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## Fire season approaches

Officials say predicting '08 season is difficult

By Sren Berg  
Staff writer

Believe it or not, summer is on its way. Eventually, winter's icy grip has to unravel, and the hot, dry days will follow.

What comes next is what the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and other agencies throughout the West are bracing for:

fire season. It's too early to tell just how active this fire season will be, but many officials will tell you not to feel safe just because spring has been a long time coming.

"It's very, very difficult to predict what to expect in a fire season," BLM Fire Management Officer Chris Simonson said. "It's our job to prepare for the worst, and the track

record of the last few years sets us up to be busy."

Randy Richter, Simonson's counterpart with the Forest Service's Sawtooth National Forest, agreed. "I think it's going to be an active year. I think we'll see a lot of fire activity in the West," he said. "We see a little bit of improvement due to the precipitation over the winter, but I wouldn't say it's cured the long-term drought."

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A member of a Hotshot crew monitors a backburn last August along Warm Spring Creek west of Kelchum during the Castle Rock Fire.

## Off endangered list, wolves face new pressure from hunters

The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Tony Saunders stalked his prey for 35 miles by snowmobile through western Wyoming's Teton Basin, finally reaching a clearing where he took out a .270-caliber rifle and shot the wolf twice from 30 yards away.

Gray wolves in the Northern Rockies have been taken off the endangered species list and are being hunted freely for the first time since they were placed on that list three decades ago, and nowhere is that hunting easier than Wyoming.

Most of the state with the exception of the Yellowstone National Park area has been designated a "predator zone," where wolves can be shot at will.

For Saunders, killing that wolf was a long-awaited chance to even things out because he has lost two horses to wolves and blames the canines for depleting local big game herds.

"I understand how devastating it can be," said Saunders, 39, who resides at Bonduant, Wyo., 30 miles southeast of Jackson, Wyo.

Since federal protection was lifted March 28 and states took over wolf management, 37 wolves have been killed, just over 2 percent of their population. Since 61 animals were transplanted to the region 13 years ago, an estimated 1,500 now roam Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

Environmental and animal rights groups plan to file a lawsuit Monday seeking an emergency injunction to block the killings and trying to put wolves back on the endangered list.

"They predict that if states continue to control the animals' fate and proceed with public hunts, wolves could be driven back nearly to extermination in the region." "There will be opportunities showing 365 days a year. This will become a continuum black hole for wolves," said Franz Camenzind with the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, which is joining the lawsuit.

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Afternoon rush-hour traffic moves along Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls on Friday.

## Blue Lakes, Washington to be redone

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

Traffic cones are about to become as common on Blue Lakes Boulevard as well traffic.

After months of juggling dates and ongoing discussion, city of Twin Falls and

state officials have agreed for a massive reconstruction of Blue Lakes Boulevard to begin early next year, while the widening of Washington Street North will start in early 2010.

The \$7.5 million Blue Lakes project, funded by the

Idaho Transportation Department, is scheduled to last six to eight months and begin in February or March 2009, said TTD Spokesman Nathan Jerke.

Though not tied to the TTD project, the widening of Washington Street North to five lanes — funded by city

and federal dollars — is scheduled to start winter 2010, said Twin Falls City Engineer Jackie Fields.

The Blue Lakes project — extending from Pole Line Road to Falk Avenue — will essentially be a new road.

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## Caution in cornea cutting

Federal panel seeks clearer warnings on Lasik eye surgery

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In fury and despair, patients harmed by Lasik eye surgery told federal health advisers Friday of severe eye pain, blurred vision and even a son's suicide. The advisers recommended that the government warn more clearly about the risks of the hugely popular operations.

About 700,000 Americans a year undergo the elective laser surgery. Like gold star and famed Lasik recipient Tiger Woods, they're hoping to throw away their glasses, just as the ads say.

And while the vast majority benefit — most see 20-20 or even better — about one in four people who seek Lasik is not a good candidate. A small fraction, perhaps 1 percent or fewer, suffer serious, life-changing side effects: worse vision, severe dry eye, glare, inability to drive at night.

The FDA advisers — a group of mostly glasses-wearing eye doctors — recommended that the agency make more clear the warnings it already provides for would-be Lasik patients.

At those meetings, they illustrate what people suffering certain side effects actually see, such as the glare that can make incoming headlights a huge "starburst."

Clearly low often patients suffer different side effects, such as dry eye. Some eye surgeons say 31 percent of Lasik patients have some degree of dry eye before surgery, and it worsens for about 5 percent afterward. Other studies say 48 percent of Lasik recipients suffer some degree of dry eye months later.

Make more understandable the conditions that should disqualify someone, such as large pupils or severe nearsightedness. And spell out that anyone whose nearsightedness is fixed by Lasik is guaranteed to need reading glasses in middle age, something that might not be needed if they skip it.

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## Rock chucks for Hannah

Derby raises money for Hannah Bates Memorial Athletic Fund

By Blair Koch  
Correspondent

BLISS — Only an Idaho girl would be bummed to miss out on a rock chuck hunt.

But when Hannah Bates had to skip last year's rock chuck derby to undergo chemotherapy in Salt Lake City, the Hagerman girl had no qualms in telling her doctor she preferred to be elsewhere.

"Hannah had to explain what a rock chuck event was," said Sandy Bates of Hagerman, Hannah's mother.

The doctor jokingly called her a red-neck and Hannah was OK with that, said Bates. She said her daughter would have loved this year's Outlaws and Angels Rock Chuck Derby Challenge in Bliss, which raised money for the Hannah Bates Memorial Athletic Fund.

Twenty-year-old Hannah passed

away in November last year after a six-year battle with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare type of bone cancer mostly found in children and young adults.

But while Hannah may not have physically been at this year's event, her spirit abounded.

"This would have been right up her alley," Sandy said. "I'm just so proud of her. Hannah made everyone feel like they were her best friend. We are just so fortunate to live in such a supportive community. All of the love and support we've received with this is just overwhelming."

More than 100 people gathered Sunday for a barbecue and auction to wrap up the derby. Participants, who paid a \$60 entry fee for the weigh-in, spent the weekend hunting rock chucks and then competed for prizes with proceeds going toward the fund.

About 70 teams registered for the challenge, said Frank Adams, owner of Outlaws and Angels bar in Bliss, which sponsored the event. Prizes were



Bret Silver of Hagerman places his biggest rock chuck on the scale to be weighed during the Outlaws and Angels Rock Chuck Derby Challenge, which raised money for the Hannah Bates Memorial Athletic Fund. Silver spent the weekend hunting the rodents along the Snake River at 'all his secret spots.'



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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Rick Speicher and friends live jazz entertainment, 6:30 to 9 p.m. The Garden Cafe, 2221 Addison St., Twin Falls. \$5 cover charge for walk-ins; \$28.99 six-course supper dinner and \$12 wine pairing (reservations required), 735-0722.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Paca Kids, new 4-H Club seeking new members (club walks with alpaca), 4 p.m., Magic Valley Alpaca, Castledale, no purchase of animal required, 490-1300. Twin Falls Chess Club / Magic Valley Chess Club meeting, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble Bookstores, 1239 Pololine Road, Twin Falls, (208) 733-6186 or MOLq.com.

EDUCATION

Brown Bag Lecture Series, with Ted Dyer on "Ezra Pound: Midwife to Literary Modernism," noon, Program Room, Twin Falls Public Library, bring lunch or pre-order "lunch to go," 734-2787.

EXHIBITS

"For Want of a Horseshoe: Cultural and Natural History of Horseshoes," exploring the history and evolution of the horse and its shoes, hosted by Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Visitor Center, Hagerman, (208) 837-4793 ext. 5227.

GOVERNMENT

Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley, 878-7302. Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home, 587-2123. Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main, 534-4241. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 205 Third Ave. E., 735-7274. Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 102 E. Ave. N., 726-7501. Halley City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 115 Main St. S., 788-4221. Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 324-9116.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center, Blaine County Campus Gym and Fire Elementary, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the old gym in Buhl, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988. SilverSnakers fitness program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for the unique health and physical needs of Medicare beneficiaries, 11:15 a.m. to noon at the Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members, \$5 per class for uninsured people, 733-4384. "Choices for Recovery," a non-traditional, 12-step spiritual program open to all faiths, issues and addictions, 4 to 5:30 p.m., west conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 431-3741 or 431-9527. Recovery for Life: "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing," Co-dependency for Women and 12-Step HOPE (addiction recovery), 6 to 6:45 p.m. male served and 7 p.m. meeting rooms, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.

SCHOOLS

Kimberly Elementary School kindergarten registration, for children living in the Kimberly school district who will be five years old by Sept. 1, 6 to 8 p.m., elementary gym, bring official state birth certificate and immunization record with child, 423-5118 ext. 3037.

ON THE AGENDA

TUESDAY

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-1438. Burley Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W., 423-4556. Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.

FRIDAY

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

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

SCOTLAND

Strike at Scottish oil refinery closes major BP oil pipeline

EDINBURGH — Hundreds of workers at Scotland's only oil refinery on Sunday began a 48-hour strike that has forced BP PLC to shut a pipeline system that delivers almost a third of Britain's North Sea oil.

BP said it had completed the closure of the Forties Pipeline System by 6 a.m., when 1,200 workers at the Grangemouth refinery in central Scotland walked off the job. The pipeline brings in 700,000 barrels of oil a day from the North Sea to BP's Kinneil plant, which is powered from the Grangemouth site.

Energy industry group Oil & Gas UK said the strike, over pension issues, could cost \$100 million a day in lost production.

The main effect of the walkout was likely to be felt by the British Treasury — which relies heavily on taxes from oil production — and at gas stations in Scotland, some of which limited their chassis in anticipation of the strike.

The government urged motorists not to hoard fuel, saying there would be enough to go around. It wants to avoid repeat of scenes in 2000 when motorists were forced to line up at gas stations as truckers angry at heavily taxed fuel brought Britain to a standstill by blockading refineries.

NEVADA

Series of quakes takes toll on rattled residents of Reno

RENO — Dozens of minor earthquakes shook Reno on Sunday as a series of tremors culminated their third month and prompted some frazzled residents to leave their homes.

More than 150 aftershocks have been recorded on the western edge of northern Nevada's largest city after a

SCUBADOG



Mondez, a 5-year-old Chihuahua, poses as he walks the aisle dressed as a scuba diver during a dog show Sunday at a mall in Manila, Philippines. Mondez bagged first place in the fashion show category.

MAGNITUDE-4.7 QUAKE HIT

Friday night, the strongest quake in a sequence that began Feb. 28. There were no reports of injuries or widespread damage.

Scientists have urged residents to prepare for worse, saying the recent activity is unusual because the quakes started out small and continued to build in strength.

After being awakened as many as four times a night by quakes, retiree Sandra Petty decided to spend nights 10 miles away at the Sparks Motel, of her daughter, Stefanie McCalister.

CALIFORNIA

Fire near L.A. forces hundreds from their homes

SERRA MADRE — Firefighters gained ground Sunday against an early season wildfire that slowly crested the hills, overtook dense brush near Los Angeles, forcing more than 1,000 people from homes in the foothills.

About 500 firefighters attacked the 400-acre fire, aided by six helicopters and water-dropping air tankers, said Eliza Weaver, spokeswoman for the city of Sierra Madre. Residents evacuated about 155 homes Saturday night and Sunday, but none had burned.

Crews had the fire 30 percent contained by Sunday evening, Sierra Madre spokesman James Carlson said. Light winds and rising humidity were adding fire-fighters who hoped to have the blaze fully contained within 4-7 days, Carlson said.

Helicopters dropped water on a steep ridge above Sierra Madre near Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park, about 15 miles north of Los Angeles and just east of Pasadena. A fire-fighting water tanker also dropped flame retardant.

