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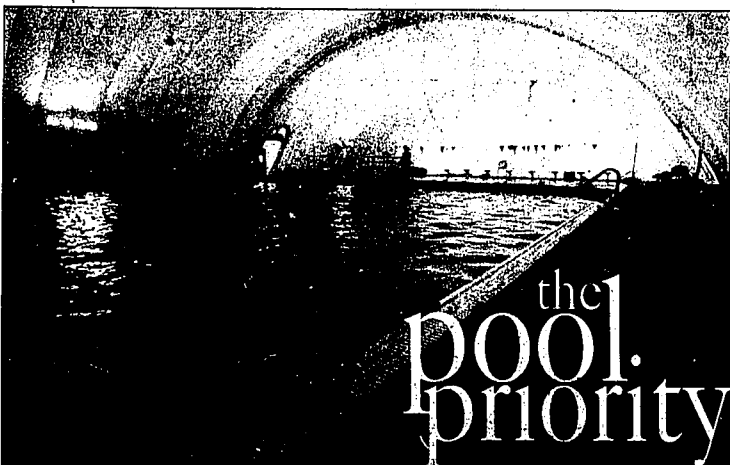
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## No. 1 in the state

Twin Falls girls golf and Buhl softball take state titles.  
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## the pool. priority

Carl Henay, 80, poses while swimming at the YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool. Henay swims four or five times a week at the pool and said he first learned how to swim in the Klabiner canal.

## OH BABY, BABY, BABY



The Olson triplets greet the world just minutes after their birth May 3 at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center.

Thirty tiny toes. Six chubby arms. Three hungry mouths. Two exhausted parents. And one big family. Just before midnight on May 3, Twin Falls parents Crystal and Marcus Olson welcomed their identical triplet girls, Melya, Madalynn and Makenzie, after a long hospitalization for Crystal. The girls were six weeks early but have had their IVs removed and are out of their incubators. For Melissa Davlin's special report on the birth and Ashley Smith's photo essay, check out today's Family Life section, page F1.

## Communities seek ways to stay cool

By Laurie Welch  
Staff writer

The sun is out, the temperature is rising, and swim trunks are ready to come out. And for many towns in arid south-central Idaho, the cost of building, operating and maintaining city swimming pools today is more than just a drop in the bucket.

But even in spite of the drenching costs, many still rank a community pool near the top of their priority list. Rupert resident and mother, Ann Kontos, has watched her two sons, Andy, 17, and Rhett, 12, grow up at the past five years without a community pool.

"It's a high priority for family life and important to the stability of the community," she said. "When people are looking to move to the area they always ask what is available for their kids to do. It's also important for their protection. We have a generation now who have not learned to swim and those kids are in the canals. Even the pools

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How Magic Valley pools pay to play.

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you put in the backyard are scary if they don't know how to swim."

The city of Rupert closed its swimming pool at the end of 2002 after the plumbing under the structure deteriorated and there was no access to repair it. The Rupert Sharks' swim team, which once boasted more than 100 members, has dwindled to 20 because of the hardship placed on parents who have to drive their children to Burley for daily swim practice during the summer.

"It's been a huge loss," Kontos said. "Rhett was small enough that he doesn't even remember going to the Rupert pool."

Communities across south-central Idaho have found various options for financing

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### How much does it cost to swim?

For a 12-year-old child who is a city resident:

- \$1 Buhl City Pool
- \$1.50 Oakley City Pool
- \$1.50 Jerome Recreation District Pool
- \$2 Burley City Pool
- \$2.25 YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool
- \$4 BCRD Aquatic Center
- \$6 Wood River Community YMCA for one day pass; \$20 month for member
- Rupert City Pool: Fee not set.

"(A pool's) a high priority for family life and important to the stability of the community. When people are looking to move to the area they always ask what is available for their kids to do."

— Ann Kontos, a Rupert resident and mother of two sons

## Senate GOP primary features eight faces

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer



For more local and national election news, go to [magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com) and hit the Elections 2008 button.

There are so many candidates seeking the Republican nomination for Idaho's Senate seat, they would fill a minivan.

Eight candidates are campaigning for the party nomination in the race to succeed Larry Craig, the three-term senator who is retiring after a sex sting scandal in 2007. The primary election is May 27.

The candidates:

**Brian Hefner**

Hefner, 41, a machinist in Nampa, wants to add new manufacturing jobs back in the United States; eliminate any education mandates from the federal government

to receive financial assistance; and create four-day work and school weeks to cut oil consumption by 20 percent.

"I know what it feels like to live paycheck to paycheck, and it feels like our voices, our representatives, are too far removed from that," said Hefner.

He said that the United States is making progress in Iraq, and we should remain

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### Inside Magic Valley

Find out who the Democratic candidates are for the seat.

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## Some detainees drugged for deportation by U.S.

By Amy Goldstein and Dana Priest  
The Washington Post

The U.S. government has injected hundreds of foreigners it has deported with dangerous psychotropic drugs against their will to keep them sedated during the trip back to their home country, according to medical records, internal documents and interviews with people who have been drugged. The government's forced use of antipsychotic drugs, in people who have no history of mental illness, includes dozens of cases in which the

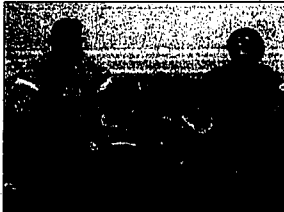
"pre-flight cocktail" as a document calls it, had such a potent effect that federal guards needed a wheelchair to move the slumped deportee onto an airplane.

"Unsteady gait. Fell onto tarmac," says a medical note on the deportation of a 38-year-old woman to Costa Rica in late spring 2005. Another detainee was "dragged down the aisle in handcuffs, semi-comatose," according to an airline crew member's written account. Repeatedly, documents describe immigration guards "taking down" a reluctant deportee to

be tranquilized before heading to an airport.

In a Chicago holding cell early one evening in February 2006, five guards piled on top of a 49-year-old man who was angry he was going back to Ecuador, according to a nurse's account in his deportation file. As they planned him down so the nurse could punch a needle through his coveralls into his right buttock, one officer stood over him menacingly and taunted, "Nighty-night."

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Michael Skango said he fled Congo after working as a journalist there. In the United States, he married and had children but did not tell his wife he was a journalist. His medical log shows that he was given seven shots before he boarded the airplane for deportation in February 2007.

Washington Post photo



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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshona St. W., \$4 per person, 734-5084.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Ride with Us, charity run for the local Magic Valley Jubilee House sponsored by Snake Harley-Davidson employees; Includes ride to Niagra Springs and barbecue, (time to be announced), Snake Harley-Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, open ride, public invited, 734-8400 or www.snake-hd.com.

EXHIBITS

"For Want of a Horseshoe: Cultural and Natural History of Horseshoes," hosted by Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Visitor Center, Hagerman, no cost, (208) 837-4793 ext. 5227.

SCHOOLS

Burley High School Baccalaureate Services, for graduating seniors, family, friends and others; speakers: elder Brent Nielson and Rev. Darcy Gritzmaker, 7 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley, 678-8106.

SPORTS

Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot, open fun shoot, 9 a.m. start time, 11 miles north of junction of 154 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 members and \$23 nonmembers, 733-6045.

Minidoka Dam Spring Fling presented by Minidoka Bowmen with lunch available from Smokey Joe's Barbecue, 7:30 to 10 a.m. registration, at the Minidoka Dam, shooting fees: \$15 for adults, \$8 for youth, \$5 for ages 7-11 or \$30 per family (no cost for children under age 7), 219-0736, 436-5709 or 219-0526.

Free boat-inspection day, park open free-of-charge for 2008 inspections and questions on new boating laws sponsored by Minidoka County Sheriff's Office and Idaho State Parks and Recreation, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Lake Walcott, no cost, 434-2320.

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

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

May 19 — Jerome Middle School Awards Concert, 7 p.m., Jerome Middle School, (208) 329-0523.  
 May 20 — Shoshone Jr. Sr. High School Music Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., new high school gym, no cost, public invited, 886-2381 ext. 351.

BUSINESS

May 21 — Mini-Cassia Service Providers Community Resource Meeting and no-host lunch, with presentations by Linda Casteneda of the Idaho Department of Labor and Lyle Bloxham of College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Connor's Cafe, Interstate Exit 208 and Highway 27, Heyburn, bring business cards, flyers or brochures (optional), 670-4438 or 677-4872 ext. 2.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

May 19 — Sons of Norway, Magic Valley Viking Lodge monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N., Twin Falls, public invited, 733-1792.

FAMILY

May 19 — Child Safety Fair, for parents, grandparents and childcare providers, sponsored by Safe Kids Magic Valley and Cactus Pete's, 2 to 6 p.m., Corned School parking lot, 2201 Progressive Drive, Jackpot, Nev., no cost, 737-2433.

GOVERNMENT

May 19 — Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing, 7:30 p.m., on splitting the commission into two groups, 300 N. Lincoln, Room 307, Jerome, 324-9263.

HEALTH

May 20 — Diabetes Support Group meeting, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (and diabetic) Troy Bishop on "Controlling Depression and Diabetes," 7 p.m., South Central District Health office (north entrance), College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, 737-5946.

POLITICS

May 20 — Town Hall Meeting for conservative candidates for Twin Falls County, sponsored by American Independent Movement of Idaho; features independent candidate for U.S. Senate Rex Rammel, Twin Falls County Sheriff candidates and other conservative candidates, 8 p.m., Lamp House Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Old Town Twin Falls, public invited, 733-9658.

SAFETY

Registration for May 22, 23 — AARP Driver Safety Class, for all ages, no AARP membership required for driving; insurance discount provided for participants 55 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shoshone Senior Center, 218 N. Rail St., Shoshone, \$10 (pre-registration required), AARP cardholder may bring friend at no extra cost during the month of May, 733-1168 or 886-2369.  
 Registration for May 22, 23 — AARP Driver Safety Class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., United Methodist Church, 908 Maple, Buhl, \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-7004.

SCHOOLS

May 20 — Wendell Elementary Preschool Screening, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., preschool room, Wendell Elementary School, 150 Third Ave. E., 536-6611 to schedule appointment.  
 May 21 — Gooding High School Commencement Exercises, 7 p.m., Gooding High School gymnasium, (208) 934-5443 or (208) 358-1272.  
 May 21 — Gooding High School Senior Graduation Party, 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. (22), Gooding Basque Cultural Center, 208 S. 334-5443 or (208) 358-1272.  
 May 21 — Graduation night 2008 Minidoka High School Senior Celebration, 11 p.m. gates close, Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 532-4599 or 438-5260.

VETERANS

May 20 — Veterans Outreach, Steve Teague, State Service Officer with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services will answer veteran benefit concerns, 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 536-5140.

# MORNING BRIEFING

## PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

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



The Reed Apartments were built in 1920 by contractor William C. Reed, who was also the contractor on the old Twin Falls High School. The building had 32 apartments, each with two to three rooms. It boasted "big city" living, with electric kitchens, Murphy beds, and white enamel and birch linings. The pillars and urns that lead to the courtyard were not added until the 1930s. (Information from *Twin Falls County: A Look at Idaho Architecture* by Patricia Wright and *Twin Falls Centurybook, 1994-2004* by Mary J. Isman.)

COMING THIS WEEK



**Over the obstacles**  
 Your chance to lean parkour's fast movement  
 MONDAY IN IMAGE



**Buds and babies**  
 Some of our readers' best rural spring photography  
 TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS



**Edible Idaho**  
 Our weekly 'Local Foods' feature returns for a mild growing season.  
 WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

NOTABLE QUOTES

"As California goes, so goes the rest of the nation. It's inevitable. This door's wide open now. It's going to happen, whether you like it or not."  
 — San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, after California's Supreme Court declared that gay couples can marry

"The Internet is a world unto itself. People must know how far they can go before they must stop."  
 — FBI agent Salvador Hernandez after the indictment of a Missouri woman for her alleged role in perpetrating an internet hoax against a 13-year-old neighbor who committed suicide

"It is sad that in these modern times there remains a need to address the problem of individuals who use nooses as a means of threat and intimidation."  
 — New York Gov. David Paterson, signing a law making it a felony to drape a noose as a threat

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, May 18, the 139th day of 2008. There are 227 days left in the year.  
**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT:**  
 On May 18, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority.  
**ON THIS DATE:**  
 In 1894, the French Senate proposed a chip on your shoulder.  
 In 1896, the Supreme Court in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept that was renounced 58 years later with Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.  
 In 1926, evangelist Almea Simple

McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif.; she reappeared more than a month later, claiming to have been kidnapped.  
 In 1927, a schoolhouse in Bath, Mich., was blown up with explosives planted by local farmer Andrew Kehoe, who then set off a dynamite-laden automobile; the attacks killed 38 children and six adults, including Kehoe, who'd earlier killed his wife.  
 In 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.  
 Ten years ago: The government filed an antitrust case against Microsoft

Corp., saying the powerful software company had a "choke hold" on competitors that was denying consumers important choices about how they should use and used computers.  
 Five years ago: A Hamas suicide attacker disguised as an observant Jew killed seven Israeli bus passengers. Pope John Paul II celebrated his 83rd birthday with an open-air Mass and requests for prayers so he could continue his papacy.  
 One year ago: The White House and Congress failed to strike a deal after exchanging competing offers on an Iraq war spending bill that Democrats said should set a date for U.S. troops to leave.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

**IF MAY 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You may be carrying around a chip on your shoulder without realizing that it is there. Tame your tendency to be aggressive or defensive by participating in physical activities or sports. By midsummer you will be in better physical shape, and mental attitudes will improve as well. Plan ahead and choose to make key changes or important commitments. In September or December.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Plan your work on your work plan. If you fulfill responsibilities early in the week, you will find the greatest satisfaction.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Growing ambitions require discipline. You may realize that by cutting the corners with entertainment expenses that you can add pennies to your piggy bank this week.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You know that it takes more than facts and figures to get a point across. Right now you have your best chance to let your voice be heard and influence others.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Put the attainment of goals at the top of your list. You have been so challenged by unexpected expenses that you may

have forgotten the real reason you have them.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Busy bees have a business plan. A passionate approach works the best this week. If you don't have the heart to pursue a dream, it probably wasn't worth it in the first place.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** The gap between the amateur and the professional widens. Practiced presentations develop into a smooth flow of words that can charm and impress others.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You may be searching for a magic bullet that can cure everything. The truth is that

you are a bit confused about priorities this week. Focus on determined thinking rather than frivolous fun.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You must not allow dogma to override common sense. Altruistic ideals might not work well in the real world. Focus on making financial dreams come true through hard work.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Chickens always come home to roost. If you have been feeding your dreams you will earn more than chicken feed in the week ahead.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.**

19): History is an excellent teacher. It might put a current situation into perspective but it does not always guarantee the same result.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You can live in the moment, but don't forget that it is just a moment. You might be exceedingly charming but when the attention fades later this week, you must demonstrate solid accomplishment.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** It is time to take inspiration and make it pay off. Consider replacing the alphabet soup of ideas that are vying for your attention with one strong, overriding objective.

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# GOP

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 until the mission is finished.  
 "We need to be successful in Iraq," he said. "We need to put our investment, not only in lives but in dollars."

## Richard Phenneger

Phenneger, a business consultant from Post Falls, spent his career negotiating employment stock ownership plans. He flew for Pan American World Airways for 25 years. For years, he has helped major airlines and trucking companies work out agreements between management and employees.

He decided to run after he commissioned a poll that found many Idahoans are dissatisfied with Congress and the prospective victors.

"If I were to tell you in one sentence why I was running it's my base foundation, which is to bring integrity, ethics and accountability back to our government standard code of conduct," said Phenneger, 71.

In health care, he wants the private sector to be involved in discussions, but if the private sector is involved there would be a resolution within a year. He is opposed to any universal health care and said problems with other government programs such as Social Security — justify this.

## Jim Risch

Risch, 65, who's spent almost 30 years in elected office in Idaho, is well known

for his seven months as governor in 2006 when he cut property taxes while raising the sales tax and demanded more nursing education, including facilities for the College of Southern Idaho. Risch is a longtime attorney and former county prosecutor.

He said his focus throughout his career is quality-of-life and promoting economic development by creating jobs. He supports domestic drilling, nuclear power plants and coal-gasification. He wants to make President Bush's tax cuts — which expire in 2010 — permanent. He said he's against a single-payer health care system because there are 83 percent of Americans who either have insurance or are eligible.

