow Meats

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Don Scarrow, a Jerome, Idaho native began his career in 1981; as a young man he took a job at Smith's Food in the meat department. He was the cleanup boy who did all the dirty work, from wiping the equipment to sweeping and mopping the floors. He was an eager young man who always looked for growth opportunities and began to learn about the meat cutting industry. Don decided to become a meat cutting journeyman. In a program that normally takes four years to complete, Don became a licensed journeyman in just two. His hard work paid off — in 1983 Don became the Meat Department manager at Smith's Food.

Over the next several years, Don would work at various meat cutting businesses, including managing Paul's Market Meat Dept. in Halsey. While working there he would take on private jobs, going into individual customers' homes and carving meat. By 1997 Don would start his own meat processing business from Jerome that would eventually grow over the next seven years that would include two major remodels, growth in technology plus increasing the numbers of dedicated employees.

In 2006, Scarrow Meats underwent a third major remodel to keep up with their growth. Carving beef, pork and lamb is their specialty. Scarrow's customer base reaches over the Magic Valley, Pocatello, Salmon, Boise and Elk, Nevada.

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Steven Hines, crops educator with the University of Idaho Twin Falls County Extension office explained that food processing operations like Clear Springs, accounted for 62 percent of the entire area's agricultural economy.

"Food processing is huge," Hines said. "The ag economy generated by the 10 counties north of the Salmon river was \$207,522,000. The ag economy of Jerome county alone was \$288,768,000."

Hines explained that in 2002 the total Agriculture economy from Jerome, Gooding, Twin Falls and Cassia counties generated over \$1.3 billion.

"When you stop and think that food processing accounts for over 60 percent

of the ag-based economy you see how important agriculture and food processing is to our valley," Hines said.

In terms of jobs created by food processing, Hines said that direct jobs, plus indirect jobs was close to 19,000, from 2002 statistics, the latest numbers available.

"I'm sure that when the next figures come available that number will have increased," Hines said.

A strong food processing industry has led to other manufacturing companies to take a closer look at the Magic Valley, he said.

"With any economy, when there are industries in the area that support that industry you will attract similar industries," Hines said. "We've seen that with the addition of other manufacturing industries coming into the area, like trailer manufacturers and plastics. That growth is good because it adds diversity."

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Potato farmers adapting to new food safety requirements

Efforts made to prevent scare like E. coli outbreak

By Blake Nicholson
Associated Press writer

MANDAN, N.D. — As potato farmers harvest this year's crop, many are being held for the first time to guidelines aimed at preventing a food safety scare similar to the deadly E. coli outbreak in spinach last year.

Besides watching the weather and keeping their equipment in good shape, many potato farmers must now also ensure that their fields have portable toilets and that their workers know the importance of washing hands, among other requirements.

Federal guidelines known as Good Agricultural Practices, or GAP, are aimed at reducing the risk of food safety hazards during the production, handling and processing of fruits and vegetables. The program is voluntary unless a processor is selling food to the federal government for such purposes as school lunch programs.

Until now, the guidelines have typically not been applied to potato farming since, unlike spinach and other fresh produce, potatoes are usually cooked before being eaten, thus reducing the potential for food-related illnesses.

Now, many food companies are demanding that potato farmers meet the same guidelines.

"Some of our big customers are saying we expect our growers and our suppliers to be GAP-compliant,"



Potato farmer Jim Behrens checks on his seed potato crop at his rural Mandan, N.D., farm.

Rick Phillips, spokesman for Boise, Idaho-based J.R. Simplot Co., a potato processor that contracts with growers in Idaho, North Dakota, Washington, Oregon and the Canadian province of Manitoba. "We think it will be something pretty well expected or demanded of the major food producers."

Farmers say they see the need to ensure food safety, but many are wary of too much oversight by officials who have never set foot on a farm.

Having potable water for field workers to wash their hands and other requirements are great "in theory," said Monte Benz, who is harvesting 3,000 acres of potatoes, onions and other crops near Steele and is still trying to figure out how best to meet the guidelines. "But in the real world, it doesn't work that easy."

An E. coli outbreak traced

to bagged baby spinach last year was blamed for the deaths of three people and for sickening hundreds more. The source of the bacteria was found to be a California cattle ranch next to spinach fields.

John Keeling, head of the National Potato Council, said the potato industry, which includes more than 9,000 farms across the country, hopes to work with the government to tailor the new guidelines to potatoes.