Aircraft were also helping fire officials assess the movement of the blaze, which was being pushed northwest into Angeles National Forest, said Battalion Chief Tim Davis of the Forest Service.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 28, the 119th day of 2008. There are 247 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On April 28, 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

ON THIS DATE

In 1789, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1789, there was a mutiny on HMS Bounty as the crew of the British ship set Capt. William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in a launch in the South Pacific.

In 1918, Gavril Princip, the assassin of Archduke

Franz Ferdinand of Austria and the archduke's wife, Sophie, died in prison of tuberculosis.

In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

In 1952, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty signed in San Francisco the year before took effect.

In 1954, Vice President Nixon and his wife, Pat, began a goodwill tour of Latin America that was marred by hostile mobs in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1958, the United States conducted the first of 35

nuclear test explosions in the Pacific Proving Ground as part of Operation Hardtack I.

In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army; the same day Gen. William C. Westmoreland told Congress the U.S. "would prevail in Vietnam."

In 1988, a light attendant was killed and more than 60 persons injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 tore off during a flight from Hilo to Honolulu.

In 1996, a man armed with a semiautomatic rifle opened fire on tourists on the Australian island of Tasmania, killing 35 people; he was captured by police after a 12-hour

Diabetes before motherhood on the rise, study shows

LOS ANGELES — The number of pregnant women with pre-existing diabetes has more than doubled in seven years, says a California study found; a troubling trend that means health risks for both mothers and newborns.

And the number of diabetic teenagers giving birth grew fivefold during the same period, according to the study, the largest of its kind.

Expectant mothers who don't control their diabetes face an increased risk of miscarriage and stillbirth. Their babies have a higher chance of being born with birth defects.

"These are high-risk pregnancies," said Dr. Florence Brown, an expert on pregnancy and diabetes. "All women with pre-existing diabetes need to plan their pregnancies."

Choir director brings prayers for lower gas prices to S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO — A choir director who hypes prayer can bring down high gas prices is trying out his approach at some of the costliest pumps in the country.

Rocky Twyman of Washington, D.C., came to San Francisco over the weekend to stage a pray-in at a Chevron station. He is also calling on churchgoers to ask for God's intervention where he says politicians have failed.

Gas costing \$4 a gallon or more has become common around the San Francisco Bay area.

The 59-year-old Twyman says people praying for cheaper fuel should also walk more and use car pools.

Twyman also works as a community organizer and public relations consultant. He has led campaigns to nominate Oprah Winfrey for the Nobel Peace Prize and to encourage U.S. politicians to donate home marrow.

— from wire reports

stand off at a guest cottage.

The Social Security trustees in their annual report predicted three extra years of full pension benefits for retiring baby boomers, before a potential cash shortfall in 2032.

Five years ago, Iraq's Saddam Hussein's 66th birthday, delegates from inside and outside Iraq agreed to hold a nationalizing meeting and fashion a temporary, post-Saddam government.

Two years ago, a suicide car bomber struck in Karbala, Iraq, killing at least 63 people. A suicide attack on Pakistan's Interior Minister, Atab Khan Sherpao, killed 20 people; the official was slightly hurt.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF APRIL 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: For the next several weeks you might seem too competitive with others — and this can spoil your chances to carry favor and assistance from others. Strive to be a team player and people will include you in their circle during the summer.

Garner valuable experience in August that will act as a steppingstone to reach your ambitions. Shoulder extra responsibilities without fail and pass a course test of accuracy so that during the fall you can reap a few rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Capture the imagination. You can be inspired to perform superlative work because you are filled with creative imagination. Write down your ideas for future use, but don't sign a contract or agreement.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Others are easily impressed. This is a good

time to appear better than you really are. You will find time to make promises. Since your thoughts are on career and reputation, do your best to appear in a good light.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are vague, not vain. You might appear tossy, but in reality what you're seeing is just smog. Don't sign contracts today; you are not grounded in reality.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Apply creative imagination. Today you may be able to gather inspiration that will help you excel at a creative project. The opinions of others must be considered before you can follow through.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Ignore the doubts that whisper in the wings of your mind. Since misunderstandings are possible, avoid signing important documents or making promises. Double check instructions before following them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may quickly become bored with being the Lone Ranger. People really do not understand who you are, although they are glad to see you. This is not a good time to explain key concepts or reveal plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Remain confident. You look better than you think. People may imagine that you possess special talents or additional capabilities. Don't disappoint anyone by promising more than you can deliver.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Try to maintain a sharp image of a fuzzy concept. You shouldn't give up on an ongoing project just because someone in authority is vague or being the Lone Ranger. People really do not understand who you are, although they are glad to see you. This is not a good time to explain key concepts or reveal plans.

DECEMBER (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone or something may escape your understanding. Rather than trying to pin someone down,

just enjoy the whimsy. A butterfly gives more joy when fluttering around than when pinning it down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Experience is another name for mistakes. Avoid signing financial documents and be on the alert for clerical errors that can cause confusion. A passing desire or fleeting fancy is not worth pursuing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You prefer to remain evasive. Rather than upsetting the peace and quiet, you may choose to answer in obscure ways. Avoid making major purchases or firm agreements since certain conditions are unclear.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Every relationship has its ups and downs. If you sense that a heading is downhill, it is time to get on the brakes and go more slowly. You will find it difficult to explain your hesitations succinctly.

# Fire

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Both Simonson and Richter said increased runoff from snowpacks can actually lead to more intense fires. Sound ridiculous? They say more water usually leads to higher volumes of small plants and grasses — nature's kindling. So there wouldn't necessarily be more fires, but the fires that do flare up would be hotter.

"They last longer, they're more dangerous, more complex," Simonson said.

Last year — which brought us bookburners such as the Black Pine, Castle Rock and Murphy Complex fires — was one of the worst on record in southern Idaho. The silver lining, Simonson said, is that firefighters are learning from it.

"Previous fire seasons are always opportunities to learn," he said.

# Road

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but will not be widened or get new traffic signals. There was a possibility of creating a raised median in the road, but businesses opposed it, Jerke said.

The ITD will also install a storm drain system to eliminate large puddles that accumulate during rainstorms. About 37,000 vehicles travel the road, which has been widened and repaved piecemeal, but has not undergone any major work since the 1970s, Jerke said.

"It's going to be totally reconstructed," he said. "We're digging up the entire road."

Meanwhile, widening of

Richter said the Forest Service is looking at changing its regulations to allow more training of private citizens to fight fires. At the Castle Rock fire in particular, he said, many local residents had available equipment that could have been used to cut fire lines. The discussion hit home in Cassia County, when farmers and ranchers near the Black Pine fire volunteered their time and resources but were turned away due to safety concerns.

"Safety is our number one concern out there," Simonson said. "No one wants to see the range burned or their homes burned, but the worst thing of all is for them to lose their lives."

## The future of fire

BLM spokeswoman Heather

Tiel-Nelson said seven of the 10 worst years have occurred since 1999, and the immediate future doesn't look much better.

"All points are indicating that we're in these years of mega-fires," she said.

Simonson said drought has factored into the harsh fire years of recent memory. What's not as certain is how long those conditions will last. One theory gaining traction, he said, is that climate change is settling, and drought conditions are not likely to change soon.

"What we need to get at is 'why,'" he said. "Why is it all happening? The science of it usually takes a little while to catch up. There are a lot of theories out there. There isn't that much hard and fast information."

To better address fires in coming years, Simonson said, nearly all land-management

agencies are working to formulate a program called the Appropriate Management Response (AMR). The AMR's purpose is to prioritize land throughout the western U.S. according to fire protection needs. There are three basic categories: areas of high priority — cities, homes and other structures — where fire must be fought before it breaks out; areas of medium priority, where fire crews will respond if they have the time and resources; and areas where fire may be beneficial.

## Apples and oranges

Simonson said fire seasons pose a different set of problems on BLM land than on national forests. Since BLM land is dominated by desert grasslands, he said, fires travel much faster and burn more ground, but last short-

er. That makes them less predictable. But the primary fuel of a forest fire — trees — is much denser, meaning fire crews are often in for long-term battles when they set up camp.

Richter said there are plenty of trees in the Sawtooth Forest, especially in the northern areas, that have fire officials nervous. He said an infestation of Mountain Pine Beetle is attacking forests, killing thousands of trees and making them especially vulnerable to fire.

It seems southern Idaho is

not alone. "Across the West it's becoming quite a large-sized problem," he said. "It's certainly not just a local issue." Richter said infestations in forests tend to be cyclical, arising when conditions are favorable for parasites, but subsiding when populations have grown beyond the level that forests can support. Harsh winters can also kill them off.

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# Wolf

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Despite the removal of wolves from the endangered list, killing them in the Northern Rockies is nothing new. Last year, a record 186 were shot, primarily by wildlife agents, for killing and harassing livestock.

But since the beginning of this year, 59 wolves already have been reported killed in the three Northern Rockies states, about three times the 19 killed over the same period last year, he said. They're just in the month since they lost federal protection.

State officials blamed this year's increased hunting in part on heavy snow, which kept wolf packs at lower elevations where sheep and cattle range.

"That's the reality of managing wolves in a modern

landscape. Some of them are nesting on high mountains," Eric Keszler, spokesman for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

In fact, entire packs have been legally killed off in past years because of livestock conflicts, according to biologists Mike Jimenez with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

With public hunts planned this year, federal biologists project the three states will maintain a population of 483 to 1,240 wolves at least for the next few years — well above the government's goal of maintaining a population of at least 300 wolves.

But wolf advocates say the states could eventually cut the population right down to that minimum

unless a court intervenes. "We're not having any particular have a 'hostile legal regime' that is stacked against wolves, said Doug Hinnold, the Earthjustice attorney preparing the lawsuit.

"If anybody can kill wolves, you have no way of ensuring wolf killing isn't excessive," he said.

Hinnold and other advocates say a minimum of 2,000 to 3,000 wolves is needed to protect their genetic diversity. They contend the government was on track to meet that goal when it caved in to political pressure and stripped the species of endangered status.

Some state officials and ranchers, including Saunders, acknowledge a lingering hostility for wolves,

which had been exterminated in the region in the 1830s. "There's things I'd like to get rid of all of them, but that's not realistic either," Saunders said. "And I'd like for my son one day to be able to hunt them, too."

# Rock chuck

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awarded to the teams with the three heaviest rock chucks harvested.

Last year's event was more of a fun challenge between the two boys, but this year Adams decided to make the derby as a way to honor Bates, and he said participation has greatly increased. Participants came from across Idaho and brought their biggest chucks to weigh-in. The harvested rock chucks will be taken to an Indian reservation in Nevada.

"We're raising money for what Hannah wanted," Adams said. "When she was still fighting cancer and knew she was going to die, she started the fund and wanted somebody to do something."

Hannah started the fund to support youth athletic programs. Even in the midst of her illness, the Hagerman High School student went back on the volleyball court with a prosthetic leg.

Tom Bray, 14, of Hagerman, remembers Bates not as a cancer victim but as an amazing coach — even bringing her Hagerman Junior High School volleyball team to an undefeated season in November.

"She made practice fun, even at six in the morning. Sometimes, when we didn't want to practice she'd take us to her house and make us pancakes," Bray said. "There's nobody like her."

Bates said nearly \$14,000 would likely be raised by the event. Money from the memorial fund will also be available to Magic Valley athletes who need financial support for equipment. Bates said, as Hannah's hope was money wouldn't come in the way of kids' opportunities in sports.

"One of the things that really bothered Hannah was that the junior high and junior varsity teams all got hand-me-down uniforms,"

she said. "She always thought that if her little girls could get new uniforms they would be proud to be on the court. She believed that not only would they play better but would have a better opportunity to develop leadership skills."

The event was such a success that Adams has decided make the derby annual, with all the proceeds going to Bates' fund.