Risch said that eventually troops will have to withdraw from Iraq, but said work remains to be done.

## Scott Syme

Syme, 53, a Realtor from Wilder and a reservist in the army who served almost a year in Iraq, said career politicians "serve the bureaucracy," and his "global experience" is needed.

"I believe they've lost touch with the citizens and the voters," he said of Congress. He opposes a timetable for troop withdrawal in Iraq but said he's worked on treaties and trade agreements and

wants to be involved in the strategy.

He said the United States is on the verge of an "energy revolution" and the government should use more environmentally-friendly cars in its own fleets. He opposes amnesty for illegal immigrants and wants the border closed. He wants a "common sense" solution to immigration problems and to make guest worker programs more efficient.

"My number one objective is to provide that constituent outreach," he said of running for the senate. "People don't care how much you know, they care how much you care."

## Fred Adams

Adams, 52, a former Idaho Falls attorney who's done legal work for the Idaho National Laboratory, retired to be a high school history teacher.

"When I heard Risch was going to run, it just seemed to me that the last thing we needed was another career politician," he said. "My experience is as a traditional Republican and not like those neo-conservatives in Washington who are spending all our money."

He said he would limit spending, and the national debt is his highest priority. He supports a constitutional amendment to stop the spending, a line item veto to keep the constitutional amendment in check and would oppose earmarks.

"There's no way we're going to get Congress to stop spending all of this money. The people have to do it."

On Iraq, he said we should leave only when benchmarks are met. On immigration, he said that Congress and the federal government need to enforce the law before any changes are made.

## Neal Thompson

Thompson, 55, an electrical contractor from McCall, said the biggest issue is the use of public lands, including why there can't be mining, grazing or drilling. He wants to shift responsibility of all federal land — everything but military bases — to the states in an effort to allow the land to be used for whatever it is.

"There's a myriad of things that all of a sudden the people of this state would have the right to do," said Thompson, whose father owned a logging company.

Thompson, who served in Vietnam, has been involved in his church and served on his school board for eight years. He said if health care needs to be expanded it should be done in the manner of a tax credit.

He said he would give the Iraq government one year to get their government and military in order before pulling out the operation and just maintaining a base.

## Hal James Styles Jr.

Styles lives in Desert Hot Springs, Calif. The law

requires Senate candidates to live in the state by the general election in November.

"I call myself a Ronald Reagan Republican," he said in a phone message. He said he stands for low taxes, less government, a strong national defense and traditional family values. He is a firm pro-lifer, unless an abortion were needed to save the life of a mother.

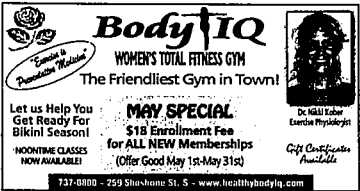
## Billy Hunter

Billy Hunter, of Rexburg, could not be reached for

comment. According to a campaign Web site, Hunter graduated from Madison High School in 1972 and has worked as an engineer in Nevada while spending vacations in Idaho.

His platform includes making Bush's tax cuts permanent; strengthening the military and providing for proper veteran benefits; and a strong immigration policy that secures the borders.

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# Obama turns focus to end of primary campaign

By Mike Glover  
 Associated Press writer

EUGENE, Ore. — Attention to lay a symbolic claim to his party's presidential nomination, Democrat Barack Obama will mark the latest round of primary voting with a rally in Iowa, where his solid win in January caucuses propelled him to his status as the front-runner.

Obama was campaigning Saturday for primaries Tuesday in Oregon and Kentucky as his aides announced the rally on primary night in Iowa, which they described as "a critical general election state that Democrats must win in November."

Obama has built a solid lead in Democratic National Convention delegates over

Clinton, and is working overtime to cast an image of inevitability to his campaign for the nomination. In recent days, he has spent more time focused on his differences with certain Republican nominee John McCain than sparing with Clinton.

While touring a hospital Saturday, Obama was asked by X-ray technician Ron Spooner, "How do I know that I can trust you?"

"The nice thing is we're going to have four more months, five more months of active campaigning where you can watch and see if I am consistent, do I stay honest," said Obama.

"Let me take your advice and let me make sure that I try to stay honest in what is sometimes a dishonest profession."

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# Drugged

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Such episodes are among more than 250 cases The Washington Post has identified in which the government has, without medical reason, given drugs meant to treat serious psychiatric disorders to people it has shipped out of the United States since 2003 — the year the Bush administration handed the job of deportation to the Department of Homeland Security's new Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, known as ICE.

Involuntary chemical restraint of detainees, unless there is a medical justification, is a violation of some international human rights codes. The practice is banned by several countries where, confidential documents make clear, U.S. escorts have been unable to inject deportees with extra doses of drugs to faraway places en route to their destinations.

Federal officials have seldom acknowledged publicly that they sedate people for deportation. The few times officials have spoken of the practice, they have understated it, portraying sedation as rare and "an act of last resort." Neither is true, records and interviews indicate.

Records show that the government has routinely ignored its own rules, which allow deportees to be sedated only if they have a mental illness requiring the drugs, or if they are so aggressive that they imperil themselves or people around them.

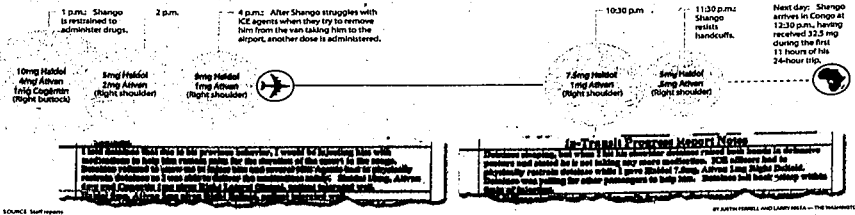
Stung by lawsuits over two sedation cases, the agency changed its policy in June to require a court order before drugging any deportee for behavioral rather than psychiatric reasons. In at least one instance identified by The Post, the agency appears not to have followed those rules.

In the five years since its creation, ICE has stepped up arrests and removals of foreigners who are in the country illegally.

If the government wants a detainee to be sedated, a deportation officer asks for

## A LONG TRIP HOME

The first time immigration officers tried to deport Michel Shango, he avoided going back to Congo by slamming his head against the van that was to have taken him from the Atlanta city jail to the airport. He told guards he was afraid that he would be killed if he went back. Three months later, in February 2007, he was once again sedated with a heavy dose of powerful psychotropic drugs so that his second deportation attempt would go smoothly. Here is a timeline of his trip home, based on a log filled out by a U.S. public health nurse who was his medical escort. Excerpts of the log are below.



SOURCE: Staff report

permission for a medical escort from the aviation medicine branch of the Division of Immigration Health Services (DIHS), the agency responsible for medical care for people in immigration custody. A mental health official in aviation medicine is supposed to assess the detainee's medical records, although some deportees' records contain no evidence of that happening. If the sedatives are approved, a U.S. public health nurse is assigned as the medical escort and given prescriptions for the drugs.

After injecting the sedatives, the nurse travels with the deportee and Immigration guards to their destination, usually giving more doses along the way. To recruit medical escorts, the government has sought to glamorize this work. "Do you ever dream of escaping to exotic, exciting locations?" said an item in an agency newsletter. "Want to get away from the office but get away from the office but get away from the office? Make your dreams come true by signing up as a Medical Escort for DIHS!"

The nurses are required to fill out step-by-step medical logs for each trip. Hundreds of logs for the past five years, obtained by The Post, chronicle in vivid detail deviations from the government's sedation rules.

An analysis by The Post of the known sedations during fiscal 2007, ending last October, found that people who got medical escorts had no documented psychiatric

reason. Of the 67, psychiatric drugs were given to 53, 48 of whom had no documented history of violence, though some had managed to thwart an earlier attempt to deport them. These figures do not include two detainees who immigration officials said were given sedatives for behavioral rather than psychiatric reasons before being deported on group charter flights, which are often used to return people to Mexico and Central America.

Even some people who had been violent in the past proved peaceful the day they were sent home. "Di calm at this time," says the first entry, using shorthand for "detainee," in the log for the January 2007 deportation of Yousif Nagelb to his native Sudan.

In requesting drugs for his deportation, an immigration officer had noted that Nagelb, 40, had once fled to Canada to avoid an assault charge and had helped instigate a detainee uprising while in custody. But on the morning of his departure, the log says, he "is handcuffed and states he will do what we say." Still, he was injected in his right buttock with a three-drug cocktail.

In one printout of Nagelb's medical log, next to the entry saying he was calm, is a handwritten asterisk. It was put there by Timothy T. Shack, then medical director of the immigration health division, as he reviewed last year's sedation cases. Next to the asterisk, in his neat, looping

handwriting, Shack placed a single word: "Problem."

Internal government records show that most sedated deportees received a cocktail of three drugs that included Haldol, also known as haloperidol, a medication normally used to treat schizophrenia and other acute psychotic states. Of the 53 deportees without a mental illness who were drugged in 2007, The Post's analysis found, 50 were injected with Haldol, sometimes in large amounts. They were also given Ativan, used to control anxiety, and all but three were given Cogentin, a medication that is supposed to lessen Haldol's side effects of muscle spasms and rigidity. Two of the 53 deportees received Ativan alone. One person's medications were not specified.

Haldol gained notoriety in the Soviet Union, where it was often given to political dissidents imprisoned in psychiatric hospitals. "In the history of oppression, using haloperidol is kind of like detaining people in Abu Ghraib, the infamous prison in Iraq," said Nigel Rodley, who teaches international human rights law at the University of Essex in Britain and is a former United Nations special investigator on torture.

For people who are not psychotic, said Philip Seeman, a University of Toronto specialist in psychiatry and pharmacology, "prescribing Haldol ... is medically and ethically wrong."

## U.S. holding 2,500 juveniles as enemy combatants

By Walter Pincus  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States has detained about 2,500 juveniles younger than 18 as illegal enemy combatants in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay since 2002, according to a report filed by the Bush administration with the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Although 2,400 of the juveniles were captured in Iraq after the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003, only 500 are still held in detention facilities in that country. The administration's report, which was made public Wednesday by the American Civil Liberties Union, says that most of the detained Iraqi youths were "engaging in anti-coalition activity."

As of last month, 10 juveniles were still being held in Bagram, Afghanistan, out of 90 that had been captured in that country since 2002, according to the report.

Eight juveniles were brought to Guantanamo since 2002, having been captured at ages ranging from 13 to 17.

Although there are no juveniles there now, two


prisoners being held — 21-year-old Omar Khadr and 23-year-old Mohammed Jawad — were juveniles when they arrived. Both are facing trial by a military commission for attempted murder.

Three of the other six juveniles once held at Guantanamo were sent back to Afghanistan in 2004, where they were put into a UNICEF rehabilitation program for child soldiers, according to the report. The last three juveniles were transferred by back to their home countries.

The ACLU decried what is described as a "lack of safeguards" for youths captured by the U.S. military and "no comprehensive policy in place" for dealing with juveniles.

In Iraq, where the U.S. military holds more than 20,000 Iraqis in detention centers, the United States reported the average stay of a juvenile as less than a year and that "a majority of juvenile detainees are released within six months."

However, a "very small percentage" has been kept for more than a year because the juveniles were "assessed to be of a high enough threat level," the report said.



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# Sen. Kennedy hospitalized in Boston after seizure

By Glen Johnson  
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — A spokeswoman for Sen. Edward Kennedy says he is conscious and talking to family after he suffered a seizure in his Cape Cod home and was flown to a Boston hospital.

The 76-year-old Massachusetts Democrat fell ill at his home Saturday morning and was rushed to a local hospital. He later was flown to Massachusetts General Hospital to determine the cause of the seizure.

Spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said he is "conscious, talking, joking with family."

His wife, children and niece Caroline Kennedy are among those with him at the hospital.



Kennedy

The second longest serving member of the Senate had surgery in October to repair a nearly complete blockage in a major neck artery. The surgery is done to prevent stroke.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, speaking at the Nevada Democratic Convention in Reno, said he spoke to Kennedy's wife Saturday afternoon and was told "his condition is not life-threatening, but serious."

"But the one thing I can say, if there ever was a fighter, and one who stood for what we as Americans, we as Democrats, stand for, it's Ted Kennedy," Reid said.

Kennedy went to Cape Cod Hospital on Saturday morning "after feeling ill at his home," Cutter said. After discussion with his doctors in Boston, Kennedy was taken to Massachusetts General.

An official who declined to be identified by name, citing the sensitivity of the events, had earlier said that Kennedy had stroke-like symptoms. The hospital declined to comment on his condition.

In October, Kennedy had surgery to repair a nearly complete blockage in a major neck artery. The discovery was made during a routine examination of a decades-old back injury.

The hourlong procedure on his left carotid artery — a main supplier of blood to the face and brain — was performed at Massachusetts General. This type of operation is performed on more than 180,000 people a year to prevent a stroke.

The doctor who operated on Kennedy said at the time that surgery is reserved for those with more than 70 percent blockage, and Kennedy had "a very high-grade blockage."

Distinguishing between a seizure and TIA, often called a mini-stroke, can sometimes be difficult.

Seizures are little electrical storms in the brain. They tend to be brief; an occasional one can happen to anyone even without a prior history of seizures, especially if there has been some prior brain trauma.

A stroke is either ischemic — a clog in a blood vessel — or hemorrhagic, bleeding in the brain. Hemorrhagic ones are very rare. Kennedy had the carotid artery surgery to try to prevent the ischemic type. A stroke kills brain tissue; how much depends on how big it is and how long it lasts.

Kennedy, the second-longest serving member of the Senate, was elected in 1962, filling out the term won by his brother, John F. Kennedy. He is the lone surviving son in the famed family. His eldest brother, Joseph, was killed in a World War II airplane crash. President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 and his brother Robert was assassinated in 1968.

Kennedy is active for his age, maintaining an aggressive schedule on Capitol Hill and across Massachusetts.

He has been vocal in both his opposition to the Iraq war and support for Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama. He made several, campaign appearances for the Illinois senator in February, and most recently,

another in April. Always concerned about maintaining his health, Kennedy regularly consults with a battery of Massachusetts General doctors. Still, he maintains homes in both Boston and Washington and attends not only official events, but numerous others recognizing his family's political history.

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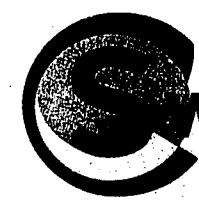
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# Pools

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extensive municipal swimming pools. Some cities retain ownership and lease the operations out to civic groups, while others spread the cost by creating recreation districts that tax outside city boundaries. Other public pools have been maintained on a city level with officials seeking grants and donations to fund repairs and renovations. Whatever method of financing is used, one thing is clear: people want a municipal swimming pool in their community.

## City operated — pay-as-you-go

Instead of creating a taxing district or taking out a bond to pay for the \$750,000 pool, Rupert officials opted to pay for and build a new pool as the money came in. The city diverted the \$400,000 a year pool operating budget toward the cause and sought grants and community donations, said Bob Russmann, Rupert streets superintendent and project manager.

"We have had a lot of interest in the pool from the community," said Dennis Andrews, Rupert city superintendent. "I didn't know the pool was that important — and you can see that it is by the amount of money the community raised for the project."

Residents have raised just under \$80,000, or almost \$20,000 coming from the Sharks' swim team, for the pool project. About \$20,000 has also been raised by tile sales. Russmann said he expects the pool to be close to 90 percent self-funded when it opens because of the new technology in the mechanical systems will greatly reduce the maintenance costs.

Andrews is not quite so optimistic.

"Pools are expensive, they are expensive to operate and build," he said. "Everything has a life expectancy. And as far as maintenance — you have to look at funding the depreciation. If you don't, pretty soon it's out the door and then you start with zero. People still haven't learned that you have to fund that depreciation."

Russmann said construction crews are working heavily on the project, but completion is still too far off to set an opening date other than late June or early July. The operational budget will be set after the opening date is confirmed based on how many days are left in the season.