Keeling said the industry is asking processors to adopt the same standards as other vegetable growers. "We don't want a situation where a farmer who grows for a couple of different processors has a different set of procedures" for each company, he said.

Some farmers worry about the cost of meeting GAP guidelines, particularly for inspections, which they must pay for.

In North Dakota, which has about 200 potato farms, GAP inspections are handled by the state Seed Department. Ken Bertsch, the state seed commissioner, said there is a flat fee of \$50 besides charges of \$75 per hour. The time needed for an audit depends on several factors, including the size of the farm and the number of facilities.

"In some cases, we can do it in a total of an hour or two if the producer has only a couple of fields," Bertsch said. "In other cases it could be a day's work."

Ray Hless, who farms near Ashton, Idaho, said the new rules were inevitable.

"It's the new world; it's security," he said. "I think they've gone overboard on the security, but hey, what do you do? And remember, this is becoming industry-driven. Industry-driven is always more effective than laws."

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The Times-News

An exceptional wine is all about appearance, fragrance, sensation and finish. Wine testing ensures that — ahead of wine tasting — art and science have yielded the best product. Idaho's 30 wineries will benefit from affordable wine-quality testing this fall when the University of Idaho's Food Technology Center launches a new service that's first of its kind in the Gem State.

"There's been no wine lab in Idaho, so the producers who have tested their wines have been shipping samples to California," said Drew Dalgetty, manager of the Food Technology Center.

Beginning this fall, he'll test juices from grapes before and after harvest and will evaluate wines themselves before they're bottled.

"When you're competing with California and Washington wines, you have to have the right balance of acids and sugars, the right content of alcohol and the right volatile acidity—and your wines must be free of defective flavors and aromas," Dalgetty added.

"Everyone is very excited," said Sherise Jones, executive director of the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission. That's why the commission contributed \$3,000 towards the testing equipment.

Since April, 22 of Idaho's wineries have enjoyed the right to use the "appellation" of Snake River Valley wines on their labels. They're located within a newly approved American Viticultural Area that spans the western Snake River plain from eastern Oregon to Bull and are now banding together in their marketing efforts. "Quality is our number one focus," said Jones. "Any wine country is only as good as its worst wine."

Dalgetty—an avid home winemaker himself—expects to continue testing through November and beyond. For the most part, he'll be evaluating Rieslings, Gewurztraminers, Chardonnays,

Cabernet Sauvignons and Merlots.

The project joins dozens of others at the university's Food Technology Center pilot plant, a 3,500-square-foot facility in which Idaho food-related businesses design new products, processes and packaging and modify older ones.

Only four food labs in the nation are certified to process and prepare foods slated for chemical and fertilizer residue testing, and the Caldwell pilot plant is one of them. "These 'Good Laboratory Practices' facilities play a vital role in helping agricultural industries meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards.



Technology seen as key to upgrading food safety

Some say food safety should start at nation's borders

By Renee Merle
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A consensus is building among government and food industry officials that the fix for the country's import safety system is likely to require better-targeted inspections, though not necessarily more of them.

Mike Levitt, secretary of health and human services and chairman of a panel established by President Bush to study the safety of imported food, reflected that point of view recently when he said: "We simply cannot inspect our way to safety." Levitt was speaking in a packed auditorium at the Department of Agriculture, where the Interagency Working Group on Import Safety heard from more than 40 speakers.

The panel is compiling a list of recommendations that is expected to be issued by next month and is likely to include an emphasis on using technology to target risky importers and coordinating oversight among agencies.

The idea that inspections need not be increased has been challenged by consumer advocates and those in Congress who have proposed a series of reforms to the food safety system, including importer fees and consolidated oversight under a single agency. They consider increased inspection necessary but acknowledge that the Food and Drug Administration's budget makes that difficult under current circumstances.

The question of how to keep the nation's imported food supply safe emerged early in the summer after a series of recalls and warnings, mostly about Chinese products. The problems included an unknown number of pets that died from pet food tainted with a toxic chemical, followed by contaminated toothpaste, toys with excessive lead and seafood with banned antibiotics.

The spurt of news came as U.S. consumers remain concerned about an E. coli outbreak last year that cleared shelves of spinach and led to at least three deaths. Only 66 percent of shoppers are confident that the food they buy at the grocery store is safe, down from 82 percent last year, according to the Food

Marketing Institute.