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## Bad smell distracts students at Jerome's new middle school

School officials, construction company say problem is fixed

By Damon Hunzaker  
Correspondent

It just doesn't have that new-school smell. At last Monday night's dedication ceremony for Jerome's recently completed middle school, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Iann said, "Students will never be free to learn until they're free from intimidation and bullying and violence."

After the ceremony, several students told the *Times-News* about a different distraction: the stench of raw sewage, adding that they were forced to leave the building on one occasion.

School officials acknowledged there was a problem, but said the source has been identified and the issue is resolved.

Water in the p-traps has evaporated a couple of times, according to Principal Eric Anderson and Construction Manager Rick Ames. P-traps are curved pipes below drains that when properly filled with water prevent sewer gases from permeating the building.

"Perception is reality," Anderson said. "We had

two days when the p-traps dried out, and now that we have them filled, we haven't had a smell ... students had to leave the classrooms one day when we were checking the pipes, but they weren't even displaced for two hours."

Ie continued, "When you smell a foreign smell that isn't supposed to be in a school, it creates a strong perception."

Ames supported the idea further and said, "People become sensitized if they expect something to be there. If everyone's looking for a smell, they think they're finding it."

But sixth-grader Aron Stevens said, "I don't expect to smell it. It just pops up sometimes." He also disputed Anderson's claim that the problem has arisen only two days. "It's like every now and then, it just smells all day," he said, "and sometimes it's a bunch of days in a week."

Stevens recalled noticing the smell after the sixth-graders attended a field trip to the College of Southern Idaho last month. "We came back, and it stunk really bad, so I said, 'We're never leaving again — we make the school smell good.' But everyone else just said we stink."

Ames said that the p-traps were dry because nobody was using the facilities and keeping water in the drains during the final phase of construction.

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"When you smell a foreign smell that isn't supposed to be in a school, it creates a strong perception."

— Eric Anderson,

principal of Jerome's new middle school

## Prohibition in the park



As picnickers sip Mountain Dew and grill burgers Saturday afternoon at Dierkes Lake, park ranger Kim Lewis makes sure nobody breaks a new rule banning alcohol in the park. The Twin Falls City Council will tonight revisit the April 7 decision banning alcohol possession at Dierkes Lake and nearby docks at Shoshone Falls Park.

## T.F. council to review Dierkes alcohol ban tonight

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

The Twin Falls City Council tonight will revisit a controversial decision banning alcohol possession at Dierkes Lake and nearby docks at Shoshone Falls Park.

At last week's meeting, the City Council voted 4-3 in support of Councilman Don Hall's motion to review the April 7 decision. Hall said he supports banning alcohol at the lake, but instead wants to re-examine the amendment that added the dock areas. Councilmen Trip Craig, Lee Heiler and Will Kezele opposed Hall's motion last week.

The alcohol ban at Dierkes Lake was based upon a recommendation from a residential sub-committee that reviewed alcohol in parks. They

explored completely prohibiting alcohol at all parks, but found alcohol in most parks is not a problem.

But a security officer at Dierkes Lake found 80 percent of problems at the park stem from alcohol, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Buyer had said to council members. The committee hoped a ban would improve a family atmosphere and erase an image of the park as a haven for underage drinking.

But during council deliberations, Councilman Will Kezele added the dock area where boats enter the Snake River.

As a result it became illegal for boaters to bring alcohol to their boats from the dock area, although it remains legal to drink on the Snake River. Twin Falls County regulates the water, as well as the docks. The area

south of the docks — such as an RV parking lot and small rest area — fire city property.

After the initial decision, Buyer said that boaters would have to transport liquor from the north side of the river.

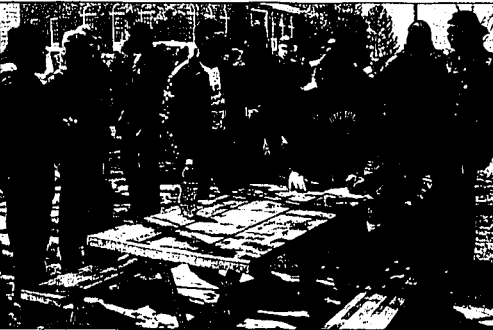
The amended ban passed 5-1, with Councilman David E. Johnson in opposition. He argued the change bypassed the sub-committee and the council was over-regulating.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m. at 305 3rd Ave. E. and is open to the public.

• Before the official meeting begins, council members will meet with city staff at 3 p.m. to discuss a strategic plan update. The meeting is open to the public, said Twin Falls Management Assistant Gretchen Scott.

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## BIKERS RALLY AGAINST CHILD ABUSE



Members of Bikers Against Child Abuse stopped at City Park in Twin Falls at about noon Sunday during a break on a road trip. BACA exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children, according to its Web site.

## Filer police arrest four juveniles suspected of going on crime spree

By John E. Swayze  
Correspondent

FILER — A month-long crime spree in the city of Filer has finally come to an end.

Police have arrested four unnamed juveniles suspected of committing 10 acts of late-night grand theft and malicious destruction of property against local businesses and a church beginning April 3.

In addition to breaking some window glass at the Lions Gate Art Gallery and an attempted forced entry at Cedar Lanes Bowling, the perpetrators also took small

amounts of cash or firearms from a hair salon and a meat-cutting business police said.

Twilla Knutson, owner of Knutson's Kustom Kutting, said the theft of two rifles and a little less than \$100 cash from the store register has altered her sense of safety.

"I've had this place for 25 years and sometimes work late hours," she said. "Now it feels like they've taken my safety away. I wish they had gone door-to-door telling us to be on the lookout."

Filer Police Sgt. Tim Reeves reported that his office took

the first suspect into custody the morning of April 22. The case is being processed through the court system.

"They didn't leave any identifying evidence, but we had our suspicions," Reeves said. "Patrolling officers stopped a youth walking along the street around 2 a.m. He confessed, and we were able to identify the others through information from a female companion who was with him at the time but not involved in any way."

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## Castleford students grow and sell their own plants and vegetables

By Blair Koch  
Correspondent

CASTLEFORD — The Castleford High School horticulture class has spent the school year using their green thumbs. Now they are ready to sell the bounty of their harvest.

Students have taken part in the ongoing process of planting, transplanting and constantly caring for a variety of plants and vegetables. Among other things, they've learned about the lifecycles of plants, types of soil and fertilizer, and when and how to use them.

"Through selling the plants to the public, we are able to put the money raised back into the program," said agriculture supervisor Roger Wells. "Another advantage in selling the plants at the end of the year is students learn about the business end of things."

Inside the Wolfpack Greenhouse — it's named after the school's mascot — the approximately 16 students have grown flowering hanging baskets, geraniums, alsum, zinnias and more. They also have a variety of garden vegetables. In all, nearly \$10,000 has been invested into this year's class, which has become practically self-sustaining, Wells said.

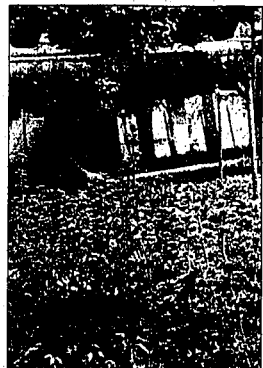
"The money raised will go back into the greenhouse, as well as for the FFA," Wells said. "Most of the students in the class are members and will see the money come back to them for things like travel and our end-of-the-year party."

Wells said students will be selling the plants and vegetables at a reasonable price — from 50 cents to \$4.

"I usually go around and see

### How you can help

Castleford High School botany students will sell their plants from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days. On May 10, they will be at the Valley Country Store on Highway 30 in Buhl.



A Castleford High School student tends to plants in the Wolfpack Greenhouse on Friday. Every year, plants are sold to the public with funds going back into the program and school's FFA.

what everyone else is selling plants for," Wells said. "We want to stay competitive in our pricing. At least when you buy things here, the money is going right back into a worthy cause, instead of to a big company."

CHS senior Michelle Hill, 17, has taken the class for three years. Besides learning the difference between a stamen and petal, Hill plans on applying the business lessons learned in the future.

While flowers seem to effortlessly bloom, the class is more difficult, than Brent Hilliard, 16, thought it would

be. But he said he has learned quite a bit.

"I'm still learning all of the names for the plants," Hilliard said. "It's hard, because a plant that has red flowers may have a totally different name than a plant that looks just like it, but blooms a different color."

Hilliard said he thought the class would be a great primer for his first semester of college in the fall.

"I thought this class may be a great way to do some marketing, which is tied into business management," he said. "That is what I want to go into."



EDITORIAL

Goin' to mall, Mom, to check out a book

More folks are moving farther away from the Twin Falls Public Library...

As part of its five-year strategic plan, the library could build a second library...

Such a think-outside-the-box strategy would help the library shed its rusty image.

Marketing is a hot trend in the library business. Libraries are redesigning their Web sites...

Behind that trend is the philosophy that a public library should do whatever it can to make books more accessible.

Would taking the library to the mall cost taxpayers more? Of course, but it would also get used more...

The local library is used by a broad spectrum of Twin Falls residents, and admired by many for its service and the depth and breadth of its collection.

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The Times-News welcomes letters to the editor from and on behalf of candidates for the May 20 school board elections and for the May 27 primary elections.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore

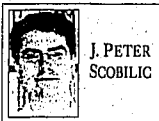


By Bruce Tinsty



Meet John 'Dubya' McCain

John McCain knows a lot less about foreign policy than he'd have us believe. This, anyway, is the impression that's been growing in recent weeks...



J. PETER SCOBILIC

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the U.S. saw itself in opposition to the rest of the world in no small part because it was.

And it's true: Despite his decades of supposed "pragmatism" and "fiscally-conservative," the candidate reportedly lacks firm ideological convictions...

During the 1990s, he opposed U.S. intervention in Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia, but he knocked President Clinton for its unwillingness to commit ground troops to Kosovo.

But in truth, McCain's foreign policy is far more consistent than it seems. Much like George W. Bush, McCain sees the world in oppositional terms — us versus them and good versus evil.

A Manchurian or dualistic approach to foreign policy has a long pedigree in American history, stretching back to the 1600s, when early settlers proclaimed their adopted home a New Israel, a God-ordained refuge from the sins of the Old World.

This distinction between the United States and everywhere else eventually became more secular, but it also became more tangible.

policy of containment as apostasy because it implied long-term coexistence with communism — that is, with evil. They rejected relations with Moscow because one did not strike deals with the devil, and they derided international organizations because they required some degree of diplomatic deference to states they remained neutral in the face of communism.

President Bush's foreign policy — his refusal to negotiate with evil, his dismissal of the United Nations, even his move toward a more aggressive nuclear posture — has taken a moral absolutism worldview. And so is John McCain.

Worn by a military family on the lessons of that most classically Manichean of modern conflicts, World War II, and psychologically defined by his own maverick streak, McCain's worldview was that the U.S. was locked in a battle with evil. That was not wrong exactly — the Soviet Union was indeed evil — but it was an hazardous way of framing the conflict.

The advent of nuclear weapons in the 1940s had made a more cooperative foreign policy a matter of survival. For the first time, our continued existence depended on stabilizing relations with an enemy; national security was no longer a zero-sum game, no longer a matter merely of us versus them. Which is why he, McCain, has been so confused. Sunni al-Qaida in Iraq with Shiite extremists — because evil is monolithic.

McCain may know what he believes about the world. But the world hears little resemblance to his beliefs.

J. Peter Scobilic is executive editor of the New Republic. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sheriff candidates must state what they stand for

It's election time, and as a young person, I have several questions I would like answered. If I understand our political system, I recognize that there are three Republican candidates vying for the position of sheriff, of which only one will make it through to the general election in November.

I want very much to be an informed Republican voter. Upon contacting the local Republican office, I was told they held a brief candidate forum, but this is not publicized for everyone. The Chamber of Commerce said they would hold a formal debate, but only toward the general election.