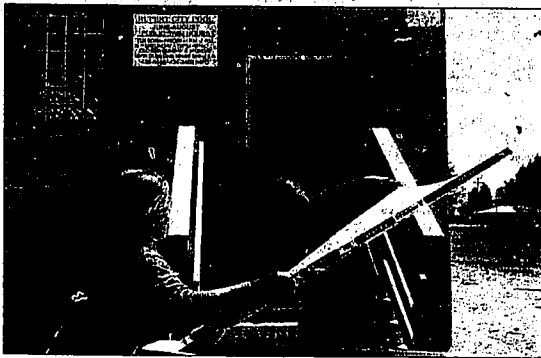
Andrews said the pay-as-you-go approach Rupert took with its pool would not work for other city projects. Although officials took a lot of heat for how long the construction process was, it will be paid for when completed.

## Looking for more options

Both Buhl and Burley also still own and operate their pools. Buhl Water Department Manager Steve Highberger, who oversees the facility, said his town's pool is holding up well. The basic structure is unchanged except for some minor repairs and additions like adding a new water recirculation system in the early 1990s, repairing the floor at the deep end and installing a heating system four years ago.

"By and large the community is willing to support it," Highberger said. "And it keeps a lot of youngsters busy during the summer months. I think if we ever did anything with our pool, the community would lynch us."

Burley's pool is city owned and operated. But the



Salvador Martinez, left, and Silvio Montenegro carry sheetrock into the Rupert City Pool, Thursday. The pool, which is being rebuilt using part of the old shell, has been closed for the past five years and plans to reopen at the end of June or early July.

"Maybe there are some swimming pools out there that are break-even facilities. But generally, they are money-eating machines. When people ask 'Where do my taxes go,' a pool is one of the things you point to. Pools have to be subsidized."

— Gary Warr, Jerome Recreation District executive director

Oregon Trail Recreation District, which formed in 2006, kicked in \$70,000 this year for renovation of the building that houses the lobby and bath houses.

City officials in Twin Falls have explored many pool options over the years. Previously the city had a plan to maintain the facility itself, which lost large amounts of money. The city's current arrangement is for the city to keep ownership of the facility, while the YMCA operates it.

Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer said the city pool was built in 1989. The bubble was installed in 1999 and the city operated the pool at a loss of about \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year for three years after the bubble was installed before a solution was found. City officials entered into the operational agreement with the YMCA in August of 2002. This year the city will pay the YMCA \$43,000 for operating the facility and will pay all the utility expenses on the building. The YMCA will receive all the revenue.

"Pools are just expensive," Bowyer said. "Stand-alone pools in some areas may make money but generally — they don't."

## Spreading out the costs

Because of the huge costs associated with building and maintaining pools, officials in many smaller towns are increasingly turning to other methods of funding pools, including the use of taxing districts. A recreation tax district is formed as an independent taxing organization with its own board of directors and allows projects to be funded by taxpayers who live outside city limits.

Jerome Recreation District Executive Director Gary Warr said the Jerome Recreation District was formed in 1976 and Spears

manufacturing donated the pool that was part of the old Tupperware plant to them in 1989. At the time there was still a city-owned pool downtown, which was then closed.

Warr said if the city would have taken out a bond to build a facility like the recreation center, which also houses other amenities besides the pool, the facility probably would not have been built, or at least not as quickly.

Even though residents rate community pools high on their priority lists, small cities sometimes struggle to subsidize swimming pools, especially those needing expensive repairs or replacement.

"Maybe there are some swimming pools out there that are break-even facilities. But generally, they are money-eating machines," Warr said.

"When people ask 'Where do my taxes go,' a pool is one of the things you point to. Pools have to be subsidized."

Oakley City Pool Manager Debbie Critchfield said the Oakley City Pool is still struggling with the high cost of maintenance and repair for its 45-year-old pool, even though it is funded by a tax district. Higher trade tariffs set by the federal government on chlorines have led to skyrocketing costs on pool chemicals. Additionally, just the propane to heat the pool costs Oakley \$3,000 a month, she said. The district used up its reserve funds in 2007 doing a much needed \$25,000 renovation on the dressing rooms, office and equipment room.

This season expenses are expected to outrun revenue from the taxing district and pool. That may result in a deficit for the tax district unless adjustments are made.

By law the recreation district cannot run a deficit at the end of the year.

Critchfield said. "It's going to be a tight year at the pool and we are looking at either opening later or closing the pool earlier in the season to save money," Critchfield said.

## More than just a place to swim

Two community pools in Blaine County, one funded by a recreation district and a brand new one operated by the YMCA, are both seeking to find the right combination of amenities in a pool that today's swimmers demand.

The Wood River Community YMCA in Ketchum was built through community donations and opened its doors in November 2007. Offering the newest features and a multitude of programs, it expects to break even by 2010, said Teresa Beathen Lipman, Wood River Community YMCA corporate executive officer.

BCRD Aquatic Center Director Cameron Randolph said the Halley pool, which was built in 1985 by the recreation district, is now outdated and competes with the new facility in Ketchum. Randolph said district officials are looking to upgrade the existing lap pool and build a new large outdoor water facility. The new pool will be built more in line with what the community now wants in a pool, she said.

The pools today are very different from the earlier swimming pools and swimmers today expect more slides and toys. "The nature of aquatic centers has changed in the last few years to more of a water park atmosphere," Randolph said.

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# Pools: How cities pay to play

By Laurie Welch  
Staff writer

A short history of municipal pools in south-central Idaho, their operations and maintenance:

## Rupert City Pool

**How it was built:** The city's new pool opens this season and was built with city funds, grants and community donations. Cost is expected to come in at \$750,000. The city saved about \$500,000 by reusing some of the existing structure.

**Operation costs:** City pool budget has been set at \$40,000 for the past several years, which was diverted to the building fund during construction. The city has no revenue plan written yet.

## YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool

**How it was built:** The \$1.1 million pool was built in 1989 and paid for by a \$500,000 bond, with the city kicking in \$250,000 and \$250,000 coming from community donations.

**Operation costs:** The city budgeted \$194,200 this year, which includes the \$43,000 cost of the operational agreement with the YMCA and includes money for the utilities. The YMCA receives all the revenue. From Oct. 1, 2006 to Sept. 30, 2007 the revenue from the pool was \$270,791 with \$13,532 in expenses coming in at a \$42,741 loss.

## Jerome Recreation District Pool

**How it was built:** The pool was originally part of the old Tupperware plant and was donated to the recreation district in 1989 by Spears Manufacturing. Cost unknown.

**Operation costs:** The recreation district's levy rate is .00049 and generates \$413,497, which is used to fund other amenities at the recreation center as well as the pool. This year's pool expense budget is \$56,107 and revenue last year was \$34,000.

## Blaine Co. Recreation District Aquatic Center in Halley

**How it was built:** The 1976 formation of the rec district led to the pool construction in 1985, to the cost of \$540,000.

**Operation costs:** The BCRD's levy rate is .00076, which in 2007 generated \$941,910 and funds other activities at the recreation

center. The pool's 2008 operating budget is \$112,000. Officials are planning an expansion.

## Wood River Community YMCA

**How it was built:** Community donations. The \$14.8 million facility includes two pools that total 12,000 square feet. The pools cost about \$4.2 million.

**Operation costs:** The 2008 direct pool expense budget is \$295,000 and is expected to bring in \$95,000. The pools are expected to break even by 2010.

## Burley City Pool

**How it was built:** In 1982-83, largely with community donations. Cost for the facility was about \$50,000.

**Operation costs:** The city funds operations and maintenance, although the Oregon Trail Recreation District picked up a \$70,000 cost for renovation of the lobby and dressing rooms this year. The city contributed labor for the project. The recreation district levies a flat fee of \$3 per month per residence, which generates \$160,000 and funds other projects. The city's pool budget allows for \$84,300 in expenses and revenue is estimated at \$60,650.

## Buhl City Pool

**How it was built:** Through a 1941 agreement with the Work Projects Administration along with \$19,000 in city funds.

**Operation costs:** City funds the pool with occasional community donations. The pool expense budget is \$81,000 and expected revenue for the year is between \$20,000 and \$23,000.

## Oakley Swimming Pool

**How it was built:** The pool was originally built by the Chamber of Commerce in 1962. The \$55,000 cost was paid for through donations and community auctions and barbecues.

In 1977 the city took over the financial burden of the pool and in 1986 a tax district was formed to pay for the pool. Because of the great need for pool repair and maintenance costs, the tax district was never able to branch out to support other recreational opportunities.

**Operation costs:** Pool expenses run \$24,000 a year with revenue coming in at \$8,000. The tax district generates \$17,000.


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# Exclusive Bohemians seek to cull trees for cash

By Karl Vick  
The Washington Post

MONTE RICO, Calif. — At the end of the line, the Bohemians, Russian River from this northwoods town, behind the "Keep Out" signs and the plainclothes security guards, lies Bohemian Grove, a mysterious summer playground of presidents, former presidents, princes, Cabinet members and titans of industry. The most exclusive men's club in the world gathers each July for a secret convalesce that begins with a nocturnal ceremony featuring torches, incantations and a ritual of the vet and the incineration of a coffin beneath a massive sculpture of an owl.

Immense power and staggering wealth are as deeply imbedded in the traditions of the Bohemian Club as they are in the grove itself, 100 acres of old-growth redwoods spared from timber companies a century ago in the name of preservation.

Which only deepens the dismay that has greeted the club's request to the state of California for permission to log as much as 1 million board feet from the place to raise some cash.

"I guess the only thing you can say about that is how the members have fallen — they are following," said Harry Shearer, a comedic actor who made a film, "Teddy Bears' Picnic," lampooning the grove, where he was a guest in the mid-1950s.

"They've always fetishized the trees," Shearer said. "It's sort of surprising that it's gone from this object of fetishistic adoration to a cash cow."

Club President Jay Mancini said that, like so much about

the Bohemians, the effort to secure a non-industrial timber management plan is widely misunderstood.

"Not secretive. We're private. And there is a difference," he said of what began in the late 1890s as a San Francisco society of journalists and writers, including Jack London. The group invited business tycoons to stay overnight, and bought the grove to spare it from the lumber companies clear-cutting to rebuild San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake and fire.

In fact, fear of fire drives the effort to "selectively log" the 2,700 acres, Mancini said. He said income from timber sales of Douglas fir and other non-redwood will go toward clearing undergrowth and other "ladder" foliage that could lead to a dangerous crown fire in the clearings. The club is planting redwood saplings.

"We're trying to re-create the forest of 1900, in a sense," he said. "Redwood is much more fire-resistant."

Forestry officials concur, and appear inclined to approve the plan, once the club transfers control of the old-growth trees to a conservation group.

"It is also well to remember that the Grove is held in great religious regard by the membership," reads one of scores of letters club members have written to the agency, "and that any mishandling of this property and subsequent long term damage will necessarily expose the club's Powers." That is to humiliate of the most polite and enduring sort.

The mostly blue-collar neighbors, who fill many of the 600 jobs that serve some of the 1,500 well-heeled campers

during the three weeks the grove is open, appear inclined to go along. Mancini led several dozen sales on a tour recently and said he persuaded the only two skeptics.

"Good people in there to work for," said a local carpenter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the value the club places on discretion. "They're just in there having fun, like the rest of us do on our weekends, or on vacation."

Still, the local Sierra Club opposes the plan. "If anybody could afford to manage for fire danger, the Bohemian Club ought to be able to afford it, without taking down trees," chapter official Jay Holcomb said.

And a former Bohemian is foursquare opposed, with discreet funding from unnamed current members. John Hooper resigned in 2004 after "promoting disharmony in the Club," as a warning letter from the then-president termed his rabble-rousing over matters of forest management. "In a word it is un-Bohemian."

Hooper, whose father, grandfather and great-grandfather were Bohemians, said that he misses the camaraderie and music, but that as forestry matters he considers the club "kind of a microcosm of the Bush administration."

"The Healthy Forests Initiative in the national forests promoted by President Bush is a free license by the lumber industry to log," he said. "The Bohemian Club's initiative is almost its own Healthy Forests Initiative."

Naming Donald Rumsfeld, Dick Cheney, George H.W. Bush, Paul Wolfowitz, John

Bolton and Newt Gingrich as recent guests, Hooper said: "There's a flavor. If you were invited to a three-day weekend at the grove, it would be hard not to feel that you were surrounded by the current administration and its close cronies."

The suggestion recalls the days when hippies blocked the compound "to keep the greed from spreading."

Intrepid journalists sneaked in undercover, but usually emerged disappointed.

"Underground sex torture chambers' No.," said Peter Phillips, a sociologist at Sonoma State University who wrote his dissertation on the Bohemians from field notes scribbled during visits. "Prostitutes in the grove? No. There's a camp that's gay, but they don't talk about it very

much. A wink and a nod." He was interviewed in a campus office papered with leftist posters of "every description, but reported nothing unsettling except the 'very bizarre' spectacle of the opening bonfire, when the effigy of 'Dull Care' is carelessly free the workaholics from the outside world. Some members laugh aloud.

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## Astrologers to predict presidential winner

DENVER (AP) — Picking a winner of the presidential contest is front and center at what's being billed as the largest astrologers' convention in years.

More than 1,500 astrologers from 45 countries have descended on Denver, site of the Democratic National Convention in August, for the "United Astrology Conference: Rockin' the Universe."

The gathering concludes Tuesday with a panel predicting a presidential winner in November.

Key to those picks: Astrological charts for John McCain, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. And integral to those charts: The candidates' exact birth times.

A hush fell over the convention hall late Thursday when Dallas astrologer Joni Patry announced a birth time for Obama — one she said she got from a client with connections to the campaign: Aug. 4, 1961, at 7:11 p.m.

McCain's birth time was embedded like a gold nugget in a Mother's Day campaign ad. His mother, Roberta, mentioned that her son was born on Aug. 29, 1938, at 11 a.m.

"All the astrologers are like, 'Wow,'" Patry said. "As an astrologer getting his birth time, that's everything."

Clinton's birth time remains a moving target. "I think they're hip to us and just don't want us to know that information," joked astrologer Shelley Ackerman, who will serve on Tuesday's panel.

Accurate birth times are essential for astrologers devising charts of the moon, stars and planets they use to predict the future — or the race. Ackerman said McCain's ad changed his known birth time by at least two hours, wreaking havoc with predictions on his presidential aspirations. Other astrologers give other birth times for Obama.

Birth data are rated for accuracy and shared among astrologers through Web sites such as [www.astrodatabase.com](http://www.astrodatabase.com).

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(AP) — Wall Street capped a week of big gains with modest moves Friday as investors gorged with surging energy prices that overshadowed news of a surprise increase in home construction. Investors hoping for an economic rebound in

the second half of the year and searching for signs that the housing market is bottoming got some relief before the market opened: the Commerce Department's report that home construction jumped 8.2 percent in April.

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## Mercury may be coming to end of the road

Speculation mounting that Ford will retire nameplate

By Martin Zimmerman  
Los Angeles Times

Is Mercury headed for the junkyard? Speculation is mounting that Ford Motor Co., preoccupied with reviving its Ford and Lincoln brands, might decide to retire the Mercury nameplate rather than spend scarce resources trying to restore its luster. Despite denials from Ford, the conjec-

ture received a boost last week when Jerome York, a former auto executive and adviser to billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian, said shedding the brand would be a smart move for the struggling automaker.

York's opinion carried weight, considering that Kerkorian's Theclerk Corp. recently revealed that it owned a 4.7 percent stake in Ford and intended to buy more shares.

An even more influential vote on Mercury's future is being cast in auto showrooms across America.

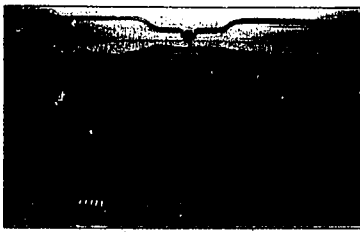
After regularly selling a half-million vehicles a year during the mid-1980s,

Mercury sold only 168,000 cars and sport utility vehicles last year. Its U.S. sales are down 23 percent this year — the biggest drop for any brand except Chrysler and Hummer.

"Mercury has one more product cycle left in it, and then will almost certainly be retired as a brand," analyst Aaron Bragman of market researcher Global Insight wrote in a report this year.

It would be a sad end for a marque that had generated its share of automotive history. Launched in the 1939 model year as a "step-up" car for buyers

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The interior of Gary Richards' Mercury Monterey SS5. Mercury crashed in the '60s and '70s before facing an identity crisis in the 1980s.

## Sawmill symphony

Sounds and smell of sawmill soon to be obsolete

By Becky Kramer  
The Spokesman-Review

COEUR D'ALENE — Sawmills create their own industrial symphony, and Joe Hoesche has a keen ear for it.