At first, attention turned to the government's reliance on random inspections to catch problems, and demands that those inspections be increased. The FDA inspects less than 1 percent of the food market — oversight, including seafood and produce. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has fewer than 100 investigators for the 15,000 types of consumer items, from toys to electrical outlets, that come into the country every year.

In the weeks since then, however, as President Bush's panel set to work, at least a half-dozen pieces of legislation were introduced in Congress and a series of hearings on the proposed laws were held. The prevailing sentiment has come down to this: The U.S. import safety system is indeed broken, but the short-term fix probably lies in requiring manufacturers to ensure the safety of their suppliers and giving U.S. regulators more power to oversee the safety system they put in place. Importers could be expected, for example, to certify that their suppliers are meeting tough safety standards.

Government and industry officials note that the sheer

"We need to beef up every area of food safety."

— Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., vice chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee

volume of imports — \$2.2 trillion in 2006, twice the level in 2000 — makes increasing inspections impractical. It would require hundreds, if not thousands, of new inspectors, and would slow business at the borders, they say.

"People can say, 'let's increase inspections' and that is all well and good, but you are looking for a needle in the haystack," said Tom Steyer, president and chief executive of the United Fresh Produce Association.

Instead, the import safety panel is expected to push for expanded use of technology to more quickly identify risky imports. Levitt has supported the use of technology at the border that could read the contents of a sports drink bottle, for example, looking for potentially toxic chemicals without opening it. The FDA is developing a food-safety strategy to be unveiled this fall that would rely on risk-based inspection but has not asked for more resources to pay for more inspections.

"There is an emerging consensus that we should continue to improve our ability to detect threats but not rely on detection as the front line," said Scott Faber, vice president of government affairs for the Grocery Manufacturers Association.

"Our inspectors should be the remedy of last resort." But increasing inspections remains the cornerstone of many of the congressional proposals under consideration, along with empowering the FDA to mandate recalls.

Senate Majority Whip

Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., and Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, have both proposed charging importers a fee that would raise hundreds of millions of dollars and help fund more inspections. Supporters of the legislation say that although increasing inspections may not be enough to tackle the entire food safety problem, it is critical to the process.

"We need more inspections at foreign factories or processing plants as well as

inspections at our ports of entry," Donald L. Mays, senior director of product safety at Consumers Union, told the panel Monday.

Which viewpoints prevail may depend on how much lawmakers are able to accomplish before the end of the year. In the short term, consumers may see more resources for the FDA and other regulatory agencies, said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., vice chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee. More systematic restructuring of the food safety system, including consolidating oversight under a single agency, will take time, she said. "We need to beef up every area of food safety," she said.

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New plan puts food safety in hands of importers

American companies could stand to benefit from increased regulations of imported processed foods

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Agreeing that current safeguards have failed, Congress and the Bush administration are moving toward the creation of a new system for screening imported foods that would require American companies to certify that their foreign suppliers meet U.S. standards.

The new system, an exception to the Bush administration's general reluctance to expand federal regulation, would place a heavier burden for consumer safety on the American companies that import goods from China, Mexico and elsewhere.

The government would set the rules for the system, and the Food and Drug Administration would inspect more imports than it does now. But the bulk of the responsibility for assuring safety would fall on industry.

The sharpest point of contention so far is a Democratic proposal to pay for more port-of-entry inspections by imposing a new fee on importers. Industry groups oppose the fee.

The Bush administration has said that it wanted to reduce the strain on the overstretched system of inspections at ports. The new approach aims at building in scientifically sound methods for production, storage and shipping throughout the supply chain. An action plan is due in November.

"There is agreement that the current system of FDA inspections at the border doesn't work, and there is agreement that FDA needs additional resources," said William Hubbard, a retired FDA official who serves as a spokesman for a coalition of

groups trying to boost the agency's budget. "And there is a conceptual agreement that this prevention model is the way to go."

Although much food eaten in this country is produced here, a variety of fresh produce and seafood is imported, as are many processed foods. The FDA has jurisdiction over such foods, while the Department of Agriculture oversees meat and poultry imports.

This year's massive recall of pet food tainted by a contaminated ingredient imported from China focused attention on the porous nature of the current system and the vulnerability of U.S. consumers.