I read in the newspaper that all three candidates are former deputies. Why are they no longer there? Without these candidates answering the questions themselves as to why they are no longer in the department, how do I vote? What do I have to base my choice on?

I hope that there are other individuals feeling how I am and would like to know exactly what platforms these candidates stand for.

I do know one thing: It is difficult for me to change. TRACI JONES Twin Falls

Inform yourself then vote on Filer school bond

The Filer school bond is necessary action.

As a lifelong resident of the Filer School District, I feel that we need the school bond to pass. Our children are our most important investment. Classroom size has a large impact on the quality of our children's education.

It is my desire to encourage and support every opportunity for equality in education. As a farmer in this community, I feel strongly that paying taxes for education now is essential.

I feel education produces success, and lack of education produces dependency. I encourage every individual that can enable them. Our class rooms are overcrowded.

We need to be informed and involved now in order to ensure success in the future. I urge all patrons in the district to get informed and vote. Every child deserves the best education we can give. DEBRA LOUGHMILLER Twin Falls

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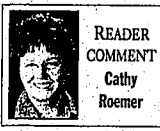


By Bruce Tinsty



# Taxpayers need better representation on Jerome County Commission

In my campaign for Jerome County commissioner one thing has become clear to me: When I go out my front door each day, my life is not my own. Earning the public's trust is a big responsibility and one I take seriously.



**READER COMMENT**  
**Cathy Roemer**

People expect high standards of personal conduct from those they elect to office. And they want accountability. That is why I chose to run for county commissioner. It is time to restore integrity and civil debate to the office of county commissioner. And it is a must that the broad-based interests of the community be represented, not the narrow agenda of a few. Before stepping into the political arena, a candidate

has to ask, "Can I do the job? Am I willing to sacrifice much of my personal life, my time and energy to fulfill the commitments entrusted to me?"

It is important to remember that not all the duties required of elected officials are banter, fanfare events. In county government, commission is to represent the citizenry by serving on various committees and boards related to county business.

Meetings can be tedious and time consuming but commissioner attendance is necessary because decisions often involve how taxpayer dollars are spent.

For example, the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District is a seven-county regional landfill. The decision-making board consists of one commissioner from each participating county. Jerome County pays the Solid Waste District nearly \$1 million annually.

Commissioner Diana Obenauer was appointed to represent Jerome County citizens on the Solid Waste board. Yet the Jerome Board of County Commissioners received a letter on Jan. 28, 2008, from the Solid Waste executive director stating a

closed executive session meetings concerning personnel and county employees on a personal tape recorder? The records of Jerome County commissioner meetings dated 3-10-08, 3-11-08, 3-17-08 show this kind of intimidation took place against the wishes of the other board members and the advice of legal counsel present. Is this the behavior of someone who wants to foster trust and good will with others? These ill-conceived actions could well create another liability for Jerome County (taxpayer dollars spent in court).

Jerome citizens should ask, "Is this the kind of representation we want?" Or do Jerome citizens want a leader who will put their

best interests ahead of personal self-serving actions? I believe honesty and integrity have not gone out of style.

In his essay, "The Proper Role of Government," Ezra Taft Benson (secretary of agriculture, 1953-1961), wrote in 1968:

"Unlike the political opportunist, the true statesman values principle above popularity, and works to create popularity for those political principles which are wise and just."

I ask for your support in the May 27 Republican primary.

Cathy Roemer is seeking the Republican nomination for District 1 Jerome County commissioner in the May 27 primary election.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Use your vote to help Filer build a better community

The city of Filer is dedicated to improving the quality of life for those living in our community, and that's why we feel the upcoming bond election for a new school is so important.

There is a tremendous need for a new school, and it is not a luxury but a necessity that goes to the very foundation of a livable community.

We face great challenges in the coming years, but our goal should be to ensure that we protect our "single greatest investment," our kids.

We call upon you to consider this project and what it will do for this community. Please vote yes and help us demonstrate a greater commitment to better community building.

**BOB TEMPLEMAN**  
Filer  
(Editor's note: Bob Templeman is the mayor of Filer.)

### Time to replace Jerome County leadership

Elections are soon. Jerome County has a problem. Jerome County has experienced costly mistakes under the present leadership. We have experienced illegally splitting the Planning and Zoning Board. We have enacted an illegal moratorium. Big Sky Farms is appealing a permit denial. We have had prior commissioners give themselves illegal overtime pay and have lost a suit with the dairy association which cost the county 25K.

Our county roads are getting destroyed by dairy trucks. Our air stinks. The Magic Valley is known as Stinky Hollow. We still don't want the name in Jerome County. We have a county chairman that continually answers with "we'll take this under advisement" and does nothing. We have a county attorney that didn't want the bid and has given the county commissioners costly legal advice. We have a Planning and Zoning administrator that has continually made mistakes with zoning laws and he has been doing this job for years.

I think the time has come to replace these people. I think the job of county chairman is too much for Mr. Howell. I think we need a more qualified attorney and we need to replace our Planning and Zoning

Administrator with someone that is trained for this job.

I think that Marjorie Schmidt, with her Jerome City Council experience and willingness to listen to the citizens, is a great replacement for Mr. Charlie Howell. I think that Diana Obenauer should be given a chance to continue her good work. She is willing to listen and she does her homework. I understand that Attorney Will is not returning. Attorney John Horgan is running and would be a good replacement.

We need to change the way Jerome County is doing business. We can't afford more of these costly mistakes and poor decisions.

**RALPH FRIEDEMANN**  
Jerome

### Fine line between being thrifty and being cheap

There has been a lot of talk lately about trade treaties with the Colombian pact before Congress and editorial railing against the North American Free Trade Agreement, et al. But new treaties or not, the world has definitely changed, and global trade is the main economic trend of the future.

For the United States, this means that we have to reduce working with our hands, at least in the longer competitive, relatively, and work more with our capital and brains. In the brains department, we are still pretty good relatively, but others are gaining.

Professor May Allert from Dartmouth, speaking at the Herrett Forum the other night, was asked if there were still a lot of students taking math and science. She said yes, but many more from foreign countries. They are going to take their good education home and compete with our undereducated kids.

One thing we could do to assure good jobs for our children is see that they get a good basic schooling. The fact that Idaho ranks next to last in spending per pupil indicates that our Legislature doesn't feel a good education is imperative in today's world. I suspect they believe that by paying as thrifty and not raising taxes to properly fund schools will get them re-elected.

There is a fine line, but a big gap between being thrifty and being cheap and denying funds for schools is

pound foolish cheap in my opinion. Underfunding schools isn't money saved; it is just money taken out of the future income of our children. Robbing little Tommy to re-elect old Ebenezer is cheap and shortsighted in my opinion.

We need better brains in our state for the future and to do that, we need better, more circumspect brains in the Legislature. Call your state representative, or better yet, vote for a new person in the next election.

**DAVID G. SUTLIFF**  
Burley

### Home ownership is bedrock of community

At times, essentially important items are mentioned in our paper that we may miss or overlook in the busyness of our lives. Twin Falls County commissioners proclaimed Fair Housing month in conjunction with National Fair Housing Month, and I'd like to re-mention this and thank our commissioners for this action on behalf of all of us working in the community who strive to provide fair, equal and affordable housing.

Studies have proven that housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability. In addition, safe, affordable, fair housing closes doors of poverty and opens doors to opportunities such as a family's ability to improve financially, attain higher education and develop pride in their homes and a sense of community with their neighbors. Homeownership is still the No. 1 wealth-building tool for most American families.

We have more than 11 communities in our valley that have built their own homes (94 homes total) to date with sweat equity that completely believe and embody the principles of fair housing. Our community should be very proud of those who work hard to achieve their dreams of homeownership and who

continue to enhance their communities through service after building. As a community, we need to recognize the continued need for safe, affordable housing in our area.

To all of Merit Housing's many partners and volunteers who participate in this effort, thank you all!

**JULIE GALBRAITH**  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Julie Galbraith is the self-help homeownership manager for Merit Housing Idaho.)

**CAN THIS 5-YEAR-OLD BE 80 ALREADY?**  
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## Financial Lesson of the Week

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## Put Your Tax Rebate to Work

You may not be familiar with its formal name—the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008—but you're almost certainly aware of its key outcome: a tax rebate. Now comes the big question: What should you do with it?

If you spend it, you will do your part to help stimulate the economy. But by investing the rebate, you could help speed your progress toward your long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Before we look at investment possibilities, let's quickly go over the "nuts and bolts" of the plan:

- How much? You can receive up to \$800, if you're filing as an individual, or \$1,200, if you're filing a joint return. Plus, you can get an additional \$300 for each qualifying child. However, the size of your rebate will be reduced by \$50 for every \$1,000 you earn above adjusted gross income (AGI) limits (\$75,000 for singles and \$150,000 for married couples).
- When? The IRS will begin mailing Stimulus Act rebate checks in May. If you've selected the "direct deposit" option for receiving your 2007 income tax refund, your Stimulus Act rebate will be placed in the same account that you've chosen for your refund.

### Investment Choices

Here are a few possibilities for investing your rebate:

- Traditional or Roth IRA—Suppose that you are a joint filer and did receive the full \$1,200 rebate. If you put that \$1,200 in an investment that earned a hypothetical 7 percent return, and that investment were placed in a traditional or Roth IRA, the money would grow to more than \$9,000 in 30 years. (This figure does not include fees, commissions or expenses, all of which would reduce your investment returns.) Keep in mind that traditional IRA withdrawals are taxable, whereas a Roth IRA's earnings have the potential to grow tax free, provided you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2 and you've had your account for at least five years.) All investments within these accounts do fluctuate in price, so it is possible to have more, less or the same amount when you sell your investments.
- Section 529 savings plan—In a Section 529 college savings plan, you put money in a specific mix of investments. Section 529 plans are tax deductible in some states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. All withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes if the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of your child or grandchild. (Withdrawals for other reasons may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. Also, Section 529 distributions will appear as income on the child's tax return, which could affect financial aid calculations.)
- Emergency fund—It's a good idea to put six to 12 months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account for use as an "emergency fund." Without such a fund, you might be forced to liquidate some of your long-term investments to pay for things such as a costly car repair or an unexpected medical bill.

A rebate like this one doesn't come along every year—so put it to work for you. Someday, you may be glad you did.

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Strip Up! 10:30  
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**Odyssey G Theatre**  
214-0925  
Harold & Kumar Escape 10:30 45  
Superhero Movie 12:00 45  
Under the Same Moon 11:00 30  
Bucket List 11:30 30  
The Rules 11:30 30  
Twenty One 7:00 30

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214-0925  
Foot's Gold 11:15 45  
Say Hello to My ex-Girlfriend 7:30 45  
Stop Loss 11:15 45  
Prom Night 11:00 15  
Superhero Movie 12:00 45  
Dumb & Dumber 7:00 15  
The Bad News Bears 11:15 45  
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Expelled 11:15 45  
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Hustler Nation 11:00 30

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## nie Newspaper in Education

### AFGHANISTAN

#### Three people killed in militant attack on Afghan president

KABUL — Militants firing rockets and automatic rifles attacked the Afghan president at a ceremony in Kabul on Sunday, missing their target but killing three and wounding eight others.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault that sent President Hamid Karzai and foreign ambassadors scurrying for cover, underscoring the fragile grip of his U.S.-backed government.

Gunmen opened fire as a 21-gun salute echoed over the capital at an anniversary ceremony to mark the mujahideen victory over the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Hundreds of people, including army and police that had formed an honor guard inspected by Karzai minutes earlier, fled in chaos as shots rang out. The president was rushed away, surrounded by bodyguards, and left in a convoy of four black SUVs.