From his office, the maintenance supervisor listens to the rumble and shriek of machinery and knows whether the DeArmond mill's equipment is working in harmony.

The rhythmic slap of boards comes from the stacker, piling two-by-fours into neat rectangles.

The pebbles-in-a-can sound comes from the blower, whisking chips and sawdust into bins.

But when the hog starts to vibrate like a bell, well, that's a problem. It means the bark-chewing machine is choking on rocks.

The sounds are part of a soon-to-be-extinct way of life on Coeur d'Alene's waterfront. Early next week, the mill will saw its last log. A few days later, the final piece of lumber will finish curing in the kiln. The DeArmond will close.

"It's the last sawmill on the Spokane River. It's a piece of history that's going away," said Hoesche, who has spent two years photographing and filming the DeArmond's operations.

Record-low lumber prices, the result of a shaky national housing market, sped up the inevitable.

Squeezed between an expanding North Idaho College to the east and offices and waterfront condos to the west, the DeArmond occupies 17 coveted acres.

Stimson Lumber Co. planned to operate the mill into 2009 and then sell the land to Black Rock Development's Marshall Cheswon. But lumber prices tumbled. "The decision to

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# Reaching out

## Max reaches rural high-central Idaho

Distance keeps people from World Wide Web.

Max Wells, who lives with his wife in a rural area of Burley, doesn't care for computers.

His daughter bought him and his wife a computer more than a year ago, he says. "It was a gift that we didn't know how to use," he says.

Wells' daughter, who has three children of her own, said she wanted to bring her grandchild to the computer. "We were going to get it up and running," she says.

But when the Wells set up the computer they learned that a broadband connection was too slow to send and receive photos or video clips.

When his daughter introduced them to WiMax service, they were intrigued. "It seemed like a service that didn't seem too complicated or expensive to try," Wells says.

Now the couple logs on each night after dinner. "It's a real nice service," Wells says.

BridgeMax, a subsidiary of Digital World Communications, will officially launch WiMax service in Idaho, bringing high speed Internet service to rural residents.

Residents, such as the Wellses, have already been using the service as part of a regional rollout. However, after Thursday that company will be marketing the service to the region.

WiMax is expected to attract thousands of users in rural areas where high speed Internet service is either unaffordable or inaccessible.

The difference between WiMax and DSL is that WiMax service is available in rural areas where DSL is not.

Communication providers have come up with technologies that allow users to consume content at blazing speeds — some can download full-length movies in about 4 minutes.

Communication lines that have been laid in rural areas and other densely populated areas make it easy and affordable for users to access high speed services such as WiMax.

WiMax users in rural areas have more options for high speed services in rural areas require less equipment, with monthly fees averaging about \$100 for service.

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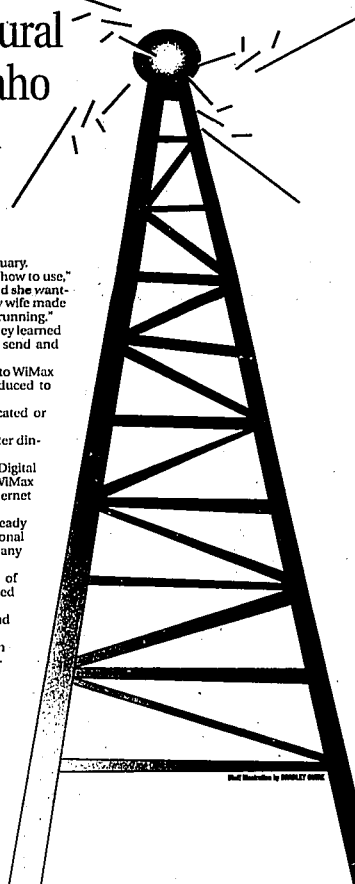


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## Pump problems

Old gas pumps can't handle ever-rising prices

By John K. Wiley  
Associated Press writer

HEARDAN, Wash. — Mom-and-pop service stations are running into a problem as gasoline marches toward \$4 a gallon: Thousands of old-fashioned pumps can't register more than \$3.99 on their spinning mechanical dials.

The pumps, throwbacks to a bygone era on the American road, are difficult and expensive to upgrade, and replacing them is often out of the question for station owners who are still just scraping by.

Many of the same pumps can only count up to \$99.99 for the total sale, preventing owners of some SUVs, vans, trucks and tractor-trailers to fill their tanks all the way.

As many as 8,500 of the nation's 170,000 service stations have old-style meters that need to be fixed — about 17,000 individual pumps, said Bob Renkes, executive vice president of the Petroleum Equipment Institute of Tulsa, Okla.

At Chip Colville's Chevron station in this eastern Washington town, where men in the family have pumped gas since 1919, three stubby, gray pumps were installed when gas was less than \$1 a gallon. They top out at \$3.999, only 30 cents above the price of regular gas at Colville's station.

"In small towns, where you don't have the volume, there's no way you can afford to pay for the replacements for these old pumps," Colville said. "It's just not economically feasible."

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The mechanical meter on a diesel fuel dispenser at Colville's Inc. Chevron service station is seen in Healdan, Wash. The meters on the 30 plus-year-old dispensers stop at \$3.999 per gallon.

## Agribusiness survey results show wide array of responses

By Joshua Palmer  
Staff writer

The Times-News will begin publishing an Agribusiness section each Tuesday in place of the Business section.

To better understand the needs of our readers the newspaper conducted a survey at MagicValley.com.

About 50 people responded to the survey.

Many respondents requested that we release the results of the survey. So, by popular demand, here are some of the responses:

• Almost half of the respondents work in a closely related field — with more than 80 percent requesting coverage of environmental and legislative

**Coming Tuesday:**  
The debut of the Agribusiness section.

Issues that impact the industry.  
• About 30 percent of respondents labeled themselves as farmers, and 20 percent categorized themselves as

cattle ranchers. Of these respondents, there were requests for hay and fuel prices as well as more coverage of cattlemen.

• Ninety-eight percent of participants in the survey emphasized the importance of covering water issues and how they relate to agriculture.

• More than 15 percent of respondents live outside the Magic Valley.

## The week ahead

(AP) — After nine months of turmoil that started with the collapse of the subprime mortgage market, Wall Street appears to be at a turning point of sorts. The data of the past few weeks have given investors some hope that the worst of the credit crisis has passed, that the economy isn't losing jobs at a dangerous rate and that inflation isn't out of control. The result

has been relative calm in the financial markets, enabling the major indexes to reach levels they hadn't seen since early in the year — including the Dow Jones Industrials' brief return earlier this month to the 13,000 mark. Analysts say data to be released in June and July will determine whether Wall Street extends its recovery or backtracks. If it moves higher, it will break an old habit

of pulling back during the summer doldrums — and some analysts believe this may indeed come to pass. "There's a bullish momentum that overrides the typical seasonal factors that would tell you to sell stocks in the summer," said David Kotok, chairman and chief investment officer of New Jersey-based Cumberland Advisors.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## MILESTONES

### VALLEY HOUSE



Courtesy photo

Valley House Homeless Shelter located at 507 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, cut a red ribbon assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors, to celebrate the dedication of a new triplex. Three families can be housed in this new facility. Contractors and volunteers who worked on the project were recognized and thanked for their support as well as their time on the project. For more information: 734-7736. Shown are Doug Strand, volunteer of the year; Sharon Breshers; Pastor Baldwin Canin; Lori Bergsma and Bill Lehman, board president.

### WINGATE HOTEL



Staff photo by KYLEE LEE BARNETT

Bob and Peggy Durham, owners of the new Wingate hotel in Jerome, celebrated their official Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on May 5. The event was facilitated by the Jerome Chamber of Commerce and Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. The Durhams are co-owners of this hotel under the business name Wyndham. The Wingate is the latest new business to open in the Crossroads Point business park this year. The Wingate is part of a chain of hotels that markets especially to business people on the road providing a hot breakfast, high-speed internet access in every room, faxing, copying, and printing in their business center, a fitness center, indoor pool and whirlpool and an easy on/off access to the I-84 freeway. A grand opening will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 28-30 at the hotel located at 378 Crossroads Point Blvd., across from Flying 1. The grand opening is open to the public and will include refreshments and a tour of the hotel. For more information: 644-1208. Pictured from left, Peggy Durham and Bob Durham, owners; Megan Arellano, front desk manager.

### Albion's Miller Hall remodeled for lodging

The Albion State Normal school which has been sitting vacant for 38 years has now found its new glory. The once bustling school was abandoned years ago and some thought it would stay that way forever, allowing vandals and the weather to destroy it. Twin brothers, Troy and Kent Mortensen, and their partner Jared Affleck, felt the compelling beauty of the campus and purchased it from the city of Albion in 2007. As soon as the sale was final the ambitious Mortensens jumped right into the huge task of remodeling Miller Hall. Miller Hall

was built in 1901 and used as the boys' dorm. The Mortensen brothers and their families have been hard at work to create a unique lodging facility for individuals, families or businesses, keeping the historic charm of the campus while adding modern comforts for everyone to enjoy. In addition to the remodel of Miller Hall, plans are under way to clean up the entire campus. A ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening event is scheduled for June 27-28. Reservations are being accepted now for reunions and events and can be made by calling 371-8868 or 484-0434 or on-line at [www.albioncampusgrove.com](http://www.albioncampusgrove.com).

## GE plans to pull plug on appliance unit

Los Angeles Times

General Electric Co. was long known for the brutal management style called "rank-and-yank" that gave everybody an annual performance rating before firing the bottom 10 percent. What was good for the work force apparently is good for GE's mix of businesses, as the venerable conglomerate announced Friday that it might sell its signature Appliances division, the unit that has supplied American homes since 1907. In terms of GE's corporate history, dumping the group that manufactures refrigerators, stoves and air conditioners would rank with IBM's 2005 sale of its personal computer business to China's Lenovo Group Ltd. Though there is scarcely a better-known U.S. consumer brand than GE — its long-

time pitchman was Ronald Reagan — the business has been a subpar performer for years. It has failed to gain much headway in foreign markets and has begun to struggle domestically as the real-estate recession has dampened demand for big-ticket household appliances. It trails Whirlpool Corp. in the U.S. market for large kitchen appliances. "It's been a definite drag" on earnings, said Oppenheimer & Co. analyst Christopher Glynn. GE Chief Executive Jeffrey Immelt, confirming an initial report on the Wall Street Journal's Web site, announced on Friday morning that the company was "reviewing strategic options" for the unit. The options, he said, included a partnership or joint venture, a spin-off to shareholders or a sale.

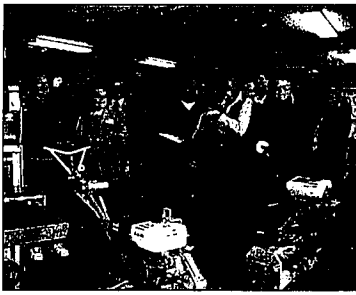
## OFF TO HAWAII



Courtesy photo

In a recent drawing held at Sawtooth Food Town, Jim Parker of Shoshone won a trip to Hawaii. Jim and his wife Joan accepted a voucher in the amount of \$3,500 to pay for airfare, car rental and motel stay from store owner Wendy Thueson. Dole Foods and Associated Food Stores sponsored the contest. Second prize was a Fiesta Gas Grill, won by Larry Harshbarger of Carey.

### LAVA ROCK RENTALS



Courtesy photo

Lava Rock Rentals, a new business located at 2500 Washington Ave. in Burley, held a ribbon cutting with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, May 1. The business is owned and operated by Sparr and Wendt McKnight. Store managers are Chayne McKnight and Rob Williams. It is a branch of the store at 145 N. Highway 75 in Shoshone and offers rentals of items from construction equipment to general tools. The business can be reached by calling 677-2043. Center with scissors are owners, Sparr and Wendt McKnight.

### DR. CRAIG RENCHER



Courtesy photo

The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors presented an Extra Mile Award to Dr. Craig Rencher, dentist. Rencher was awarded for taking great care of his patients and going the extra mile for his patients. Pictured from left, Jodie Brita, Dr. Craig Rencher, Dalton, Connie and Jeff.

## CAREER MOVES

### Times-News employees

The Times-News announced three staff changes that will take effect June 2. Andrew Weeks, who has been the night city editor for more than a year, will become outdoors and special sections editor. In this position, Weeks will produce the weekly outdoors section and coordinate special sections. Eric Larsen, who has covered local sports — particularly College of Southern Idaho athletics — for the past three years will succeed Weeks as night city editor. He will also take on the responsibility of recruiting and coordinating correspondents. David Bashore, who has split his time between the Outdoors section and sports writing for the past year, will become a full-time sports writer.



Weeks



Larsen



Bashore

### Matt Stokes

State Farm announced that Matt Stokes has earned the Ambassador Award and the Pacesetter Award for his service in 2007. Both awards are focused on meeting client needs and delivering a high level of customer satisfaction. Stokes has been an agent with State Farm in Twin Falls for six years. He has qualified for both the Ambassador and Pacesetter Awards each year he has been an agent. Stokes and his team of agents offer State Farm's full line of insurance and financial service products. Their office is located at 1821 Addison Ave. E., in Twin Falls.



Stokes

### Vern Eames

GOODING — Zions Bank has hired Vern Eames as branch manager at Zions Bank's Gooding office, located at 502 Main St. He will be responsible for business development and customer service management of the branch. Eames began his banking career 28 years ago and has been working for Zions Bank since 2003. Most recently, he was a commercial loan officer at the Gooding office. Eames is a graduate of American Falls, Arizona attended University of Arizona and Idaho State University and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration. He and his wife, Angelee, live in Gooding. Eames is involved in the community. He is the state director of the Idaho State High School Rodeo Association and is on the on the Gooding County

### Industrial Board Development Board

Dean Selbel, a financial advisor for Edward Jones in Twin Falls, was recently honored by the firm for his job performance. This recognition earned Selbel an invitation to Edward Jones' annual Meeting in Phoenix, Ariz. The three-day meeting pools Edward Jones' most successful representatives for a discussion with James D. Weddle, Edward Jones' managing partner, on issues facing the firm and the financial services industry as a whole. Selbel stated that being invited to the conference is not only an honor but a chance to freshen ideas for enhancing customer service.



Selbel

### Kelli Young

HAILEY — D.L. Evans Bank announced the promotion of Kelli Young to retail branch manager of the D.L. Evans Bank Hailey Branch located at 12 W. Bouillon, Ste. A. Young has worked for D.L. Evans Bank team for the past three years, and previously held the position of business development and operations officer. She is a lifelong member of the Hailey Community and is a member of the Wood River Lions Club, Hailey Rotary, Blaine County Historical Museum, and participates in the Trailing of the Sheep Event. Young has more than 25 years experience in banking.



Young

### Todd Conklin

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Todd Conklin, of Ketchum has been selected for inclusion in the 2008-2009 edition of Montclair Publishing's Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals. Inclusion into this registry is truly an honor bestowed upon the most distinguished professionals. After careful review of Conklin's credentials and accomplishments, the editorial staff has granted him acceptance. Conklin is the broker and owner of Coldwell Banker Conklin and Company, where he specializes in luxury homes in Idaho and investment real estate in the western United States. He is a member of the national association of realtors and the Idaho association of realtors and serves on the board for Young Life, and contributes charitably to Camp Rainbow Gold and the junior golf program. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, fishing, and skiing.

Montclair Who's Who recognizes and highlights men and women of leadership and distinction throughout various industries within the United States and Canada.

**We want YOUR BUSINESS news**

Your Business allows local businesses to announce employee changes, advancements and promotions. Business openings, closing and location changes are also welcome.

To submit contributions to the YourBusiness section, send information and photographs to Times-News Business Editor Joshua Palmer at [jpalmers@magvalley.com](mailto:jpalmers@magvalley.com) or call (208) 735-3231. The deadline to submit an announcement for Sunday is Wednesday at noon.

The Times-News reserves the right to edit content for length and clarity. Promotion of sales and for-profit events will not be considered for publication.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Tractor pullers group presents scholarships

Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers, Inc., contributed scholarships to several area teens.

The awards were presented by Brian Wolf has been the Scholarship chair for many years. He is an Ag-instructor at Filer High School and is very involved in FFA.