Consumer groups don't want reforms to stop with imports. They say the safety of domestically produced foods must be addressed as well, pointing out that the recent Popps Meat Co.'s hamburger recall involved a federally inspected domestic establishment and that the huge spinach recall in 2006 involved produce grown in California.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., has called for creating an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services to take over the FDA's food safety role, with oversight of imported and domestic foods. Under her plan, however, the agriculture department still would be responsible for meat and poultry.

The reforms DeLauro is proposing could take time to establish, but there appears to be immediate pressure for



strengthening import oversight.

The food industry agrees that there is a problem with the current import system and has signaled that it is willing to accept new requirements. Under current rules, importers must provide advance notice of planned shipments and point of origin. But those requirements are largely silent on how imported foods are produced and what safeguards are used to ensure quality.

"With respect to the safety of imported food, no one is arguing that we need to do nothing," said Stuart M. Pope, a Washington lawyer who represents the major food industry trade group.

His client, the Grocery Manufacturers/Food

Products Association, or GMA, reportedly proposed a four-part import safety program that addressed several issues raised by the administration and by Congress:

- Importers would be required to set up safety programs for their suppliers in accord with FDA guidelines for minimum standard.

- Importers with high-quality programs, who are willing to undertake extra testing and voluntarily share data with the FDA, would be eligible for speedy processing at U.S. ports.

- The United States would work with international organizations to establish comprehensive global safety standards for food, as well as with individual nations seeking to improve their

"There is agreement that the current system of FDA inspections at the border doesn't work, and there is agreement that FDA needs additional resources. And there is a conceptual agreement that this prevention model is the way to go."

— William Hubbard, a retired FDA official

own programs.

- The FDA budget would be increased so that additional scientists and inspectors could be hired. Currently, about 1 percent of food imports are inspected. Not only would the number of inspections increase, but they could be targeted on suppliers — about whom little is known or who have a record of problems.

"There was a consensus within the industry that something needed to be done," Pope said. "And if you consider a more prescriptive regulatory environment, or a system in which the industry takes on added responsibility, I think the latter struck (the industry) as more attractive."

Consumer groups have reacted positively.

The GMA proposal "signals areas of agreement on which solutions to our food safety problems can be built," Caroline Smith DeVal, food safety director at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said in recent congressional testimony.

The Bush administration,

in an interim report issued in September on its import safety initiative, said that "producers and the importing community will play a key role ... by implementing preventive approaches and requiring these approaches from their suppliers."

Such preventive approaches usually consist of a detailed program for preventing food from being contaminated or spoiled at each key step in the chain from field to market. Government inspections would serve as a backstop and a check on the new preventive system.

To pay for more inspections, Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., has proposed a fee of up to \$50 per shipment on imports. One shipping container of foods can contain many such individual shipments, on which the fee would be assessed.

It is estimated that the fee could raise as much as \$500 million a year, allowing the hiring of enough inspectors to check about 10 percent of shipments, and dramatically increasing the level of deterrence against shoddy or unscrupulous importers.

But the industry says the fee would amount to a tax and argues that the cost of food safety, like that of national defense, should be spread among all taxpayers.

Which state is the 3rd largest cheese producer and the 4th largest milk producer in the country?

Here's a hint:



Idaho's dairy industry has experienced rapid growth in recent years — much of that growth right here in the Magic Valley. Much of Idaho's milk production is used to make more than 770 million pounds of cheese annually. In 2006, Idaho's dairy farmers produced 1.264 billion gallons of milk.

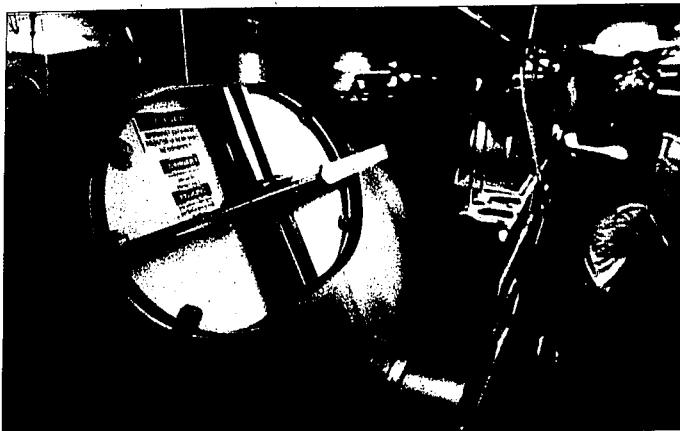
Overall, dairy is the king of Idaho agriculture with the industry generating \$1.29 billion in 2006. Idaho's dairymen produced 10.87 billion pounds of milk valued at nearly \$1.293 billion last year. No matter how you evaluate it, dairy is big business in Idaho.