The gunfire apparently came from a three-story guesthouse, popular with migrant laborers, about 300 yards from the stadium. Karzai was seated alongside Cabinet ministers and senior diplomats, who all escaped unharmed. A U.S. Embassy official confirmed U.S. Ambassador William Wood was hurt.

A bodyguard who was about 20 years from the president was killed in the attack.

Residents reported that a 30-minute gunbattle broke out between security forces and gunmen holed up in the guesthouse, located in a neighborhood of ruined mud brick buildings.

Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak said three attackers were killed by security forces, and assault rifles and machine guns were confiscated.

### IRAQ

#### Sandstorm in capital provides cover for Green Zone barrage

BAGHDAD — A barrage of rocket or mortar fire was aimed at the fortified Green Zone on Sunday as the capital was enveloped in a thick sandstorm.

At least two Iraqis were killed and 25 wounded by projectiles that apparently missed their targets and landed in surrounding neighborhoods, police said. There were no immediate reports of casualties inside the enclave, which houses the U.S. Embassy and Iraqi government offices.

U.S. and Iraqi officials typically blame such attacks on Shiite militiamen, who have been trading sporadic fire with government security forces since a crackdown targeted militants in the southern port city of Basra a month ago. Militiamen take advantage of the lack of U.S. air cover in poor weather to set up and fire their projectiles.

At least 16 people were killed and 49 injured in clashes since Saturday night in Sadr City, the cleric's north-east Baghdad stronghold, according to police and hospital officials in the vast district.

The U.S. military said attack helicopters and an unmanned drone fired Hellfire missiles at groups of gunmen in three separate weekend incidents there, killing five.

### OHIO

#### Ballpark funeral held in Ohio for long-missing soldier

CINCINNATI — Military workers and supporters from across the country joined in memorials Sunday for a slain Army reservist who had become a poignant picture of the war in Iraq after he was captured by insurgents.

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### MARATHON IN MOTION



In this image made with a slow shutter speed, thousands of runners take part in the 31th Madrid Marathon in Madrid, Spain, Sunday.

Officials estimated that about 10,000 people walked past Staff Sgt. Matt Maupin's casket during a weekend visitation at a civic center in Clermont County, east of Cincinnati, where he grew up. Another 4,000 headed Sunday to Great American Ball Park, home of the Cincinnati Reds, for an afternoon memorial service billed as a celebration.

It's a celebration because his death was just a transition into a new life. The Rev. Dale Ellens, an Army chaplain, said at the service. "Today marks a day of both sadness and joy."

The crowd occupied the lower portion of the 42,000-seat stadium, behind home plate, stretching from first base to third.

Maupin's flag-draped casket was on a platform in the area of the pitcher's mound. The only people on the field were members of the 338th Army band and about 100 family members, military representatives and dignitaries.

"Matt Maupin was the all-American kid," said retired Lt. Gen. James Campbell, representing the Army. "We are so proud of you. You have served your country with honor and distinction."

### NEW YORK

#### Gene therapy gives hope to the blind

NEW YORK — Scientists for the first time have used gene therapy to dramatically improve sight in people with a rare form of blindness, a development experts called a major advance for the experimental technique.

Some vision was restored in four of the six young people who got the treatment, teams of researchers in the United States and Britain reported Sunday. Two of the volunteers who could only see hand motions were able to read a few lines of an eye chart within weeks.

"It's a phenomenal break-

through," said Stephen Rose, chief research officer of the Foundation. Fighting blindness, which helped pay for one study done at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

If successful in larger numbers, experts said, the technique has the potential to reverse blindness from other kinds of inherited eye diseases.

"I think this is incredibly exciting," said Dr. Jean Bennett, a professor of ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania and a leader of the Philadelphia study. "It's the beginning of a whole new phase of studies."

The research was published online Sunday by the New England Journal of Medicine in conjunction with presentations at a medical meeting in Florida.

The two teams of scientists, working separately, each tested gene replacement therapy in 100 patients with a form of rare hereditary eye disease called Leber's congenital amaurosis. There's no treatment for the disease, which appears early in infancy and causes severe vision loss, especially at night.

### WASHINGTON

#### To stave off terror, feds to issue safety strategy for boaters

WASHINGTON — As boating season approaches, the Bush administration wants to enlist the country's 80 million recreational boaters to help reduce the chances that a small boat could deliver a

nuclear or radiological bomb somewhere along the country's 95,000 miles of coastline and inland waterways.

According to an April 23 intelligence assessment obtained by The Associated Press, the use of a small boat as a weapon is likely to remain al-Qaida's weapon of choice in the maritime environment, given its ease in arming and deploying, low cost, and record of success.

While the United States has so far been spared this type of strike in its own waters, terrorists have used small boats to attack in other countries.

The millions of humble dinghies, fishing boats and smaller cargo ships that ply America's waterways are not nationally regulated as they buzz around ports, oil tankers, power plants and other potential terrorist targets.

This could allow terrorists in small boats to carry out an attack similar to the USS Cole bombing, says Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad Allen. That 2000 attack killed 17 American sailors in Yemen when terrorists rammed a dinghy packed with explosives into the destroyer. "There is no intelligence right now that there's a credible risk" of this type of attack, Allen says. "But the vulnerability is there."

To reduce the potential for such an attack in the United States, the Department of Homeland Security has developed a new strategy intended to increase security by enhancing safety standards. The Coast Guard is part of that effort.

On Monday officials will announce the plan, which asks states to develop and enforce safety standards for recreational boaters and asks them to look for and report suspicious behavior on the water — much like a neighborhood watch program.

### AUSTRIA

#### Austrian woman says father held her in cellar for 24 years

VIENNA — Police have found a woman missing since 1984, who told authorities that her father had kept her in a cellar for almost 24 years — much like a child born to at least six children after being repeatedly raped by him.

The 73-year-old father was taken into custody, said Franz Polzer, head of the Lower Austrian Bureau of

Criminal Affairs, on Sunday.

Authorities found the woman Saturday evening in the town of Amstetten following a tip. Lower Austria police said in a statement.

The 42-year-old woman told police that her father began sexually abusing her when she was 11 and locked her in a room in the cellar on

Aug. 28, 1984.

During the 24 years that followed, she said she was continually abused and gave birth to six children, the statement said. She said she gave birth to twins in 1996 but one died several days later; police said they were investigating.

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## Smith headed to Detroit, Connor to Carolina

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — After threatening Barry Sanders' single-season rushing record in college, Kevin Smith now can concentrate — or at least dream about — Sanders' marks with the Detroit Lions.

The Central Florida running back and nation's leading rusher in 2007 was chosen over the third round of the NFL draft Sunday. The Smith now traded up two spots with Miami for the privilege of beginning the second day by grabbing Smith.

Last season, Smith rushed for 2,567 yards and scored 29 touchdowns. Sanders' set the single-sea-

son record with 2,628 in 1986, when he won the Heisman Trophy. He went on to a Hall of Fame career over the next decade with the Lions.

Detroit will settle for a semblance of that from Smith, who left the Conference USA school as a junior after first saying he would return to college.

"I never thought of myself as chasing Barry Sanders. He's a legend," Smith said. "My numbers might have been close, but I was just thrilled to be close to someone like that. Now I get to play in the same organization, which is a dream come true."

And enough to make a guy weep.

"The coach told me that they were going to come up to get me, and he put me on the phone with all the coaches, and I just burst into tears," Smith admitted.

He was one of two All-Americans chosen in the third round: Penn State linebacker Dan Connor went to Carolina 10 spots later.

Connor left Lincolnshire U as his career tackles leader with 419. In the last few years, the Panthers have lost some starters at the position, notably Will Witherspoon and Dan Morgan. He will join Jon Beason, their first-rounder last year, at middle linebacker.

"It's going to be great to be able to learn under a bunch of great linebackers and guys that have experience," Connor said. "I'm more looking forward to that, taking it all in and learning from guys who have proven themselves every week on Sundays."

Other third-rounders looking to prove themselves in the NFL will be defensive back Chevis Jackson (Atlanta); running back Jacob Hester (San Diego) and receiver Early Doucet (Arizona), all from national champion LSU. Hester could fill the role of LaDainian Tomlinson's stand-in previously held by Michael Turner, now with

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## District V bull rider injured

By Dianne Philbin  
Staff writer

GOODING — The District V's loss had been the District V's gain since stand-out cowboy 12 Bridges, who competed for Filer last year, moved into the area and now rides for Valley.

The battle for the all-around buckle started immediately between Cy Eames of Gooding and Bridges as the two began distancing themselves from the competition. But the top spot, at least for now, belongs to Eames after Bridges suffered a broken leg Saturday night in a bull riding, his favorite of the six events he competes in.

Just hours before the rodeo began, Bridges had proclaimed that he had been working out and it seemed to be keeping him fit and healthy.

"I did five events last year and I kept getting injured," said Bridges. "So I thought, I'm not trying to stop on keeping my mind right and not just focusing on one event. I'm having fun doing it. If I get tired, I just keep on pushing. If I do had in one event, it doesn't give me time to dwell on my mistakes but if I do good, it works as a chain reaction to the next event. You can't out-power these animals, you have to work with them."

The Saturday night bull rodeo was routine until at about seven seconds Bridges got slightly out of shape and slid off the left side of his bull. Bridges still managed to hold the rope completing his ride and earning a score of 64 points to finish fourth, but somewhere at the end of the ride, the bull stepped on his leg.

Earlier in the evening, Bridges finished fifth in calf roping and was third in team roping with partner, J. Webb of Wendell. In the individual standings, Bridges currently is tied for first in saddle bronc, second in bareback, third in both steer wrestling and team roping with Webb and fourth in bull riding.

Earning 46 points in the two Gooding rodeos, rookie Courtney Agenbroad moved into second place in the girls' all-around standings after starting the weekend in fifth. Saturday night, Agenbroad had second place finishes in breakaway and game roping on her 17-year-old horse, Little Bit and an eighth in barrels on Wrangler.

What has Agenbroad found to be the hardest part of high school rodeo?

"Trying to stay consistent," said the Gooding freshman. "But I couldn't be"

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## Diaw leads Suns' to rout of Spurs

By Bob Baum  
Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — A Frenchman put Phoenix on the brink of elimination, another brought the Suns back to life.

Boris Diaw fell two assists shy of a triple-double Saturday and the Suns avoided a first-round sweep at the hands of San Antonio with a 105-86 rout of the Spurs.

Diaw starting in place of injured Grant Hill, had 20 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists in one of the best playoff performances of his career.

"I trust him. I always have," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "I think he's a heck of a basketball player. He's been maligned here a little bit, but he can play. He stepped up big."

Diaw also played tough defense on his good friend and fellow Frenchman Tony Parker, who scored 18 points after a career-high 41 in San Antonio's 115-99 victory Friday night in Game 3.

"I think they kind of relaxed being up 3-0," Diaw said, "but we came out and played, too. We didn't come out like the series was over. We came out fired up."

No one was more aggressive than Raja Bell, who scored 21 of his 27 points in a dominant first half to help Phoenix bring in one-sided end to the defending NBA champions' nine-game playoff winning streak. The Suns were 11-0 in the regular season when Bell scored at least 20. "I was really embarrassed by my play and the team's play after the last game," Bell said. "It was hard to sleep. I was restless. I couldn't put it to bed."

Phoenix still trails the first-round series 3-1, with Game 5 on Tuesday night in San Antonio. No NBA team has come back from 0-2 to win a series, a fact that wasn't lost on the Spurs' Tim Duncan.

"We didn't expect to sweep these guys," Duncan said. "We're excited in the situation we're in, up 3-1. We got to win one more game, and we got to go home and try to win it there. Those are a lot of things that are in our favor."

The Suns won in a blowout even though Amare Stoudemire scored just seven points and Steve Nash had four assists.

Nash and Leandro Barbosa scored 15 apiece for the Suns.