Those receiving awards include:

Kristopher Melton, son of Kevin and Martha Melton of Filer, is a senior at Filer High School. He plans to take a Diesel class at College of Southern Idaho. He plans to be a trained diesel mechanic.

Justine Jackson, daughter of Gene and Chris Jackson of Jerome, is a senior at Jerome High School. She plans to attend University of Idaho in Moscow to major in agriculture.

Stephen Parrott, son of Dan and Carly Parrott of Buhl, is a senior at Filer High School. He plans to attend University of Idaho in Moscow to major in Agriculture management.

Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers, Inc., has been in existence since 1989 starting out in the West End of the Valley. In 1993 the group

became Branch 38 of a National Organization known as Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association (EDGE&TA).

Current (LY) EDGE&TA has more than 137 branches in 31 states with six in Idaho. The club has grown to 95 members of all ages. They meet at 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the Oasis Truck Stop in Eden.

Annual activities include Tractor Pulls & Garden Tractor Pulls throughout the Magic Valley. As a non-profit club the proceeds from their fundraising goes to the Bill Groat Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Each year three scholarships are given to seniors attending a high school in the Magic Valley who plan to attend a college in Idaho to pursue a career in agriculture.



Melton



Jackson



Parrott

HELP FOR SAFE KIDS



State Farm agents Matt Stokes and Jim Bierl present a check for \$5,000 on behalf of State Farm Insurance to Safe Kids of Magic Valley director Page Geske. The money will help provide funding for two Child Safety Day Events in Twin Falls, and advance training for two child passenger safety technicians.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death of children in the United States. Many of these tragedies could be avoided through appropriate safety-restraint use. "State Farm is committed to child-passenger safety," Stokes. "That's why we're hosting Child Safety Day events and offering free child-safety seat inspections. Pictured from left are Stokes, Geske and Jim Bierl."

Mercury

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between economy Fords and upscale Lincolns, Mercury was known for its powerful V-8 engines and became popular with hot rodders.

James Dean drove a black '49 Mercury Club Coupe in the 1955 movie "Rebel Without a Cause," cementing the brand's place in American pop culture.

"It became an icon for teenagers," said Gary Richards, a member of the International Mercury Owners Association. "James Dean was cool; he drove a Mercury; ergo, Mercury was cool."

Mercury cruised through the '60s and '70s on the momentum of popular cars such as the Cougar. But by the late 1990s, the brand was suffering an identity crisis. Most of its products were "twinned" with nearly identical Ford models, and beyond the badge and distinctive waterfall grille, there was little to differentiate a Mercury from a Ford except for the higher sticker price.

"It's hard to sell a Mercury when it looks just like a Ford that's priced at \$4,000 less," said Tom Libby, an auto industry analyst at J.D.

Because of franchise agreements and state laws that protect car dealers, killing off a line of vehicles can be a real pain, as General Motors Corp. discovered when it pulled the plug on Oldsmobile eight years ago.

Power & Associates.

Eyebrows went up a couple of years ago when Ford opted not to produce a Mercury-badged version of the much anticipated Edge crossover SUV.

The vehicle has been a strong seller for the blue oval and could have given the Mercury lineup a boost, analyst say.

As its product lineup has aged, so has Mercury's customer base. The average Mercury buyer is 55, according to J.D. Power, well above the industry average of 47. The yacht-like Grand Marquis skews even older, with an average buyer age of 72.

Brand loyalty is flagging as well, with 35 percent of Mercury owners opting to buy the same brand of vehicle compared with an industry average of 45 per-

cent, according to market research firm R.L. Polk & Co.

Ford insists it has no plans to sell or scrap Mercury. Although there are no all-new vehicles on the drawing board for the brand, an updated version of the Mariner mid-size SUV is due in showrooms this summer, and updated versions of the Milan sedan — including a hybrid — are due early next year.

"Rumors of Mercury's death have been greatly exaggerated," Ford spokesman Mark Schlirmer said recently.

"We've been very clear to the dealers that no decision has been taken to discontinue the brand," he said. "The dealers, in fact, could be the key to Mercury's fate. Although there are no stand-alone Mercury stores left, about 1,900 dealerships

WiMax

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WiMax, which costs about \$25 per month for basic service, uses cellular technology to broadcast a signal over hundreds of miles.

Wells said he doesn't really care to know how the technology works just so long as it keeps him and his

wife connected.

"All I know is that some guy came in and hooked a small box up to the computer and now my wife and daughter are happy," Wells said.

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Terry Lindquist, an employee at the DeArmond Stud Mill for 34 years, removes blades from one of the cutters at the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho facility on May 13. The last mill in Coeur d'Alene, which began operations in 1958, processed the last piece of timber Tuesday morning and will cease operation Friday.

Sawmill

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close it at this time is market driven," said Mike Telford, the mill's manager.

The closure provides an opportunity for North Idaho College, which is working on a \$10 million financing package in hopes of purchasing the property from Chesrown.

"We see this as a logical and cost-effective solution to the higher education needs of the region," said Kent Prost, spokesman for the college, which has a 4,500-student enrollment.

But Prost said he'll miss the smell of fresh-cut fir. The scent of sawdust was the first thing he noticed five years ago when he started at the mill for a job interview. It fit the native Nebraskan's image of North Idaho.

New sawmills are sleek and automated. The DeArmond, built in the late 1940s, still relies on manual labor for many tasks.

"There's not a whole lot of technology in this mill," Telford said.

Still, the DeArmond has enjoyed a reputation for high output and low operating costs. The Douglas fir two-by-fours and two-by-sixes rolling off the line this week were marked "Stinson Premium." The lumber will be sold at Home Depot.

About 70 workers will lose their jobs when the mill closes. Sawyer Ken O'Riley is 62, old enough to retire, though he isn't sure it will suit him. He's worked at the DeArmond for 38 years. The mill's hustle is second nature to him.

"I'll miss the doing," O'Riley said. "Slowing the pace is going to be hard for me."

In the early 1990s, Crisy Carlson took a night shift

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— Ken O'Riley, 62

job at the DeArmond to pay for her NIC tuition. The job turned into a 17-year detour.

"I like physical work, and I like working outdoors," said Carlson, 43, who wears a blond ponytail under her hard hat. "I'm a certified grader and I can operate a lot of the saws."

Wages about \$16 to \$18 an hour, plus health insurance and regular bonuses, earned Carlson a single mother, at the mill.

"It's a man's world," Carlson said, but one that accepted her. After the DeArmond closes, she may pursue long-stalled plans of becoming a teacher.

The mill workers will gather next Friday for a barbecue. They're calling it "The Last Supper."

In June, the mill's equipment will be sold at an auction. By year end, all traces of the DeArmond will be gone.

That's why Hoësche, the maintenance supervisor, has worked to capture the DeArmond on film. He's assembled a small picture book, and he plans to create a larger yearbook-style publication.

Hoësche, 41, credits the forestry products industry for giving him career-path opportunities. The former mill worker had been a temporary worker at another sawmill. He worked his way into a supervisory position.

And he isn't done with sawmills yet. Stinson has offered him a job at its mill in Plummer, Idaho.

Pumps

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The problem is worse in extreme areas, where "this might be the only pump in town that people can access," said Mike Rud, director of the North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association.

Demand for replacements has caused a months-long backlog for companies that make or rebuild the mechanical meters — and that's just for stations that can afford the upgrade.

For many station owners — who, because of relatively small profit margin on gas, aren't making in money even though gas prices are marching higher — replacing the pumps altogether with electronic ones is just not an option.

The new ones run between \$10,000 and \$15,000 apiece, Colville said. "It's an expense that's not worth it."

Mechanical meters can be retrofitted with higher numbers when pump prices climb another dollar. The last time that happened was in late 2005, when gas went over \$3 a gallon, and owners of the older pumps installed kits that went to \$3,999.

This time around, owners of the old pumps will need to install another kit to handle prices up to \$4,999, and possibly higher. Industry experts say those changes could cost as much as \$650 per pump.

It costs less to change the meter to raise the maximum price to \$3.99 to \$3.99 a gallon, but that option raises the risk of a breakdown, said Pete Turner, chief operating officer for APS Petroleum Equipment Inc. of Aniston, Ala.

"The computer that they're upgrading was not designed to go any more than what it's going now, and if you do it, they don't last long enough," Turner said. "They run so fast that the gears are wearing out."

The price of fixing the meters jumped in the past three years because old pumps are being phased out for new electronic pumps and demand for refurbished meters is down, Al Elchorn, vice president of PMP Corp., which makes the mechanical meters.

The Avon, Conn., company has hired extra employees who are working overtime but still has a 14-week backlog of orders, Elchorn said.

To deal with the problem, some state regulators are allowing half-pricing — displaying the price for a half-gallon of gas, then doubling the price shown on the meter.

In North Dakota, regulators recently told service stations their mechanical pumps could use half-pricing, provided they use signs to alert customers and find a permanent solution by April 2009.

South Dakota is preparing similar rules, officials say. And in Minnesota, rural service station owners whose pumps cannot display the right price are being told to cover up the incorrect numbers.

"The consumer can only see the gallons turning," said Bill Waish, a spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Commerce. "Then they just have to settle up with a calculator, basically." Colville and about a dozen other service station owners in Washington have received temporary variances from the state to allow them to half-price fuel.

Stations granted variances are required to post signs telling customers that the final price they will pay is twice what the pump meter indicates.

"No, that don't bother me. The price does," said Jim Puls, a third-generation rancher who pulled up to Colville's diesel pump to fill

up his flatbed truck at \$4.41 a gallon. "I can understand why they have to do."

Nationally, the average price for a gallon of gasoline rose past \$3.70 Sunday, while diesel was selling for an average of \$4.33 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

Small stations are struggling to make a profit on gas, even as the price rises. Its small profit margin makes it less lucrative that snacks and other products the stores sell inside.

"If gas is the profit driver and you are one of those guys with the old pumps, you're either evolving or getting out," said Jeff Lenard, spokesman for the National Association of Convenience Stores, a trade group that represents about 115,000 stores that sell gasoline.

"If you're just that kind of image of the '50s gas station where you have a conversation, fill up and have a cup of coffee, that's in the movies."

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# World faces limits to getting aid into Myanmar

By Eric Talman  
Associated Press writer

BANGKOK, Thailand — It is a life-or-death question: If millions of people are at risk, is it acceptable to sit on the sidelines and watch an autocratic and unprepared regime mismanage a crisis?

With the death toll climbing, foreign leaders and international aid organizations are faced with an increasingly urgent need to balance respect for Myanmar's sovereignty with a moral responsibility to help its population.

Just hoping the government in Myanmar, also known as Burma, will do the right thing may not be enough. And though it appears unlikely they will be called in, several military powers are capable of intervening, whether the junta likes it or not.



A cyclone survivor salvages items from her damaged house on the outskirts of Yangon, Myanmar, on Saturday.

"We want to do this in a collaborative, cooperative way with the authorities in Burma," said Mark Malloch-Brown, the British minister for Africa, Asia and the United Nations.

But he stressed "a lot of lives are at risk."

"The international community cannot take 'no' for an answer," he said here Thursday. "It's a race against time, and we are not richening up fast enough."

Options available to foreign powers include unauthorized airdrops, coastal landings or helicopter operations. But considering the junta's current stance, any such moves could potentially spark a military incident.

Authorization of intervention by the United Nations Security Council remains unlikely. China, Myanmar's

biggest ally has veto power and has in the past blocked resolutions against the junta.

Some aid, perhaps just enough for Myanmar's leaders to keep foreign governments from making unauthorized aid drops or boat landings, was getting through two weeks after the deadly cyclone of May 2-3.

Tons of foreign aid including water, blankets, mosquito nets, tarpaulins, medicines and tents have been sent to Myanmar, but its delivery has been slowed down by bottlenecks, poor infrastructure and bureaucratic tangles.

The highest hurdle is political — persuading a fearful and out-of-touch military regime to give up, even temporarily, a bit of its control.

The junta has allowed the U.N. and some other agencies

to hand out the aid directly but prohibited their foreign staff allowed into Myanmar from leaving Yangon, the country's largest city and former capital.

Under intense pressure from Washington and the United Nations, the junta has allowed the U.S. military to ferry in emergency supplies provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

After initially agreeing to one flight on Monday, Myanmar's leaders have opened the door to daily flights by Marine and Air Force C-130 cargo planes. As of Saturday, the U.S. military had flown 21 C-130s loaded with about 500,000 pounds of aid into Yangon from their makeshift base in Utaapao, Thailand.

Another four flights left Friday from the U.S. military's emergency headquarters at Utaapao Air Base, in central Thailand.

"At this time, the needs are so immense, they are so large, that we're taking some risks to hope that we can get the assistance through to the ones who are most in need," said USAID administrator Henrietta Fore. "There is an enormous humanitarian urgency to this effort."

Thailand and Indian military missions also have been approved, and British, French and Australian warships were converging on the area.

Still, the U.N. and the International Red Cross say that between 1.6 and 2.5 million people are in urgent need of food, water and shelter. Only 270,000 have been reached so far by the aid groups.

Malloch-Brown estimated that 24 C-130 flights a day would be needed to meet the crisis — far higher than the current level. And, so far, U.S. requests to bring in helicopters, one of the few means of reaching the worst-hit regions, have been denied.

Myanmar's government has less than 40 helicopters, most old and in disrepair, and some 15 transport planes, primarily small jets unable to carry hundreds of tons of supplies.

The lack of motion is all the more visible because of the vast resources that are

available to help.

Because of an annual exercise scheduled well before Cyclone Nargis hit, the U.S. has 11,000 troops in and around Thailand, and a Marine ship capable of conducting amphibious landings and long-range helicopter operations is just 30 miles off Myanmar's coast.

The French navy ship Le Mistral was waiting some 13 miles outside Myanmar's territorial waters, hoping to go in and unload its cargo of 1,000 tons of food — enough to feed 100,000 people for 15 days. The aid also includes shelters for 15,000 people.

France's U.N. Ambassador Jean-Maurice Ripert warned Friday that the government's refusal to allow aid to be delivered to people "could lead to a true crime against humanity."

# Thousands flee areas hit hardest by China quake over flood fears

By Ken Teh  
Associated Press writer

BEICHUAN, China — Thousands of Chinese earthquake victims fled areas near the epicenter Saturday, fearful of floods from rivers blocked by landslides rattled loose in this week's powerful tremor.

Soldiers carried other people out of Beichuan town — one of the areas hit hardest by the magnitude 7.9 quake Monday — while survivors cradled babies on a road jammed with vehicles and people.

The evacuation underscored the jitters running through the disaster zone. A severe aftershock — the second in two days and measured by the U.S. Geological Survey at magnitude 6 — shook the area early Sunday for 45 seconds, causing people to run into the streets.

A policeman told The Associated Press that rescue officials were worried that water from a choked river would inundate the town.

"The river was jammed up by a landslide, now that may burst. That is what we are worried about," the policeman said as he hurried by, not giving his name.

"I'm very scared. I heard that the water will be crashing down here," said Liang Xiao, one of the people fleeing. "If that happens, there will be over 10 yards of water over our heads."

The official Xinhua News Agency said earlier that a lake in Beichuan county "may burst its bank at any time," but did not give details on why the water was rising. Residents left homes for higher ground, but 46 seriously injured were still at risk, the agency said.

Xinhua said more than 2,000 people were being evacuated near Qingchuan.

Residents began to fall in Qingchuan county on Saturday evening for the first time since the initial quake, the agency reported — increasing the risk of floods and more building collapses.



Chinese soldiers walk along a road they opened along the Mijiang River in an attempt to reach the town of Ying Xiu, China, Saturday. A highway above the location was buried by an avalanche.

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# Childhood obesity epidemic threatens long-term health prospects for millions

By Susan Levine and Rob Stein  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — An epidemic of obesity is compromising the lives of millions of American children, with burgeoning problems that reveal how much more vulnerable young bodies are to the toxic effects of fat.

In ways only beginning to be understood, being overweight at a young age appears to be far more destructive to well-being than adding excess pounds later in life. Virtually every major organ is at risk. The greater damage is probably irreversible.

Doctors are seeing confirmation of this daily boom and girls in elementary school suffering from high blood pressure, high cholesterol and painful joint conditions; a soaring incidence of type 2 diabetes, once a rarity in pediatric offices; even a spike in child gallstones, also once a singularly adult affliction. Minority youth are most severely affected, because so many are pushing the scales into the most dangerous territory.