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Diversifying dairy



Glanbia cheese-maker Mirasol Zuko rises out a horizontal cheese vat at the plant in Twin Falls. On a normal day, the plant produces over 300,000 pounds of cheese.

New facility will help diversify Jerome's growing dairy industry

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

City and county officials from Jerome met with local dairymen to break ground on an \$80 million Idaho Milk Products facility recently.

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

The new facility was part of a four-year cooperative effort between the Northside Development Group — a small group of dairy producers from south-central Idaho — and city officials, who worked together to attract the dairy processing plant to the Jerome area.

"You have to be very competitive

to bring something like this to a community," said Ron Aardema, a partner with the Northside Development Group and a local dairyman.

"But there always seemed to be a dialogue with the city, which gave it a more proactive approach to getting us where we are today."

Like most cities, Jerome faced challenges such as an adequate location for the IMP facility, which required access to utilities, roads and the railroad.

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

It was the city's responsiveness, say IMP officials, that brought the business to the area.

The plant will be the third dairy processing plant in the greater city of

Jerome. However, it will diversify the area's dairy industry by producing products such as whey proteins — something that other dairy processors in Jerome are not currently producing.

"We're going after a different market than what the other (processors) are seeking," Aardema said. "This plant will only take about a half of the milk production from our group and the rest will continue to be available on the market."

The diversification could buffer the local dairy industry against fluctuations in raw milk and cheese prices.

Glanbia Foods, which produces a slightly different form of whey protein, will be IMP's closest competitor. However, officials from Glanbia and IMP said they do not expect any market conflicts because local milk supplies can adequately meet the

increased demand, and they are producing a product that is unique from one another.

"It's certainly going to diversify our value-added agricultural industry, and that's one of the reasons why we felt the business would be a good fit in the community," Rothweiler said. "I mean, we don't do economic development just for the sake of development."

Despite some challenges facing the dairy industry in Idaho and its processors, the dairy industry in Idaho is continuing to grow. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, dairy production in Idaho has increased 5.5 percent — with the majority of production located in south-central Idaho.

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The Big 10 in Idaho

Despite growth in the food processing industry, many of their factories have succumbed to changes — including changes at production facilities in Idaho. Listed below are the top 10 food processing companies, according to FoodProcessor.com. ... Not surprisingly, many of these companies currently — or previously — operated in Idaho.

1 Kraft Foods Inc. — Kraft produced cheese and other dairy products in Rupert until 2006, when the company closed the production plant. The company still has a production plant in Idaho Falls.

2 Tyson Foods Inc. — In 2006, Tyson closed the doors on a meat processing plant in Nampa. Almost a year later, 300 former employees at the plant sued Tyson for unpaid wages.

3 PepsiCo Inc. — The beverage and snack food producer operates several plants throughout Idaho, including a distribution center in Twin Falls.

4 Nestle U.S. & Canada

5 Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. — Although the majority of farmers growing barley in south-central Idaho are selling their crops to the Coors Brewing Co., there are a few growers in the region who supply Anheuser-Busch. The beer producer also has several distribution centers throughout Idaho.

6 General Mills Inc. — The cereal company continues to operate a series of grain elevators in parts of Idaho.

7 Dean Foods Co.

8 Smithfield Foods — The International meat producer owns a feedlot in Malta, Idaho.

9 Cargill Inc. — The food processor has long been a partner south-central Idaho with its production facilities in Twin Falls. The company has helped stabilize the region's agricultural base by producing a value-added product.

10 Cadbury Schweppes.

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Experts examine the paths out of obesity



Fast food french fries are photographed in Southfield, Mich. Studies show that the majority of consumers in the United States still prefer convenience and taste over health benefits.

Most people still prefer convenience and taste over health benefits

By Jeannine Stein
Los Angeles Times

Chewing gum, taking medication and laying off fast food, by themselves, won't reduce America's waistlines — obviously. But they all might have a part to play.

As hundreds of medical, scientific and behavioral researchers gathered recently at the Obesity Society's annual meeting in New Orleans to present their work, they increased the collective understanding of how appetite, metabolism, the environment and genetics might contribute to the nation's increasing girth.