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Shawille O'Neal had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

D'Antoni drew two technicals and was ejected with 3:38 to play and his team up 104-80.

"I don't know where the sense of humor has gone," D'Antoni said. "There's no use commenting on it. It was kind of silly."

Bell figured it was a good sign that everybody was emotionally into it for Phoenix.

"We were fired up from the beginning. We were fired up yesterday," he said. "It was good to see Mike get fired up, too."

Duncan scored 14 and Manu Ginobili 10 for the Spurs. Parker shot 7-of-17 and committed five turnovers, then said Diaw's defense was nothing special.

"They always think that's going to bother me but I had my shots," he said. "It didn't bother me at all, I just missed my shots."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich threw in the towel by benching his three stars late in the third quarter.

"You lose by two and you play all 20 minutes, or you lose by 20 and you get some time to rest," Duncan said. "I guess you can find a positive there. You don't want to lose any games like this, but it happens and we'll be ready to go the next one."

Popovich had little to say afterward.

"Both teams want to play hard, both teams want to win just as badly as the other," he said. "They played better than we did, and they were more aggressive right out of the gate."

After watching the Spurs play to



Phoenix Suns' Amare Stoudemire (11) gets a shot off over San Antonio Spurs' Fabricio Oberto, in the second quarter of Game 4 of an NBA first-round playoff series basketball Sunday.

near-perfection Friday, the Suns were the aggressors from the start on Sunday. Phoenix led 21 after one quarter, by as many as 24 in the second and by 30 in the third.

Nash's 15-footer gave the Suns a 79-79 lead with 5:50 left in the third quarter. With Parker and Duncan on the bench, San Antonio cut it to 22 late in the quarter, but it was 93-65 entering the fourth.

Bell shot 6-of-7, 3-for-4 on 3-

pointers to lead Phoenix to a 65-13 halftime lead. Diaw scored 10 points in the half.

The Suns never led in Game 3, but built big advantages early in the first two games, only to lose at the end. Their first-quarter start Sunday was their best yet.

Diaw's shot over Ginobili inside made it 11-1, and it was 20-9 after Barbosa's driving layup with 5:41 left in the first. It was 34-13 after one

## Busch wins under caution

By Jenna Fyler  
Associated Press writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. — This time, the crash happened behind Kyle Busch. Instead of leaving Talladega Superspeedway with a smashed-up car, he drove into Victory Lane.

The kid who couldn't conquer Talladega finally won at the harrowing track Sunday, and in this breakout season for Busch, it was only fitting that he coasted to the victory.

Busch came back from a lap down to his fifth win at Talladega, which was won under caution when a 13-car accident brought out the yellow flag on the final lap.

It froze the field and allowed Busch to slowly make his way across the fin-

ish line — a rare completion considering his past history at this track.

In six previous cup races, Busch failed to finish four times and wrecked out of both events last season. His accident in last spring's Cup his head-and-neck restraint while finishing 37th.

And his wreck in the fall officially ended his championship hopes.

"I don't think I've finished one here without wrecking, or at least without a race-up car," Busch said. "Today means a whole lot."

But this year, he can't seem to do anything wrong. His victory was his second Sprint Cup win of the year,

and seventh spanning all three of NASCAR's top series.

"It's great for Kyle. He's red hot," car owner Joe Gibbs said.

Juan Pablo Montoya finished second to match his career best on an oval since moving to NASCAR midway through 2006. He also was second at Indy last July.

"I didn't want to finish second," Montoya said. "It's hard. I would think I would have tried to make a move coming out of four."

Denny Hamlin, Busch's teammate at Joe Gibbs Racing, finished third. "The whole race was crazy," Hamlin said.

"Everyone got antsy." That showed in the waning laps, which were marked by three separate accidents.

## Pehrson prevails in Pepsi Premier

By Linda Britton  
Correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The competitive edge was obviously still fresh in the minds of the Pepsi Premier Series drivers last Sunday night after a week off of racing at Magic Valley Speedway.

When the dust settled it was Dan Pehrson, driving the late-model No. 72 car, making the trip to the winner's circle at the conclusion of the 50-lap main event race.

Others winding their way to Victory Lane were Budweiser Super Stock driver Jonathon Gomez, Brent Abbott, with the NAPA Pony Stacks, Bob Bachman driving in the Super Six division and Woody Cullen in the School Buses.



Dan Pehrson celebrates his first win in the Pepsi Premier Series last Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway.

Pepsi Premier

After a caution for the curbs of Sam Harris, Jr. and

Stevie Fisher tangling in the back stretch before the first official lap was complete, it

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Wheldon wins again in Kansas; Patrick fails to contend

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — There were no tears in Victory Circle this week. Just seven days after Danica Patrick's emotional first IndyCar victory in Japan, Sunday it was her veteran brother, Will, who was celebrating at Kansas Speedway, his first win since taking the checkered flag here a year ago. The Englishman was all smiles and a little relieved. "It has been a little frustrating at times and to get the (No. 10) car back to Victory Lane just means we could be back and we certainly mean a lot of business," Wheldon said. "It was a real strong day."

space will be limited to the first 60 applicants to camp. Those interested are encouraged to pre-register. For more information, contact head CSI volleyball coach Heidi Carrischer at 732-6485. CSI holds booster luncheon TWIN BALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Booster Club will hold its weekly luncheon at noon today in Room 276 in the Taylor Building. CSI coaches will be on hand to talk about the program. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and bring lunch from the CSI cafeteria. Burley holds girls hoops camp BURLEY — The Burley Girls Basketball Camp for girls entering grades 6 through 8 May 27-30 at Burley High School. The cost is \$50 and sessions will run from 8:45 a.m. to noon, with the Friday session ending at 11 a.m. Registration forms are available at all Burley elementary schools and Burley High School. Buhl American Legion meeting nears BURLY — The Buhl American Legion Baseball will hold its 2008 organizational meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, at Buhl High School. The meeting is for parents and players. Contact Lee Cline at 543-8332 for more information. Ladies Twi-Life meeting Monday TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course will hold a Ladies Twi-Life meeting at 6 p.m., Monday. Anyone interested in playing is invited to attend. For more information, contact Shelley Purves at 539-2492, or Patty Lee at 733-2321 or 733-2321. TF holds baseball clinic TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will hold a free baseball pitching clinic from 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, at the Sunnyside South Hills. Former major league pitcher Logan Easley will help teach the fundamentals of pitching mechanics, arm care and more. Call 236-2265 for more information. Jerome Chapman scheduled JEROME — The Idaho Couples Golf Association will hold its June 13-14 tournament at Jerome Country Club. The event is for parents and players. Contact Nick Hansen at 735-5987 or 324-2417. Relay for Life tennis tourney nears TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Relay for Life team will host its annual round-robin doubles tennis tournament May 2-4. The entry fee is \$25 per person per division, with a limit of two divisions per player. There will be six combined rating divisions to choose from. Entry forms are available at the CSI Student Life Center. Registration for the Twin Falls SYMCA tennis courts. Online registration is also available at http://recreation.csi.edu/touramentreg.asp. The entry deadline is today. —Compiled from staff and wire reports

Sports Shorts

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MAGIC VALLEY

CSI volleyball takes summer camp registration TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball program is currently accepting registrations for its summer camps. Three individual camps and one team camp will be offered from June 30 to July 12. Visit http://athletics.csi.edu/volleyball/camps.asp for registration forms. Due to gymnasium floor resurfacing at CSI,

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Warm above average temperatures, mostly sunny skies and west to northwest winds. Highs mid 70s. Tonight: Breezy and warmer than normal overnight temperatures. Low in the middle 40s. Tomorrow: Tuning cooler with increasing winds and clouds. Late showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs 60s.

BURLEIGHPORT FORECAST

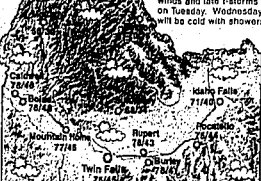
Today: Mostly sunny, breezy and unseasonably warm. Highs in the upper 70s. Tonight: Cool and breezy. Lows above average and in the lower 40s. Tomorrow: Hot as warm with increasing winds and late showers and thunderstorms. Highs mid 60s, lows low 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today will be a gorgeous and very mild day to spend outdoors. Tuesday will not be as warm and showers and thunderstorms will develop in the afternoon. Rain and snow showers are then likely overnight. Today Highs: 88 to 89. Tonight's Lows: 29 to 34.

BOISE Warm, breezy and very nice today. Winds will become strong on Tuesday and showers and thunderstorms will develop. Tuesday night and Wednesday will be colder with showers.

NORTHERN UTAH Breezy and unseasonably warm today. Turning windy tonight, strong winds and showers on Tuesday, Wednesday will be cold with showers.



Weather keys by district: a, partly cloudy; b, rain showers; c, snow showers; d, thunderstorm; e, wind.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Almanac data including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

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Regional forecast table for Boise, Burley, and other areas.

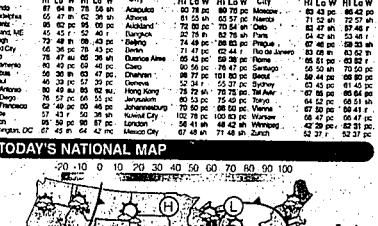
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for cities like Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

HENRICO COUNTY OPEN

Text about the Henrico County Open golf tournament.

Advertisement for Adam Scott's golf performance, including a photo of him on a golf course.

Scott nails 48-footer, claims Byron Nelson crown

IRVING, Texas — Adam Scott made a 9-foot birdie putt on No. 18 to force a playoff, then made a 48-footer playing it again to win the Byron Nelson Championship on Sunday.

STANFORD INTERNATIONAL PRO-AM AVENTURA, Fla. — Annika Sorenstam won the Stanford International Pro-Am for her 71st LPGA Tour victory, beating Paula Creamer with a par on the first playoff hole.

BMW Asian Open SHANGHAI, China — Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke won the BMW Asian Open for his first European tour victory in nearly five years, holing a 40-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a one-stroke victory over Dutchman Robert-Jan Derksen.

MVS

Continued from page B1 was Cliff Chester who held on to the lead for the first four holes.

Pitz, race winner opening night, came from the rear of the field to put the pressure on Abbott from the outside lane, but Abbott kept the pedal down to cross the line just a hair north of a second ahead of his rival for the victory.

Certain death, not freedom, follows the wings of a dove

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Dated this April 28, 2008

KATHY CHASSÉ
DEPARTMENT MANAGER
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS HIGHSIDE DIVISION

Case No. CV 2008-466
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS
In the Interest of:
JENNIFER LEITCH,
d/b/a: GJ-29-94

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THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO:
DAWMI MICHELLE BROWN

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of said Magistrate Court this 22nd day of April, 2008.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By Deputy Clerk

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5. Black Lab cross, male adult, 712 East 4900 North, Bullitt
6. Retriever Shepherd cross, black and tan, female adult, Rock Creek
7. Malamute, black and gray, male adult, 4th Ave. W.
8. Shepherd cross, black and tan female, young adult, 7th & Locust St.
9. Lab Collie cross, female, older adult, red collar, Castelford St.
10. Border Collie cross, brown white and tan, female young adult, Stadium Blvd.
11. Blue Heeler, male, neutered, adult, Jackson St.
12. Black Lab, neutered male, adult, Jack's Tines on Hankins Rd
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10. Red Hooper, spade female, young adult
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▲ A J 10 8 6 5  
♥ K 4 3  
♦ 6 5  
♣ Q 2

**WEST** 01-20-B  
▲ 4 3  
♥ 10 8 7 5 2  
♦ 10 7 4  
♣ 6 4 3

**EAST** 01-20-C  
▲ K Q 9 7 2  
♥ A Q 9  
♦ K 9 2  
♣ 5

**SOUTH** 01-20-D  
▲ J 6  
♥ A Q J 8 3  
♦ A J 10 8 7 2

Vulnerable: Neither  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♦	INT
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	All pass		

Opening lead: Heart five

### LEAD WITH THE ACES

**South holds:** 01-20-E  
▲ 9 3 2  
♥ J 7 3  
♦ A 2  
♣ J 7 5 3

**South West North East**  
2♦ 1♦ 2♥  
3♥ 3♥ All pass

ANSWER: Lead the spade nine, not the two. The idea here is that since you have promised at least three spades, partner won't think you have a doubler. But he may want to know at trick one if you have an honor in spades and the clearest way to let him know you do not is to lead high. Playing the middle card (MUD) does NOT clear up the ambiguity, by the way.