With one in three children in this country overweight or worse, the future health and productivity of an entire generation — and a nation — could be in jeopardy.

"There's a huge burden of disease that we can anticipate from the growing obesity in kids," said William H. Dietz, director of the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "This is a wave that is just moving through the population."

The trouble is a quarter-century of unprecedented growth in girls. Although the rest of the nation is much heavier, too, among those ages 6 to 19 the rate of obesity has not just doubled, as with their parents and grandparents, but has more than tripled.



Illustration Photo by Don Day

David Quiroz, 12, has his height and weight checked by pediatric endocrinologist Nazrat M. Mirza. Obesity rates among those between the ages of 6 and 19 has more than tripled during the past quarter-century.

That many will never overcome their overweight — up to 80 percent of obese teens become obese adults — experts fear an exponential increase in heart disease, strokes, cancer and other health problems as the children move into their 20s and beyond. The evidence suggests that these conditions could occur decades sooner and could greatly diminish the quality of their lives. Many could find themselves disabled in what otherwise would be their most productive years.

The cumulative effect could be the country's first generation destined to have a shorter life span than its predecessor. A 2005 analysis by a team of scientists forecast a two- to five-year drop in life expectancy unless aggressive action manages to reverse obesity rates. Since then, children have only gotten fatter.

"Five years might be an underestimate," lead author S. Jay Olshansky of the University of Illinois at Chicago acknowledged recently.

This is the first day in a week-long Washington Post series on childhood obesity, exploring its causes, its

impact and possible remedies.

The epidemic is expected to add billions of dollars to the U.S. health-care bill. Treating a child with obesity is three times more costly than treating the average child, according to a study by Thomson Reuters. The research company pegged the country's overall expense of care for overweight youth at \$14 billion annually. A substantial portion is for hospital services, since those patients go more frequently to the emergency room and are two to three times more likely to be admitted.

Given the ominous trend lines, the study concluded, "demand for ER visits, inpatient hospitalizations and outpatient visits is expected to rise dramatically."

Ultimately, the economic calculations will climb higher. No one has yet looked ahead 30 years to project this group's long-term disability and lost earnings, but based on research on the current workforce, which has shown tens of millions of workdays missed annually, indirect costs will also be enormous.

Childhood obesity is nothing less than a national catastrophe.

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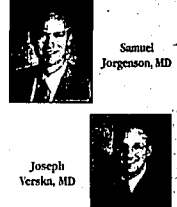
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## Death rate tied to education

By David Brown  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The difference in death rates between highly educated and poorly educated people in the United States is very wide and growing wider, according to new research.

For Americans with less than a high school education, the risk of dying prematurely is on the increase — rising most quickly for white women in that category. In contrast, the risk of premature death among college graduates is falling — fastest of all for black men.

While high-school dropouts are four times more likely to die young than white college graduates, up from a three-fold difference in the early 1990s. Among blacks, the trend is similar but less dramatic.

The study, published online Tuesday, is the second this spring to reveal an ominous trend toward worsening health and earlier death in disadvantaged segments of the population.

A co-author, Robert Anderson, of the National Center for Health Statistics, believes that growing gap "says something about the overall health of our population. The haves seem to be doing quite well, and their mortality is going down. But those who don't have their resources are not doing so well."

The researchers compared mortality rates in 1993 and 2001. For technical reasons, they examined only deaths of people aged 25 to 64. All were premature deaths in the sense they occurred at a lower age than the life expectancies of the groups studied.

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Idaho GOP must continue to support senior citizens

As a conservative Republican candidate for Buhl's 2nd Precinct, I believe voters deserve a precinct committeewoman who will get to know the people in their precinct...

Republican Party supporter, willing to once again be the candidate for the Eden Precinct.

His opponent for the Eden Precinct committeeman post attended his first Republican Committee meeting in April.

I encourage the voters of the Eden Precinct to vote for Del Kohtz in the May 27 primary election. Thank you. FRANK KOHTZ, Eden

Paper gave CSI graduation proper coverage this year

Last year, I sent a letter to the editor remarking about the fact that the Times-News did not cover the CSI graduation ceremony.

I am glad to note that this year, the newspaper did cover this milestone, which holds such significance for the graduate: and their families. Thanks, Times-News, for your coverage of this important local event. BILLY SLIFER, Filer

Jan Wimberly would do good job for Melon Valley

This is to recommend Jan Wimberly for committee chairman for Melon Valley Precinct 7.

I first became acquainted with Jan during the years she had children attending the Buhl Public Schools when I was their teacher. Most recently, I had the privilege of working with her on a committee at church where she was the chairman. From this association, I have found Jan to be dedicated, honest and responsible.

You will be well represented if Jan is elected committee chairperson for Melon Valley Precinct 7. EUGENE PYLE, Twin Falls

Experience gives Gannon advantage in Idaho Senate

Sen. Tom Gannon should be re-elected to the Idaho Senate. He is the chairman of a critically important committee, the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee. As a member of that committee, I continually observe his hard work and exemplary leadership abilities.

A retired U.S. Navy veteran, Sen. Gannon has the respect and trust of his fellow senators who often turn to him for direction on important issues.

His experience with local government gives him an understanding and appreciation of issues affecting his constituents. He has taken the lead on water management and in resolving issues surrounding the interface of agriculture and the environment.

Sen. Gannon sincerely cares about the future of Idaho's families and understands that a vibrant future

economy is essential. His leadership on the Senate Education Committee is exemplary and his Senate colleagues recognize his careful study and deliberation on important issues.

District 23 needs Sen. Tom Gannon to continue to represent them in the Idaho Senate. He's effective, he's intelligent and he's a leader. SEN. GARY J. SCHROEDER, Moscow

(Editor's note: Gary Schroeder represents Latah County in the state Senate.)

A vote for Randy Kidd is a vote for a safer community

I want to take a minute to tell a little about myself and what my vision for law enforcement in Cassia County will be when I am elected sheriff.

Drug-related crimes are the No. 1 crime problem in our community. Until I took it upon myself to mount both an enforcement and education fight against this evil, it was receiving a low priority in our department. When elected sheriff, I would have the ability to involve the entire department in making the fight against drugs a top priority instead of the few people that I now supervise.

The increasing gang presence and activity are of great concern. The graffiti springing up all over town is an indication that what we have been doing to fight this crime and the increase of gang activity is very effective. I have proactive and progressive ideas on how to fight this growing issue. We cannot have safe schools or other safe activities in our community until we focus the entire department on these issues first.

I have often heard the question asked: When you are elected to the office of sheriff, who is going to carry on the programs and fill the positions that you now fill? I have several very qualified good officers that will step up to handle these responsibilities.

I have elected to run a positive campaign focusing on my talents and accomplishments, not on my opinions of the other candidates. As voters, I invite you to research the commitment, dedication and performance to the department and the community by the candidates prior to casting your vote on May 27. I ask for your vote for a safer community through professional, progressive, proactive, prioritized and prudent law enforcement. RANDY KIDD, Oakley

Kidd is the right man for Cassia County sheriff

On May 27, Cassia County will select a new sheriff. Voters need to investigate the facts before casting their votes.

LT. Randy Kidd has the

knowledge, expertise and ability to be the sheriff this county needs. Kidd also has the vision to cure the ills that have occurred under the current administration, i.e., the contract with the city of Burley for law enforcement services.

Kidd recognizes that when Cassia County and Burley combined their jurisdictions, it was done under the direction of some very progressive men who understood the importance of a cooperative agreement. That agreement has been destroyed by narrow minds until there is no longer one. Kidd is willing and able to get us back where we need to be, cooperatively working together.

In addition, Kidd has the wisdom and courage to put up a constant front against drugs and their associated crimes in our communities. It is no secret that Mini-Cassia is historically a hub for drugs in Idaho and the Northwest. Until Kidd wrote a grant that facilitated the formation of the Mini-Cassia Drug Task Force, the battle against drugs in our community was constant and frustratingly futile. That battle has not gone away, but Kidd has created a new median for fighting it. We need a man of this caliber who is on the streets fighting the battle, not someone who sits in a basement office all day waiting to punt a time card.

Kidd is professional, progressive, proactive, prudent and passionate about the work he does. He is the right man for Cassia County. Vote with me for Randy Kidd for sheriff on May 27. MORGAN WARD, MAXINE WARD, Elba

Bristol would make a good sheriff for Cassia County

My name is Kameron Warrall, and I live in Albion. I have lived in Cassia County all my life, and I am voting for Cary Bristol for sheriff. I have known Cary

for many years, and I think he would make a good sheriff.

I hope that you will do the same and go and vote for Cary Bristol for sheriff. Thank you. KAMERON WARRELL, Albion

Carter will do good job for law enforcement

Tom Carter is one of the more viable candidates for sheriff we've had in recent elections. He is a leader, not a politician. He'll do a good job for our law enforcement. GENE TURLEY, Twin Falls

Tom Gannon is effective advocate for dairy industry

I was disturbed by an article printed in the Times-News on Thursday, May 15, that Doran Parkins, Sen. Gannon's primary opponent, implied Sen. Tom Gannon has not been an advocate for agriculture. Contrary to the information found in the article, I and the leadership of the Idaho Dairyman's Association have been first hand that Sen. Gannon of District 23 is one of the dairy industry's strongest and most effective advocates, and he managed this while challenging the industry to address the concerns raised by his constituents about the industry.

As chairman of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee, Sen. Gannon was on board with the con-

cept of a livestock research center to be located in the Magic Valley that would address environmental concerns of dairymen, neighbors of confined animal feeding operations, as well as environmental activists. Sen. Gannon, along with Sen. Dean Cameron, Reps. Scott Bedke and Maxine Bell and the rest of the Magic Valley legislators, fully supported the idea along and, as a result, we are hoping that within three years, this world-class research facility to be called the Idaho National Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies, will be operational. The fact that the facility's foremost goal is addressing environmental concerns should provide the residents of Idaho with the needed assurances that our legislators recognize the economic value of the agriculture to the state of Idaho and are willing to make sure agriculture is addressing quality-of-life issues.

As executive director for the Idaho Dairyman's Association, I have always found Sen. Gannon courteous, reasonable, diligent and keenly interested in our industry's concerns. In addition, he is a champion of all agriculture, which, of course, is the mainstay of the economy of District 23. BOB NAEREBOUT, Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Bob Naerebout is the executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association.)

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To the Voters of Twin Falls County, I would like to address the issue of leadership, and the ability to have made to provide the ability to lead with fairness and proficiency. I have already shown my commitment to the budget problem, and that will continue to be at the heart of my administration. Here are a few more of the things I have planned to improve the functionality of this department, and to demonstrate my responsibility to this community. I will make every effort as Sheriff to re-connect with surrounding Narcotics Units. Drug traffickers and criminal enterprises do not recognize jurisdictions, so enlisting the aid of such an invaluable resource makes good sense. Drug abuse, with an emphasis on methamphetamines, is a drain on our County financially, and on our families. Should I be successful in re-establishing a working relationship with these departments, we will gain seasoned narcotics officers without cost to our County. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit is an important resource, and re-enforces my diligence in combating the drug problem. I will aggressively pursue doubling our K-9 unit, for both drug detection and deputy assistance. I will reach out to our surrounding communities who are entitled to the presence of law enforcement due to their inclusion in our county, and from the revenue generated from the taxes they pay. In closing, there are large problems in the department, all of which I will address once in office. This is a brief overview of some of the things important to me, and I believe to Twin Falls County. I would also like to state my intent to fully utilize and appreciate the amazing talent currently in the department, and thank them for their contributions to this County. I am proud of my service record, and my ability to provide reason where possible and action when necessary. Sincerely, Tom Carter Candidate for Twin Falls County Sheriff Paid for by Tom Carter for Sheriff, Delnelce Carter Treasurer

# Obama, McCain campaigns seek to curb influence of '527 groups'

By Jonathan Weisman and Michael D. Shear  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barack Obama's top fundraisers have asked his campaign donors to refrain from contributing to liberal independent political organizations in hopes of controlling the tone and message of the general-election campaign.

At a meeting in Indianapolis May 2, members of the Democratic front-runner's finance committee made it clear Obama, D-Ill., is worried that overtly negative campaigning from outside organizations could undermine his themes of unity and hope.

"If people want to support our campaign, they should do it through our campaign," Obama's spokesman Bill Burton said.

The meeting was only the most overt effort by Obama or Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the presumptive Republican nominee, to freeze out "527 groups" — named after a provision in the tax code — which are not allowed to openly support a candidate but have helped define recent elections through negative advertising.

The McCain campaign has been less organized than Obama's in its efforts to counter the groups, but the senator from Arizona has made clear his antipathy toward them — without much effect.

"We will attack Obama viciously on all fair issues, whether they are national security, whether they are taxes or the economy," promised Chris LaCivita, one of the Republican strategists behind the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, the group that attacked Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry in 2004. LaCivita added: "At the end of the day, every individual has a right to participate in the political process whether John McCain likes it or not. It's their constitutional right."

But so far, such groups have been remarkably silent, in part because of the signals Obama and McCain have sent to

donors to steer clear. "Obviously, McCain would prefer that people give money to him and the RNC and let us run our own campaign," said senior campaign adviser Charles H. Black Jr., referring to the Republican National Committee. "It's an issue of who is going to control your campaign."

To be sure, that has not prevented spokesmen for either candidate from accusing the other side of negative campaigning. Democrats say McCain shattered the truce when he said Obama is the

candidate of Hamas. Republican surrogates have relentlessly tried to portray Obama as anti-Israel, just this week plucking one sentence out of an extended interview with the Atlantic Monthly to accuse him of calling Israel "a constant sore" that infects U.S. foreign policy.

Obama himself blurred the lines last weekend in Oregon, when he suggested that McCain's association with the Keating Five savings and loan scandal in the 1980s would be fair game in the general-election campaign. Republicans

say Obama and the Democratic National Committee distorted McCain's words and record with ads showing him saying he would be all right with U.S. troops remaining in Iraq for 100 years and praising the economic record of President Bush.

Even as they go on the attack, both campaigns have tried hard to define which issues will be out of bounds for the other side. McCain campaign aides have pushed back hard on even the faintest hint that his age, 71, is fair game, and they have protested

loudly when questions have been raised about his temperament.

Obama surrogates, for their part, have made clear Democrats will not accept anything that could be seen as race-baiting, crying foul at television images of his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. References to Obama's middle name — Hussein — have drawn swift rebukes, as have unfounded suggestions of a Muslim past.

Obama's campaign has used Black's own words to set the parameters of debate,

offering up his statement on March 14 that "What Senator McCain has said repeatedly is that these candidates cannot be held accountable for all the views of people who endorse them or people who befriended them."

"What we're seeing right now is a good basketball coach trying to pre-influence the referee, in this case the public through the media, or what should or should not be allowed," said John Weaver, a long-time McCain associate who is no longer with his campaign.

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Ask you a personal question? Who are you?

**M**y grandfather lived in the Marsh Valley, a sprawling agricultural area south of Pocatello populated mostly by Mormons. Families there were large and extended. Grandpa probably knew, over the course of his 91 years, 5,000 people. But not so well as he got older. When my grandfather was in his ninth decade, I went with him to the hardware store in McCammon one day. A man about Grandpa's age walked up to us and extended his hand to my granddad. "Good to see you after all these years, Henry," the fellow said. "I'll bet you don't remember my name."

**DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump**

My grandfather thought about that for a moment. "Can't say that I do," Grandpa replied. "But I never forget a face."

I've been thinking about that incident recently because, in my sixth decade, I can't recall names or faces.

My wife, who is considerably younger than me (and having said that, I hope, won't make me sleep on the couch tonight) has the same problem. It worried me enough that I called up a college friend who is now a research neurologist at the Stanford University Medical Center.

"Donna, we can't remember names to save our souls," I said. "Are Victoria and I on the fast track to Alzheimer's?"

"Don't be silly," Donna said. "Happens to everybody, to a greater or lesser degree, our age. "Now who did you say this was?"

Nominal amnesia is a particular issue for me since I'm the kind of guy who can't stand dangling conversation — you know, hanging out with someone I don't know very well without talking.

People with whom I went to high school, cousins, ex-girlfriends — I run into them all the time. I recall every detail, except the hell they are called.

Worse, I can't fake it because everyone in my generation remembers a classic episode of the TV sit com "Seinfeld" about forgetting names.