The smorgasbord of issues illustrates the many-pronged approach health experts are taking in the fight against ever-expanding waistlines, says Eric Ravussin, outgoing president of the Silver Spring, Md.-based organization, which promotes research and education on obesity. Researchers realize that numerous factors are to blame for America's stubborn inability to shed their collective weight. "It goes from genetics to behavior," he says. "There's a whole session on gastrointestinal signals to the brain. Researchers are really trying to put these things together."

One vital element is where and how often Americans are eating out. A study by researchers at Temple University in Philadelphia reported that Americans were less likely in 2006 than in 2004 to pay more for healthful foods (40.7 percent versus 28.5 percent), knew less about healthful menu items (18.5 percent versus 12.4 percent) and were more likely to regard healthful foods as bland (21.4 percent versus 15.6 percent).

Gary Foster, the Obesity Society's new president and a co-author of the study, doesn't blame people for their reluctance to part with more money. (Data on 12,000 Americans nationwide was collected by Aramark, a food service and facility management company based in Philadelphia, which did not fund the study.)

"I don't think that's an unreasonable position for consumers to be in," says Foster, director of the Center for Obesity Research and Education at Temple. "Why pay more for healthy foods? In the end, taste and cost trump everything else, and convenience is in there, too."

Although there is a segment of the population that doesn't mind paying extra for fruits, vegetables and more healthful offerings in restaurants, he says, most won't bust their budget for them.

"The challenge," Foster

What we choose

Americans were less likely in 2006 than in 2004 to pay more for healthful foods (40.7 percent versus 28.5 percent). They also knew less about healthful menu items (18.5 percent versus 12.4 percent), and they were more likely to regard healthful foods as bland (21.4 percent versus 15.6 percent).

Source: Temple University in Philadelphia

says, "is to make the foods tasty and affordable. This is not about finger-pointing, but it does signal that you have to be in the ballpark in terms of taste, convenience and cost, or people won't be willing to do it."

Americans know they should eat at home more but radical changes in behavior are unlikely, he says. "People are going to continue to eat out," he says. "The call should be to get people to eat healthier when they're out. Why make it tougher?" Another study found that the early years of marriage can be a catalyst for weight gain. Of 1,200 people ages 18 to 28 in relationships, married couples' average weight gain was 6 to 9 pounds more than that of their single, dating peers.

"This is an understudied period," says Penny Gordon-Larsen, assistant professor of nutrition in the school of public health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and author of the study.

Having studied environmental influences on obesity, she wondered if living together or just being in a romantic relationship was the important component of the weight gain.

"The shared household environment seemed to be the key." Eating out more often and leading a busy lifestyle filled with work and social obligations, she theorizes, might contribute to the problem.

"If the couples support each other in having a healthier house and healthy activities," Larsen says, "there might be hope for reducing that weight gain."

Behavioral changes alone are unlikely to help everyone lose weight, however. For those whose pounds stubbornly remain, studies on two new weight-loss drugs offer some hope. The compounds, still in clinical trials, have shown promise in helping people lose weight and sustain that weight loss for a year.

Both are from San Diego-based pharmaceutical company Orexigen and are combinations of already available medications. Contrave (in phase III trials) uses the antidepressant bupropion

(brand name Wellbutrin), which can suppress appetite and increase calorie burn. It also contains naltrexone, which usually is used to treat addiction to alcohol and opioids but also can affect appetite and rev up the metabolism.

The second drug, Emapic (in phase II trials), also uses bupropion, but in conjunction with zonisamide, an anti-seizure medication that has been shown in other studies to be effective for weight loss.

In Contrave trials, different formulations of the drug resulted in a mean weight loss ranging from 7.1 percent to 7.6 percent, compared with 1.1 percent for a placebo after 24 weeks. The highest-dose group in Emapic trials showed a 10.3 percent weight loss, compared with 1.2 percent for the placebo group after 24 weeks.

Approximately 3,000 men and women have taken part in the randomized, placebo-controlled studies.

"With conventional weight-loss approaches using diet or drugs, you see a common problem of a weight-loss plateau," says Dr. Gary Tollefson, Orexigen's president and chief executive and co-author of some of the studies. "After about 12 to 18 weeks, people stop losing weight, and that causes them to get frustrated."

These new drugs, he adds, target the neural pathways responsible for cravings and appetite surges. "For some people there is an addictive-like component to some foods. I think these medications ... can help control some of those impulses in the brain. It's a tool — there are no pharmaceutical cures for the problem, but this can help."

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