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# The Spring You

## Sunny days, bright colors

By Melissa Davlin • Staff writer

The weather is slowly warming, and people across southern Idaho are itching to get outside and soak up the sun. But what to wear? What to eat? What to do?

From cool duds to sunny ways to spend your days, here's a quick guide to what's hot this season.

### The sunshine effect

Getting out isn't just good for the body, said Builey counselor Bill Jensen. It's good for the mind.

Sunlight and physical activity affect serotonin and dopamine levels in the brain, said Jensen, co-owner of Options Counseling. "Both the serotonin and dopamine tend to work together," he said. "They're both neurotransmitters, and they kind of help to raise our mood."

Sunlight primarily affects serotonin, while physical activity boosts dopamine. Folks who have the winter blues benefit a lot from the increase in sunshine. High levels of dopamine help people feel more alert, unlike the apathy and depression they struggle to get through the winter months. But the only way to benefit a lot for a walk in the sunshine.

"The two key words," Jensen said, "are walk and sunshine."

### A better bicycle

With gas prices rising and weather warming, why not ditch the four wheels for two?

Spoke & Wheel Bike Shop owner Mike Goudy said the new aluminum-framed comfort bikes are hot items right now.

"That's the bike I sell the most around here," said Goudy, whose shop is in Twin Falls.

The comfort bikes have cushy seats and allow the rider to sit in a more upright position. Every manufacturer has its own version, and models start at \$250. They're especially popular with middle-aged commuter riders.

"Yesterday I had a lady in her 70s buy one, which is really cool," Goudy said. "Already have a bike? Bring it in for a tuneup and get it back on the road."

"What we're seeing a lot more is people are bringing in their own bike, getting it tuned up," he said.

### Colorful clothes

Celebrate spring with your wardrobe. Bold graphic prints are finding their way onto everything from T-shirts to business wear.

"It's definitely a good seller," said Marie Covert, team leader in the women's clothing department at Target in Twin Falls.

Always in season for spring are bright colors. This year, turquoise and fuchsia are especially hot.

"The other thing I'm seeing is that the baby-doll look is back," Covert said. Baby-doll dresses and shirts use empire waistslines to give clothes an airy, feminine look — perfect for spring.

### Sink into strawberries

Take advantage of the fresh berries flooding into southern Idaho markets. Not only are they delicious, but they pack a lot of nutritional punch for their small size.

One cup of fresh halved strawberries has 327 milligrams of potassium and 89 milligrams of vitamin C — 60 percent more vitamin C per weight than grapefruit, said Eva McNurlin, registered dietician and certified diabetes educator at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

"That's pretty decent," she said. "There are lots of ways to get those nutrients. Besides being eaten fresh, strawberries can be put into salads, drinks, breakfasts and smoothies. Still, McNurlin recommends eating the berries fresh as often as possible. "Sometimes once you puree them, it changes the fiber composition," McNurlin said.

But strawberries in any form are better than none. "If someone was a fruit eater or they just didn't like things, I would give them suggestions like putting them in smoothies or putting them on cereal," McNurlin said.

### Pale is the new tan

In your rush to get outside, don't forget your sunscreen.

Twin Falls dermatologist Chris Scholes said even people who use sunscreen to prevent skin cancer and wrinkles often do it incorrectly. Someone wearing shorts or a bikini needs the equivalent of a shot glass full of sunscreen to adequately protect against the sun's harmful rays.

"People don't use enough sunscreen to get their (SPF) 30 out of 30," Scholes said.

Besides slathering on more sunscreen, there are two other precautions to take: Try using a higher SPF — getting part of SPF 45 is better than getting only part of SPF 15 — and cover up with clothes. Wide-brimmed hats that cover the face and denim are both effective barriers, while thin cotton T-shirts aren't.

So if sunshine boosts serotonin levels, does sunscreen block that?

"No, no, a thousand times no," Scholes said. People can still get adequate levels of sunlight from either brief sun exposure without sunscreen or moderate exposure with sunscreen.

### Wonderful wedges

Kick off those winter boots and slip on some adorable wedge shoes.

"Wedges are all the rage right now," said Robert Nevil, manager of Payless ShoeSource at the Twin Falls Breckenridge Shopping Center. "They're going on strong."

The nice thing about these shoes, Nevil said, is they come in every imaginable color and fabric, and more are arriving every day.

"We've got, I'm guessing, at least 20 new styles in the past month," he said.

And now that southern Idaho is thawing out, hot colors like pink and yellow are emerging.

"With the weather breaking a little bit, the brighter colors are starting to be a little bit more noticed," Nevil said.



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Illustration by SCOTTIE BAILEY

## Health experts step up debate over safety of plastics

By Ranit Mishori  
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When people say plastics are everywhere, they really mean everywhere: in the containers that hold your food; in the pipes that carry your water; in the bottles you use to feed your infant; in windows frames, shower curtains and raincoats; in eyeglasses and safety helmets; in phones or keyboards. They're in clothing they're in toys; they're in handbags, lipstick and nail polish.

So ubiquitous. So useful. And, some say, so dangerous.

Many scientists and environmental advocates believe man-made components in plastics — particularly a group of compounds called phthalates and another hormonally active chemical known as bisphenol A, or BPA — can lead to harmful health effects that get absorbed into our bodies. Some blame plastics for increased rates of cancer, asthma, neurological disorders and infertility.

Those fears, debated for more than

a decade, were ratcheted up this month by two events: A draft report by the National Toxicology Program acknowledged for the first time "some concern" that BPA may affect neural and behavioral development "in fetuses, infants, and children at current human exposures." The federal health agency's report included early puberty in girls and hyperactivity among these developmental disturbances. And Health Canada, the main

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## TO DO FOR YOU

### Breast cancer support

Breast Cancer Support Group, 7 p.m. today, in the Sage Valley Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Dr. A. Richard Miranda, hematologist and medical oncologist at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, will discuss "Cancer 101."

Free; public invited. Lydia at 933-4053 or Mary at 734-1766.

### 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

This week's topic: "Travel with Baby." For parents of children from infancy through toddler years. Free; 324-6133.

### About C-sections

Cesarean childbirth class, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topics: cesarean deliveries, nonperforming labors, pain management and hospital procedures. Wear comfortable clothing; bring two pillows and, if possible, a support person.

Free. Pre-registration required; 732-3148.

### Celiac support

Celiac Support Group of Magic Valley's Celiac Information Seminar and Fair, 7 p.m. Tuesday, at St. Luke's Magic Valley's cafeteria, 656 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Presentations by chef Lynda Walker, Jake's Place, Mercha and Dena's Delights. Free; public invited. Pat, 731-9079.

### Childbirth refresher

The refresher class of St. Benedict's prepared childbirth series, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Jerome Ambulance Building, 240 E. Main.

Topics: labor rehearsal, postpartum care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person.

Fee is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

### About childbirth

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Topics: pregnancy, nutrition, relaxation and massage. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person.

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### About arthritis

Arthritis Education Day, hosted by South Central Public Health District, St. Luke's Magic Valley Cassia Regional Medical Center, Lifestyle Therapy & Wellness and Center for Physical Rehabilitation, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, at the health district office, 1020 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. The building's north entrance.

Presentations by Dr. McKee, orthopedic surgeon; Kurt Helfer, pharmacist; Coreen Keller, physical therapist; Daralyn Moss, social

worker; and Lesley Ruby, occupational therapist. Topics: treatment options, medication updates, the art of movement, physical therapy and arthritis, cognitive pain management techniques, and joint protection and adaptive equipment.

Free admission; light lunch provided. Pre-registration required; 737-5988.

### Big Kids Klub

Big Kids Klub meeting, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

The class helps prepare siblings for a new baby. Participants need to bring photos of themselves. Cost is \$10 per family with one child or \$15 per family with two or more children. Pre-registration required; 732-3148.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. E-mail notices to [ramana@magicvalley.com](mailto:ramana@magicvalley.com).

## Extreme grooming: What they think

To round up our three-part "Extreme grooming" series on cosmetic procedures, we posted a survey on our Web site last week asking if readers have had cosmetic work done and if they would ever consider it.

Out of 27 survey responses on [MagicValley.com](http://MagicValley.com), six said they have had cosmetic procedures done. Four have had breast work, one had a rhinoplasty and one had laser acne treatment.

And even more people have thought about getting some work done. Thirty-three percent said they would consider hair removal, 55 percent would consider a tummy tuck and 47 would think about breast work.

Five respondents said they would never consider any cosmetic procedures.



# Exercise is nothing to sneeze at

By Vicky Hallett  
Special to The Washington Post

Q. I have had a persistent problem for about three years. Whenever I wrap up an intense session of cardio, I launch into a sneezing fit. This will usually linger for the remainder of the day. I now avoid exercising to deter this kind of sneezing and the inevitable taking of benadryl that will knock me out. I do have mild spring allergies, but this is not season-specific — or time-specific. Maybe

it's psychological? I just want to run on a nice spring day again!

A. Don't tell any buddies who think of the gym as a smoothie bar with some weights and stuff nearby, but there is such a thing as being allergic to exercise. It's called exercise-induced anaphylaxis. The problem with that diagnosis, in your case: Sneezing isn't one of the symptoms.

Allergist Nirupama Rohatgi bets (despite your doubts) that your achros are more likely caused by pollen. She

thinks at least part of your problem stems from the same scourge that makes other people miserable this time of year. "So don't run in the morning, because that's when pollen counts are highest," she says.

But you were hoping to be more of a medical mystery, right?

Well, Rohatgi also suggests that you may be having a vasomotor reaction. That's a non-allergic response — which commonly includes sneezing — caused by an array of add triggers, including

spicy foods, strong emotions or a change in temperature. It's the same thing that's behind what my dad always calls my "photic sneeze response," a nose's reaction to being in bright light.

Letting an allergist prick away at your arm can give you a heads-up about any undiagnosed allergies you may have. Rohatgi advises. In the meantime, snag an over-the-counter non-drowsy antihistamine so you don't sneeze or pass out after a morning of exercise.

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## Dust mite hype

By Susan Brink  
Los Angeles Times

Dust mites, which under a microscope resemble eight-legged sci-fi monsters, can bring on asthma attacks in some people, and asthma sufferers often are advised to buy special mattress and pillow covers — even high-cost dust-mite sucking vacuum cleaners — to keep the tiny critters at bay.

They might be wasting their money.

"We can conclude with confidence that there is no need to buy expensive vacuum cleaners or mattress covers or to use chemical methods against dust mites, because these treatments do not work," says Dr. Peter Gotsche, director of the

Nordic Cochrane Centre in Copenhagen, Denmark, and lead author of a review, published by the Cochrane Collaboration, of 54 studies of 3,000 asthma patients.

Even if the cleaning and covering measures reduce exposure to dust mites by half to as much as 90 percent, the review found, the level of allergies is still high enough in most homes to cause an asthma attack.

Instead, "figure out what kicks off asthma symptoms," says Noreen Clark, director of the Center for Managing Chronic Disease at the University of Michigan. It's a cat or dog, limit exposure to the pet. And effective use of medicine, Clark says, is the first line of defense against asthma.