In the 1993 program, Jerry forgets his new girlfriend's name. And after making out with her, he knows it's too late to ask.

Seinfeld tries to look into her purse to find some ID; the girlfriend catches him. Then Kramer walks into the room and Jerry introduces his neighbor to introduce himself to her in hopes that she'll do the same. She doesn't.

Finally, Seinfeld panics and kisses the woman passionately. "Oh, Jerry," she sighs as they embrace. Seinfeld replies, "Oh ... you."

My Uncle Alan had trouble recollecting names when he got into middle age, so I'd always greet someone he was supposed to know but couldn't exactly remember with a jaunty, "How's the boy?"

Worked out OK until someone sporting a page-boy haircut and wearing a heavy coat walked up to him at the company Christmas party and said, "Hello, Alan, haven't seen you in awhile."

My uncle, as usual, drew a blank. "How's the boy?" he replied. "This was unfortunate. It was his boss' wife."

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## Monday hearing to focus on splitting Jerome P&Z

Commission to accept public comment on idea

By Nate Poppino  
Staff writer

**JEROME** — Jerome County's Planning and Zoning Commission will continue its detour into the past Monday when it holds a public hearing on splitting itself in two.

It's not a new idea — the commission was split for nearly two years starting in 2006. But in March, officials

discovered the county commissioners may have made procedural errors when they made the split, and merged the commissions back together.

For the past two weeks, the rebuilt commission has revisited text changes to ordinances made while it was separated. At its 7 p.m. meeting Monday, it will take comments on the idea of splitting itself again — legally this time.

Officials have been eager to get the issue resolved, and the county commissioners met Tuesday morning with Prosecutor Mike Selb and Planning and Zoning

Administrator Art Brown to discuss the issue. The meeting was requested by Commissioner Diana Obenaus, who said she wanted an update on where the process stood.

"It's been kind of hanging out there, and I wasn't sure what was going on," she said. The meeting was cut short after Selb said the commissioners are legally required to wait for a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission before discussing the issue. Assuming Planning and Zoning does recommend the split, the county commissioners would hold their own

public hearing on the matter. "This just isn't the time or the place," Selb said.

The split was originally made to help the commission deal with a heavy workload, and the reunified commission has had such issues as the county's confined animal feeding operations ordinance on its plate. Jay Henley, one of two Planning and Zoning board members who attended Tuesday's meeting, said the commission has been able to stay on top of things over the past two months.

"We've put a lot of overtime in," he said.

Little seems to stand in the way of the commission being

split again. County Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said it was a good idea worth looking at again, though he declined to speak more for fear of prejudicing his board's decision. Obenaus said the issue is one that needs to be fixed and that the changes have left everything "confusing." The current commission is assisted by a planning advisory committee, the former Planning Commission.

"It's frustrating," Obenaus said.

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## Salute to the fallen



An honor guard from several law enforcement agencies assembles Saturday at Twin Falls City Park before shattering the morning silence with a gunfire salute to colleagues who were killed in the line of duty last year.

## City park ceremony marks end of National Police Week

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

Beyond the badges, guns, and authority, there are men and women who die just doing their jobs.

Last year, 181 law enforcement officers in the United States were killed in the line of duty, a 20 percent surge from 2006. In Idaho, more than 60 officers have been killed during the past 124 years, according to a news release from Sen. Mike Crump.

On Saturday, the names of fallen Idaho law enforcement officers were read, their memories prayed for, and their uniformed colleagues thanked at a public ceremony in Twin Falls City Park on the final day of National Police Week.

"Being an officer is not simply a job choice," said Tim O'Donnell, chairman of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. "To me, it's a calling."

National Police Week was started in 1962 by then-U.S. President John F. Kennedy. But the first officer to be killed in America happened long



The flag gets a lift from a slight breeze as local law enforcement officers bow to fallen comrades Saturday at Twin Falls City Park.

before that. According to Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb, that happened in 1792 in New York. And since then, job hazards that can turn fatal for police haven't subsided.

Moscow City Police Officer Lee Newbill was killed just last year as local officers gathered in Twin Falls for the annual National Police Week event. Loeb told this year's gathering of nearly 100 cops and community members.

But the week of police commemoration isn't just about those who have died — it's also to honor working law enforcement officers across America.

"They worry about crimes they've solved ... The victims they've seen," said Loeb, citing stress he's observed from officers he works with.

There are also police officers whose lives have been intensely altered by their jobs, such as paralyzed Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn.

Last July, 25-year-old Adam Mowser was sentenced to 30 years in prison for shooting Glenn following a traffic stop south of Twin Falls. Saturday, Glenn's name was honored by Loeb and other area law enforcement officers.

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## Two Dems square off in race for Craig's seat

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

For almost a year, the Democratic nomination in Idaho's U.S. Senate race looked to be locked up by Larry LaRocco.

But the last couple of months have found him sparring with David J. Archuleta, a tribal court advocate from Fort Hall who says he's running to offer voters a choice. He said he



Archuleta



LaRocco

hears Democrats fear that LaRocco will "take my guns away."

chance: He served two terms in Congress," said Archuleta. "The criticism that I'm taking voter away ... you're damn right I am. And I have every right as an American to do that."

The two face off May 27 in

the primary election for the nomination in the race for the seat held by Larry Craig. LaRocco has campaigned since April 2007, but political experts have said state

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## Filer calls off school board election

Gailey, Williams unopposed in bids for 2 seats

By John E. Swayze  
Correspondent

**FILER** — A Filer School Board election initially scheduled for Tuesday has been cancelled. As a result, the district will issue certificates of election.

Lack of applicants for two seats on the school board has left incumbent Zone 3 representative Shirley Gailey and new Zone 5 Hollister trustee Aaron Williams unopposed in their bids to serve three-year terms.

Shirley Gailey, 59, said she feels that even with a 10-year tenure she continues to learn the ropes and wants to see district improvement projects completed.

"When I first started out I was green as grass, but after serving with two superintendents and other board members I have to say everyone's been patient," she said. "With passage of the recent bond levy" and a tremendous growth in technology needs, I want to see our building project to completion and assure the district maintains high education standards."

Changes brought on by the federal mandates in the No Child Left Behind Act along with a greater emphasis on reading skills and testing in the lower grades are things she sees as having a positive impact on the quality of education.

"These force us to focus on areas that need improvement," Gailey said. Earlier this month, voters approved a \$16.4 million bond to construct an intermediate school, increase classroom space at the high school, make repairs at both district elementary schools and improve sports facilities.

"I think that for the age of most of our buildings, except for the high school, the district has taken good care of them," Gailey said. "A lot of people like to send their kids to a smaller

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Sam Arge

HAGERMAN — Sam Arge, 88, of Roseville, Calif., died Oct. 20, 2007. Sam is the husband of...

Dennis Eugene Hansen

Dennis Eugene Hansen, 68, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, May 16, 2008, at his home.



Dennis was born April 4, 1940, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Raymond and Laverne (Valdez) Hansen. At the age of 10, he moved with his family to Albuquerque, N.M., where he attended school and graduated from Albuquerque High School in 1958.

Dennis was a loving husband and father and grandfather and loved spending time with his family and friends especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed old cars and was an original member of the Rickshaws Club in Albuquerque. Dennis liked to play golf, watch racing,

travel and be outdoors. Dennis was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Laurie; two daughters, Connie (Jim) Romero of Albuquerque, N.M., Elissa (Jose) Vargas of Kelzer, Ore.; two sons, Dennis R. Hansen of Twin Falls and Steven (Jamie) Hansen of Boise, Idaho; and by seven grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 23, at the Hagerman Cemetery.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters, Peggy (Richard) Montgomery, Linda King, Yvonne (Lou) Gibney and Caroline (Jack) McClosky, all of Albuquerque, N.M. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters, Peggy (Richard) Montgomery, Linda King, Yvonne (Lou) Gibney and Caroline (Jack) McClosky, all of Albuquerque, N.M. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters, Peggy (Richard) Montgomery, Linda King, Yvonne (Lou) Gibney and Caroline (Jack) McClosky, all of Albuquerque, N.M.

Larry J. Selaya

SPOKANE, Wash. — Larry J. Selaya, age 81, passed away May 13, 2008, in Spokane, Wash. Larry was born July 17, 1926, in Hallett, Idaho.



He is survived by three daughters, Benita Selaya of Clarkdale, Ariz., Annett Maus of Spokane, Wash., and Susan (Dick) Bagley of Meridian, Idaho; sister, Jesse (John) Beitia of Caldwell, Idaho; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and seven nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his wife, Helen; one sister, Juanita; one brother, Frank; and his parents, Lorenzo and Benita.

Larry's parents were bona fide immigrants who spoke and had fluency in Spanish for sheepherders. After his formal education, Mr. Selaya served in Japan during the

Korean War in the U.S. Army. He worked for Sears for nearly 50 years. He managed different departments in Twin Falls, Idaho Falls and Spokane, Wash. He retired from Sears in 1991.

Larry will be remembered as a storyteller who enjoyed spending time with his family and especially children. Larry enjoyed sports and golfing. He had a deep love for his Roman Catholic faith. Larry will be remembered as a very kind person. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 20, at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 3624 W. Indian Street, Spokane, Wash. A graveside service will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, 7200 N. Wall in Spokane, Wash. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home in Spokane.

Jesse Neil Simpson Jr.

HAZLETON — Jesse Neil Simpson Jr. lost his battle with cancer May 13, 2008, in Gainesville, Texas. At his side was his girlfriend, Kristy Harder.



Jesse was born in Texas on Nov. 13, 1972. Jesse grew up in the Magic Valley, attending school in Murtaugh and finishing his high school career at Valley High School, where he loved and starred in all sports. Jesse's friends know he had a heart as big as Texas, as well as a passion for the Dallas Cowboys, playing football, softball, golf and camping, as well as a very competitive video game junkie.

Jesse is a veteran of the United States Army, where he was active duty as a staff sergeant. He met his former wife while stationed in

Germany and they were blessed with the three young boys, the true apple of Jesse's eye.

After his discharge from the Army, Jesse returned to Magic Valley, where he resided in Eden while working at Wood Logistics in Jerome.

Jesse was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Simpson Sr. Jesse is survived by his grandmother, Donna Bass; mother, Valerie; brother, Robert Dyer; sister, Kimberly Dyer; and his three sons, Cameron, Cade and Cory Simpson.

Jesse was laid to rest Thursday, May 15, near his family in Texas. All friends are invited to a local memorial and celebration of Jesse's life at 2 p.m. Monday, May 26, at Wilson Lake in Hazleton. Any questions, feel free to contact Chuck at 308-4640 or Chris at 280-3053.

Edward LeGrande Nelson

MESA, Ariz. — Edward LeGrande Nelson of Mesa, Ariz., passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in Mesa, Ariz. He was 88.

Mr. Nelson was born Sept. 15, 1919, in St. George, Utah. He was the 10th of 11 children of Aaron Alma and Rosa R. Nelson.

A certified public accountant and resident of Twin Falls, Idaho, for 47 years, Mr. Nelson built a reputation as an astute tax strategist and client advocate. Throughout his life, his interests were diverse and many.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, antique and art collector, musician, and great supporter of all of his family's many activities.

Mr. Nelson is survived by his wife of 67 years, Alice Thompson Nelson; son, Larry (Lor) Nelson; daughters, Judy (Grant) Ward and Shari (Curt) Darrow; brother, Milton R. Nelson; 16 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

The funeral for Mr. Nelson will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 19, in St. George, Utah.

Thomas A. Carreras

Thomas A. Carreras had his daughter, Debbie, his son-in-law, Bill; and his loving wife for almost 35 years, Peggy, at his side when he went to be with his daughter, Alberta May; his mother, Aurelia; his father, Carlos; his brother, Raymond; and the Lord on May 15, 2008, at 4 p.m. in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Tom was born in Farmers Spur, Colo., on March 4, 1931. The family moved to Penryn, Calif., in 1942. They lived in and around Penryn until they moved to Rocklin in 1960. He married his first wife, Alberta, on May 10, 1954. They had four children, Barbara, Debbie, Diane and Alberta May. He married his second wife, Peggy Lyn, on July 20,

1973. Peggy had two children, Holly and Jimmy. After they married, Tom legally adopted Holly and Jimmy. He graduated from Placer Union High School, he was umpire and chief of the Bobby Socks, he drove hard top cars at the racetracks in West Sacramento and Roseville, he was governor of the Moose Lodge in Roseville, and he was a member of the board at the hospital in Lovelock, Nev. Tom was retired after working 40 years at the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Tom is survived by four daughters, Barbara, Debbie, Diane and Holly; one son, Jimmy; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; four sisters, many nieces and nephews and wonderful sons-in-law, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. He is also survived by his loving and adoring little Nikki.

Shawna Marie Luvena Pagan

Shawna Marie Luvena Pagan, 17, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2008, at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Shawna was born July 20, 1990, in Twin Falls, Idaho. When she was 10 years old, she became part of the Pagan family. Don and Lynn Pagan adopted Shawna and her older brother, Donnie. The Pagan family readily accepted Shawna and the family and she joined her older sisters, Abigail and Cassandra.

Shawna faced many challenges and obstacles in her life and met and surpassed the limitations of the medical community had set. Shawna was a storyteller with her love, laughter and giggles. She did have trying times but she weathered them and moved forward.

Shawna will be greatly missed by those who called her daughter, her granddaughter, aunt and friend. Shawna was a special girl

who touched so many lives. Her smile could light up the world.

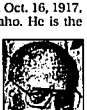
She is survived by her parents, Lynn and Fred (stepfather) Opdycke of Twin Falls; father, Don Pagan and Kathie Miles of Portland, Ore.; brother, Donnie Pagan of Twin Falls; sisters, Cassie Pagan of Carey, Idaho, and Abigail Stocking of Twin Falls; grandparents, Steve and Ethel Kame of Roseburg, Ore.; special friend, Emil Sumpman; four nephews; three nieces and lots of loving aunts and uncles.

Shawna attended The Center for Independent Living and the staff loved and cared for Shawna's special needs. The family would appreciate to thank the staff for enhancing and enriching her life. We know we will all greatly miss "our girl."

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 19, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Clifton Robinson Dixon

HEBER CITY, Utah — Clifton Robinson Dixon died May 15, 2008, at age 90, in Heber City, Utah.



He was born Oct. 16, 1917, in Manard, Idaho. He is the eldest son of Riley Clayton Dixon and Alva Retta Robinson. He served two years as a full-time missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the California Mission. He graduated from Utah State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He married Thelda Thompson from Georgetown, Idaho, on June 12, 1944, in the Salt Lake Utah LDS Temple. As an active member of the Church of Christ served in numerous service and leadership positions. He and his wife, Thelda, served as senior missionaries in the Washington D.C. North Mission from 1993-1994. His interests included high school teacher and coach in Peoria, Ariz., and Salmon, Idaho, farming, chemical fer-

tilizer sales and service, bee keeping and custom meat processing at Gooding, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beth Cheney; and a daughter, Janice Dixon.

He is survived by his wife, Thelda Thompson, now living in Heber City, Utah; five married children, Dee (Cathie Hendrik) Dixon, Wilma (John) Cowley, Reese (Connie) Jones, Marvella (Steve) Edwards and Joel (Amy Durant) Dixon; and 22 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, plus one great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by his brother, Dwight Dixon, and sisters, Lois Bird, Dot Dahn and Del Ora Johnson.

The funeral, arranged by SereniCare, will be held at 11 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at The Church of Christ, 1000 E. Latter-day Saints Chapel, 114 S. 400 W. Ore, UT 84056. Viewings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 23, and at noon Saturday, May 24, at the same location. Clifton Robinson Dixon was laid to rest Thursday, May 22, at Elmwood Cemetery.

Marshall Eugene Kelly

BUHL — Marshall Eugene Kelly, 51, of Buhl, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2008, in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Marshall was born Dec. 17, 1956, in Stillwater, Okla., to Charles Gray Kelly and Meja Golden Kelly, and attended school in Peoria, Okla. Marshall married Lucy Jordan in 1983, and they were later divorced. He came to Idaho in 1986 with his family and made Buhl his home. He worked at Clear Springs Food until his illness made working impossible. He loved dogs and always had one as a companion. He enjoyed

restoring old vehicles and good old-fashioned country western music.