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# Plastics

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government health department for that country designated BPA as a "dangerous substance" Monday made a step closer to limiting the chemical's use.

"The health impacts associated with these chemicals are very severe," says Michael Schade of the Center for the Environment, and Justice (CEJ), an advocacy group that wants these components banned from consumer products.

Some government and academic experts agree. People worried about chemicals in plastic aren't just "nerve-wracked," says Lynn Goldman, a professor of environmental health sciences at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Others, led by the plastic and vinyl industry, say recent reports are nothing but a scare campaign. "It is... foolish to have something that's safe and has proven itself for decades," says Allen Blakey, a spokesman for the Vinyl Institute.

The financial stakes are huge. Plastics is the country's third-largest manufacturing industry, employing 1.1 million workers and producing nearly \$370 billion worth of goods each year, according to the Society for the Plastics Industry.

The battle lines are clear. But not the science. Before this month's report, independent panels sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) examined the data on plastics safety and drew conflicting conclusions.

"Similar to the tobacco companies," he says Schade describes the chemical industry's defense of its products, including "hiring scientists to put out questionable studies."

"A political campaign by extremist groups to demonize materials that have been very useful is what Blakey calls the anti-plastics movement."

And consumers? They've been left to sort out the mess on their own.

First, a look at BPA. It's in CDs, dimerware and sports safety equipment, incubators, heart-lung machines and IV bags, bottle tops, packaging, dental sealants and Nalgene bottles.

It's also in our bodies. A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) analysis detected BPA in urine samples of nearly 93 percent of 2,517 people who took part in a national health survey from 2003 through 2004.

According to the CDC, women had higher average levels (2.9 micrograms per liter) than men (2.6); children age 6 to 11 had higher levels (4.5) than adults over 20 (2.5). These numbers are not in dispute.

Virtually everything else, starting with what BPA's presence in urine might mean, it could be evidence that the chemicals reside in our body tissues and bloodstream. It could also suggest that our bodies know how to expel them.

Then there's the question of how these chemicals might have gotten there. "What's hard to do is connect the dots," Goldman says.

"between finding it in people's urine and which uses are causing the chemicals to be in their urine — to understand what the pathways of exposure are." Also unclear is whether having BPA's in our bodies is dangerous.

"It is very difficult to show that exposures lead or have led to adverse health effects in humans," says Shelby, director of the National Toxicology Program's Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction. (The toxicology program is part of the National Institutes of Health.)

Nevertheless, in a report this winter titled "Toxic Baby

## Steps you can take to limit exposure



Consumers anxious to reduce their exposure to suspect plastic components won't find the going easy. Labeling of plastics ingredients is not required in all cases, making it hard for consumers to confidently identify all products containing phthalates or bisphenol A (BPA). But there are some steps people can take to lower possible risk, toxicology experts say.

### To reduce contact with possibly harmful plastics components in general:

- Avoid placing hot food or liquids in plastic containers.
- Use glass, ceramic or stainless-steel containers instead. Heating plastics to high temperatures promotes the leaching of chemicals out of containers and into the food or liquid they hold.
- Freezing liquids in plastic bottles, incidentally, poses no such risk. Contrary to recent online reports that claimed freezing water releases carcinogenic materials into the freezing of chemicals.
- When heating food in a microwave oven, use only microwave that is labeled "microwave safe."
- Remove food from plastic wrap before heating or reheating in a microwave.
- Buy products in cardboard cartons instead of plastic containers.
- Check recycling codes on the bottom of many plastic packages. Codes above plastic components you may want to avoid: Recycling code 3 may

indicate the product contains a type of phthalate known as DEHA. Recycling code 7 may mean the product contains BPA.

### To avoid exposure to BPA:

- Look for toys, baby bottles and containers claiming to be BPA-free. There's been a recent explosion of such products, many of them priced higher than standard products. There is also a growing industry of third-party certifiers to test such claims. Gerber's Clearview Bottles are BPA-free; a three-pack costs about \$3 at Target.
- Reduce your use of canned food: eat fresh or frozen foods instead. Bisphenol A has been found in the lining of canned food tins.
- Reduce your use of polycarbonate and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastics, both of which contain BPA. Choose alternatives such as polyethylene plastic (also labeled "PETE") and containers marked with recycling code 1, 2 (HDPE) and 4 (LDPE). Polypropylene

(recycling code 5, or PP) is also considered a safe choice. • If you use hard polycarbonate plastics (Nalgene bottles, baby bottles, sippy cups), do not heat them or use them for warm or hot liquids. • Do not wash polycarbonate plastic containers in the dishwasher with harsh detergents.

### To minimize exposure to phthalates:

- Look for phthalate-free toys or those approved by the European Union (EU).
- Do not microwave or heat plastic wares. Those that are labeled "microwave safe" should be placed loosely over containers. Make sure they do not touch the food.
- Choose personal-care products that do not contain synthetic fragrance. While the Food and Drug Administration requires the listing of ingredients on cosmetic products sold in retail stores, it does not require the listing of individual fragrance ingredients.
- Check the labels of nail polish. The FDA requires that phthalates be listed unless they are a fragrance ingredient. Phthalates are used in some nail polishes to reduce cracking.

Sources: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy, National Geographic Green Guide

## Reading and resources about plastic safety

- The Center for Science in the Public Interest offers links to a wealth of information on BPA safety from government, environmental groups and industry sources: [www.cspinet.org/nah/pba.html](http://www.cspinet.org/nah/pba.html)
- The Environmental Working Group's Cosmetic Safety Database lists phthalate-free cosmetics and personal health products: [www.ewg.com/cosmetics](http://www.ewg.com/cosmetics)
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- Consumer Reports offers advice on plastics to parents of babies: [www.ecomall.com/greenshopping/consumerbaby.htm](http://www.ecomall.com/greenshopping/consumerbaby.htm)
- The Center for Science in the Public Interest has posted an advisory about "Hard Questions About a Hard Plastic," published in the April edition of CPSI's Nutrition Action Newsletter: [www.cspinet.org/na/20080422.html](http://www.cspinet.org/na/20080422.html)
- The American Chemistry Council, an industry group, offers a Q and A on a plastics safety: [www.plasticsinfo.org/s\\_plasticsinfo/sec\\_level2\\_faqs.asp?CID](http://www.plasticsinfo.org/s_plasticsinfo/sec_level2_faqs.asp?CID)
- The draft report of National Toxicology Program is available online: [cehr.niehs.nih.gov/chemicals/bisphenol/BPADraftBriefVF\\_04\\_14\\_08.pdf](http://cehr.niehs.nih.gov/chemicals/bisphenol/BPADraftBriefVF_04_14_08.pdf)
- "If You Asked — Bisphenol A": from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: [www.niehs.nih.gov/news/media/questions/syb-pba.cfm](http://www.niehs.nih.gov/news/media/questions/syb-pba.cfm)
- Smart Plastics Guide, from the Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy: [www.iatp.org](http://www.iatp.org)
- The Green Guide March/April 2004, from National Geographic: [www.thegreenguide.com/Issue\\_mhmi7/](http://www.thegreenguide.com/Issue_mhmi7/)

Bottle," a group of U.S. and Canadian environmental and public health groups reviewed studies showing BPA's tendency to leach out of plastic into food and liquids that heated. The group called on government agencies in both countries to impose "an immediate moratorium on the use of bisphenol A in baby bottles and other food and beverage containers."

The American Chemistry Council, representing many companies in the plastics industry, protested that the study subjected bottles to higher temperatures than are commonly used for longer times. "Polycarbonate baby bottles have a 50-year safety track record," reads a statement from the council, which said the report provided no new relevant information on BPA safety.

But the people behind the baby-bottle report argue that exposure — in and of itself — is evidence of harm. "There is growing scientific evidence

that shows that BPA is harmful even at extremely low levels of exposure," Schade says.

He points to a large body of studies in animals in which BPA caused alterations to the reproductive, neurological and metabolic systems. "Scientific studies on lab animals," Schade says, "show that BPA might have adverse health impacts ranging from breast and prostate cancer, thyroid disease, early puberty in girls and ADHD."

But animals are not humans, and Blakey says "findings from animal studies" are often not translatable to humans.

The Coalition for Consumer Choice, an industry group made up of organizations, associations and businesses "committed to supporting the continued safe use of everyday products made from bisphenol A," adds that "human exposure levels are typically more than one million times lower than levels shown to cause no adverse effects in

experiments involving multiple generations of laboratory animals."

That said, virtually any scientific investigation into the safety of suspect chemicals and drugs starts with animal models, because of ethical concerns about exposing humans to toxins. Lab work with animals has often resulted in specific recommendations related to humans.

In 2006, an independent panel of experts assembled by the NHI and the EPA looked at more than 700 BPA studies and concluded that the mechanism by which it affects cells and tissues is essentially identical in animals and humans. The panel concluded that the animal studies of BPA should be taken seriously as an indicator of potential harm to humans.

The next year, another panel — organized by Shelby's center — issued a far less alarming review of about 500 studies. But the panel's integrity was damaged by a finding that a company hired to compile data for the report had a conflict of interest.

The U.S. chemical industry is more at odds with overseas practices in its use of the other controversial component of many plastics: the group of compounds called phthalates. Phthalates are banned in the manufacture of toys in most European countries. A similar ban exists in California, and 12 other states are considering bans.

Phthalates are also known as plasticizers, chemicals that prolong the life span and durability of plastics and increase their flexibility. Like BPA, phthalates are used in hundreds of products, including vinyl floors, adhesives, food packaging, automotive parts, clothing and personal-care products such as soap, shampoo, hair spray, nail pol-

ish and underarm deodorants. According to the FDA, phthalates are used at low concentrations to reduce cracking of nail polish, avoid stiffness in hair sprays, and as solvents and perfume fixatives in various other products.

Within the group of chemicals, two are under especially close scrutiny — DEHP, found mostly in medical products, and DINP, found mostly in toys — for their potential toxic effects on the reproductive and endocrine systems. Again, industry representatives, such as the Vinyl Institute's Blakey say "there is no proof that phthalates have ever caused harm to humans." The FDA, looking into the use of phthalates in cosmetics, reported in the data it reviewed "did not establish an association between the use of phthalates in cosmetic products and a health risk." As a result, the FDA determined there was "insufficient evidence upon which to take regulatory action."

As with BPA, evidence is mostly limited to animal studies. One of the few human studies, published earlier this year in the journal Pediatrics, found that the urine of infants recently exposed to baby lotion, powder and shampoo had higher levels of phthalates or their byproducts. But the study did not prove the products used were responsible for the elevated readings.

Last year, a study in Environmental Health Perspectives found that higher levels of phthalate byproducts correlated with obesity and insulin resistance. Another study in the same journal found that higher levels of phthalate byproducts in urine were associated with abnormal thyroid hormone levels in adult men.

Advocacy groups haven't succeeded in their calls for a comprehensive ban on phthalates and BPA, but some national retailers including Target and Wal-Mart, manufacturers including Alkermot, Johnson & Johnson, Nike and Apple and toy makers have begun voluntary efforts to remove phthalates from their products.

Meanwhile, consumers who

might want to limit their exposure to suspect chemicals in plastics may find that difficult. Plastics components must be labeled in some products, but not in others.

"Most people haven't had college-level chemistry or advanced chemistry" to know what the alphabet soup of chemicals on labels means, says Caroline Baler-Anderson, a health scientist with the nonprofit group Environmental Defense and an assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

She urges consumers to make the best choices they can. But, she says, "we can expect our government to do more."

Goldman agrees that better product labeling "needs to be dealt with at the pre-consumer level" — before products get to the shelves — and urges the manufacturers, too, to "step up to the plate."

One thing near everyone agrees on: More science is needed — more studies of short- and long-term effects, new models of interpreting animal research, better testing methods.

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