He is survived by his son, Charles Kelly of Kimberly, Idaho; and five brothers and sisters: Oliver (Linda) Crews and Mike (Linda) Kelly, both of Hutchinson, Kan., and Michelle (Paul) Brown, Linda (Larry) Kinnaman and Shelia (Frank) Julian, all of Stillwater, Okla. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held for Marshall at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 20, at Eastland LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Parish officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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Causby Kenneth (C.K.) Hayhurst

JEROME — Causby Kenneth (C.K.) Hayhurst, 91, of Jerome, died Wednesday May 14, 2008.

He was born Feb. 7, 1917, in Carroll County, Ark., the son of Onie Rado and Nancy Ellen Hayhurst. He married Mildred Hammond on June 12, 1937, in Arkansas. They moved to Idaho to make their home in 1946.

Causby is survived by two sons, Bryan K. Hayhurst (Linda) and James Kelly Hayhurst; four grandchildren, Steven, Kelli Lei, Amy and Todd; nine great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; four great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Hattie Ellen and Wanda Rita; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Causby was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred; a son, Shelby Rex; a daughter, Judith Carol; his parents; three sisters, Arlie Marie, Beulah May and Locke Anne; and one brother, Carroll Clifton.

Causby was a lifelong, dedicated, faithful member of the Church of Christ Memorial gifts in memory of Causby K. Hayhurst may be made to the building fund of the Kimberly Church of Christ, P.O. Box 830, Kimberly, ID 83341. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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# Lights-out 'Earth Hour' more showy than effective

By Shankar Vedantam  
The Washington Post

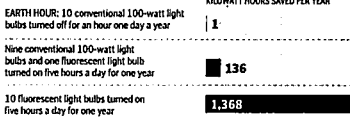
WASHINGTON — In March of last year, the World Wildlife Fund in Australia teamed up with Leo Burnett, the multinational advertising agency that created the Marlboro Man, to come up with a new environmental campaign called Earth Hour. The idea was to get 2 million residents in Sydney to turn off all the lights in their homes for one hour. The campaign generated wide publicity, but the energy saved was small — the equivalent of taking about five cars off the city's roads for a year.

This year, Earth Hour expanded to dozens of cities around the world. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, the Sears Tower in Chicago and the Empire State Building in New York were among the U.S. landmarks that went dark. Many corporations signed on to burnish their green credentials. A bar in Phoenix served a drink called an ecoloni — organic vodka, green tea and an edible orchid. But if everyone who participated in Earth Hour and left their lights on and instead switched to mundane, high-efficiency compact fluorescent bulbs, simple calculations show, it might have saved 1,368 times as much energy, because the bulbs would have saved energy all year.

Such tension between substance and symbolism runs through the modern environmental movement. After years of conflict with climate-change deniers and a White House that has resisted mandatory efforts to address global warming, the movement has become a crusade that is partly moral statement and partly fashion statement.

## Switching Off or Switching Bulbs

An estimated 36 million Americans turned off their lights for Earth Hour this year. This chart shows how much energy they would have saved if they had switched to high-efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs instead.



NOTE: Assumptions are that each household has 10 100-watt light bulbs and that a fluorescent light bulb uses 23 percent of the energy of a conventional bulb.

Earth Hour, Earth Day and the Miss Earth beauty pageant — "saving the planet, one pageant at a time" — generate lots of publicity, but they also tend to prompt people and companies to choose what looks good over what works.

Severin Bornstein, director of the University of California's Energy Institute, which studies ways to save energy and address climate change, said it is hard to persuade people to do things that yield the biggest energy savings, and not necessarily the biggest returns in self-satisfaction.

"It is very difficult to get people to invest in home insulation and energy efficiency, which are much more effective than putting solar panels on your roof," he said. "Solar panels are popular because you can see you are doing something — and your neighbors can see it, too."

Leslie Ann, vice president for public relations at the World Wildlife Fund and the person with overall responsibility for running Earth Hour in the United States, agreed that getting people to turn off their lights for an hour has no discernible effect on the climate. What the event does,

she said, is give neighbors an opportunity to share candlelit dinners, encourage churches to hold services about the environment and spur schoolchildren to start family conversations about what they have learned about climate change.

Photos of darkened cities raise the visibility of environmental issues and make people feel empowered, Ann said. Campaigns that raise awareness through symbolic acts of personal sacrifice, she added, are not at odds with programs that produce tangible savings.


"You are not going to get people to change what people do by engaging their heads; you have to engage their hearts," she said. "You need symbols to spur action. You are not going to get people to take action unless you get them to care about the issue. You are not going to do that by pulling out the U.N. report on blah, blah, blah."

Ann stressed that the World Wildlife Fund wants to use the momentum generated by Earth Hour to advance its scientific and policy goals. And the organization handed out 1 million high-efficiency light bulbs during the event.

"You are not going to get people to change what people do by engaging their heads; you have to engage their hearts," — Leslie Ann, vice president for public relations at the World Wildlife Fund.

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## AROUND THE NATION

### LOUISIANA Train derailment, acid leak forces evacuation

LAFAYETTE — Six freight train cars derailed early Saturday, including one that began leaking hydrochloric acid, causing thousands of people to evacuate homes, businesses and two nursing homes within one mile of the wreck.

The spilled acid sent a toxic cloud over the area, and at least five people, including two railroad workers, were taken to a hospital and treated after complaining of skin and eye irritation, said Lafayette Parish sheriff's Lt. Craig Stansbury.

Acadian Ambulance official Clay Henry said 20 bed-bound residents of the Our Lady of the Oaks nursing home were taken to hospital.

### MARYLAND Former news exec, 35, picked to lead NAACP

BALTIMORE — The NAACP chose 35-year-old activist and former news executive Ben Jealous as its president Saturday, making him the youngest leader in the 99-year history of the nation's largest civil rights organization.

The 64-member board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People met for eight hours before selecting Jealous in the early morning. He was formally introduced Saturday afternoon and will take over as president in September.

### CALIFORNIA Police: Gunman wounds three outside church

LOS ANGELES — A man with a semiautomatic rifle opened fire at a festival outside a Southern California church Saturday, wounding three people, one of them critically, police said.

Shots rang out shortly before 11 a.m. outside St. John Baptist de la Salle, a Roman Catholic church in Granada Hills. Officer Norma Eisenman said. Bystanders tackled the man and held him until he was taken into police custody, she said.

"He was tackled by an off-duty Burbank police officer" and taken into custody by Los Angeles police, she said. The gunman wounded three people, including a female who was shot in the elbow, Eisenman said. Two people were taken to a hospital in stable condition and one was in critical condition. — The Associated Press

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# The fear of war is in the streets

By Alan Ibrahim  
Special to  
The Washington Post

BEIRUT, Lebanon — I read the newspaper headline: "One last chance for a settlement, or chaos." If this country of madness is not wrapped up in the coming hours, it's probably going to mean Lebanon's new civil war is starting.

Then a smaller headline catches my eye, accompanied by a picture of a young smiling couple. The engagement of Jad and Ruba, aborted by sectarian barricades. Page 4. I turn to the page. Instead of a bigger picture of Jad and Ruba, I face a picture of a masked gunman, with a caption "No room for love here."

For days, I've been wanting to weep and now, in my hotel restaurant, I read the story of Jad and Ruba; and I cry.

Yes, I am living in a hotel, three miles away from my own house. My daughters? I've sent them away, to my parents, in another city. It's safer there. My life? I lost it somewhere between the two cities.

It all feels so surreal. To discover one night that war could be so close. That it could happen today, in your own neighborhood. To stay awake all night because of the sound of gunfire, right in your own neighborhood.

To leave your house in the morning and find five armed masked men, with black stem eyes standing at your door. You don't recognize them, but they're probably

guys you've smiled at a million times.

It is not amusing when you drive along the main shopping street in Beirut and find a closed Starbucks cafe occupied by armed people sitting around with their rifles and RPGs.

It's weird when you have to stop at a checkpoint and give your ID to a boy hardly past puberty, dying to use his gun.

Feeling threatened, not by random coincidence, but because of who you are — because of your sect, or profession, or political opinions — is such a suffocating feeling.

It's traumatizing, when you see the rings in the middle of the night and a man named Ibrahim, calling from an unknown number, tells you that news coverage from the satellite TV station where you use a correspondent is a little bit too much, and that you should be careful. It's weird when you ask his name and he says, "That's not important. What's important is that you be careful." It's terrifying when you are outside Beirut and people from your office tell you not to come near the city, that if you decide to come anyway your security is your own responsibility. I don't even know what that means.

It's not funny when you call the army and ask for protection and they're told that it's not the army's job to protect you, that maybe lowering the tone of your TV coverage could protect you. It is not funny when you keep getting phone calls from people, known and unknown (I really have no idea where everybody is getting my phone number), telling you to be careful, that nothing is worth it, and so you wake up your husband in the middle of the night and tell him you want to go to a hotel.

# High-level Lebanese talks held in Qatar

By Haseeb Dukron  
Associated Press writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon's ruling coalition demanded Saturday that talks to end the country's 18-month-old political crisis tackle the issue of Hezbollah weapons, a demand the militant group rejected.

Hezbollah insisted the group's arsenal remain untouched, saying it was necessary for fighting Israel. Lebanese media reported on the first day of the negotiations in Qatar on forming a unity government and electing a president after the country's worst violence since the 1975-1990 civil war.

The two sides flew to Qatar's capital, Doha, following a deal mediated by the Arab League that brought an end to a week of violence. The deal called for an agreement that the talks would lead to the election of compromise candidate Army Chief Gen. Michel Suleiman as president.

President Bush said the country had reached a "defining moment."

The weapons demand was seen as an attempt by Prime Minister Fuad al-Sani's side to guarantee that Hezbollah would talk to the streets again as it did when it overran

Sunni Muslim West Beirut in clashes left 67 people dead and wounded more than 200.

"This is a defining moment," Bush said after a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Egypt. "It is a moment that requires us to stand strongly with the Saniora government and to support the Saniora government."

Lebanon's official National News Agency said the Qatar talks became tense when parliament majority leader Saad Hariri, a Sunni, and hardline pro-government Christian politician Samir Geagea brought up the issue of Hezbollah's weapons.

Geagea, who warned Hezbollah that Doha talks would fall if the Shiite Islamist group sticks to keeping its weapons.

The private LBC Television said the feuding sides engaged in "heated discussions" over the subject, which took up most of the morning session.

Lawmaker Mohammed Raad, who heads Hezbollah's delegation in Qatar, defended the group keeping its arsenal, saying the weapons were meant to fight against Israel and "must not be touched," according to LBC.

Lebanon has had no president since pro-Syrian Emile

Lahoud's term ended in November.

The violence last week was triggered by government measures to rein in Hezbollah. The violence eventually forced the government to revoke the measures, giving Hezbollah an upper hand in its standoff with the government.

Subsequently, Qatari host

Prime Minister Sheik Hamad bin Jasssem al-Thani asked the two sides to stick for now to discussions on a national unity government. According to NNA, they set up a four-party committee to draft a new election law.

Associated Press Writer Zeina Karam contributed to this report from Beirut.

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### PAKISTAN Militants free Pakistan's envoy to Afghanistan

PESHAWAR — Taliban militants on Saturday released Pakistan's ambassador to Afghanistan, three months after the envoy was seized in the tribal lands near the Afghan border.

The release of Tariq Azizuddin was a late sign of a growing rapprochement between the Pakistani government and militants in the tribal areas. In recent days, the two sides have carried out prisoner swaps and the Pakistani military has been thinning out its troops in the border zone.

The Bush administration and NATO have expressed concern at the prospect of an accord between the new government and the militants, saying such a truce could lead to an upsurge in attacks against Western troops in Afghanistan. In the past, militants have used peace accords to regroup and rear.

The 41-militant whose release was confirmed by Pakistan's Foreign Ministry, was reported to be in good health. The ministry gave no further details.

Azizuddin, 56, had disappeared Feb. 11 as he was traveling from the frontier city of Peshawar toward the Afghan border. It was believed that his initial captors were a criminal gang operating in the Khyber tribal area, which includes part of the historic Khyber Pass. The area is rife

with drug smuggling and arms-running.

At some point, Azizzuddin apparently was handed over to Taliban-allied militants, according to Pakistani officials familiar with the case.

### IRAQ Iraq detains 1,000 in al-Qaida crackdown

BAGHDAD (AP) — Nearly 1,000 people have been detained in a sweep to break al-Qaida in Iraq's sway in Iraq's third largest city, Mosul, but many of the fighters have fled to nearby areas, where troops are hunting for them, Iraqi officials said Saturday.

Iraq's leaders presented the crackdown as a success so far in depriving the terror network of what has been its most prominent urban stronghold since it lost hold of cities in Iraq's western Anbar province.

But the flight of al-Qaida fighters raises the concern they can regroup elsewhere, as has often happened in the past.

Yassin Majid, an adviser to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, said most of the leading insurgents had fled to the outskirts of Mosul or to a neighboring country amid the operations. He did not name the neighboring country. Mosul is about 60 miles from

the Syrian and Turkish borders.

"Operations will continue and the Iraqi army will not leave Mosul until security and stability have been accomplished," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

### EGYPT Bush says Saudi oil boost doesn't solve U.S. problem

SHARM EL-SHEIKH — President Bush said Saudi Arabia's small increase in oil production will not solve soaring U.S. fuel prices, but he defended the wealthy kingdom Saturday against American lawmakers "screaming the loudest" for Riyadh to open its spigots.

Bush said he was "absolutely committed" to reaching an Israeli-Palestinian agreement by the end of his presidency next January. But there was no sign during Bush's five-day MidEast trip that the two sides are moving closer toward an accord.

"It breaks my heart to see

the vast potential of the Palestinian people really wasted," Bush said. Pledging the creation of an independent homeland, Bush said "it'll be an opportunity to end the suffering that takes place in the Palestinian territories."

With Israel's occupation of Arab lands captured in the 1967 Mideast war entering its fifth decade, most Palestinians live in dire poverty.

On the last stop of his travels, Bush held a rapid-fire series of diplomatic meetings at this posh Red Sea resort, famous for its brilliantly clear waters and sea-snorkeling reef. After talks with Mubarak, Bush saw Afghan President Hamid Karzai and had dinner with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. On Sunday, he will confer with the leaders of Pakistan, Jordan, Iraq. He said early meeting advances prospects for peace.

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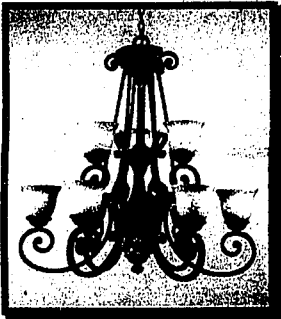


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## Bruin softball settles for second-best

By David Bashore  
Staff writer

IDAHO FALLS — Twin Falls proved that Friday's 7-0 loss to Eagle was a fluke. But in the end, Eagle was still just a little bit better.

After the final, perhaps best, episode of the Amber Petersen show in an 8-0 win over Timberline to clinch a berth in the Class 5A state championship game, the Bruins gave Eagle an early lead and couldn't come back as the Mustangs won the softball crown with a 3-1 win at Community Park on Saturday afternoon.

Much like Friday's bump in an

otherwise relatively smooth play-off road, Twin Falls (28-3) conceded three runs in the first inning courtesy of some mistakes. But unlike Friday, the Bruins refused to capitulate further.

And that was something that the team could sit well with, having proven it was better than being blown out.

"They didn't fold up, they kept battling and that was the impressive part," said Twin Falls coach Ken Johnson. "We had a great year, and this was the best season for any Twin Falls softball team ever, so I couldn't be more proud to be associated with these girls."

As in Friday's game, the difference between the two teams fell largely in execution of the little things, as well as a break or two that went the champion Mustangs' way.

But with Joni Cook fanning 15 batters and facing just two more batters than the minimum, the Bruins knew saying Eagle got lucky would be more than a bit inaccurate.

"Joni's a great pitcher and she's been the force for that team all year," Petersen said. "So while I could say (that there was a bit of luck involved), they didn't win because of luck."

Despite the loss, Twin Falls heads back to the Magic Valley

with the second-place trophy — the first softball hardware in the program's history.

And for outgoing seniors Petersen, Kelli Roemer, Sami Spencer and Alyssa Matsuoka, there's an immense pride in leaving the program in a better position than the one in which they entered it.

"We came to compete with the best. It feels good to have some so close (to winning it all), but as a senior it's bittersweet that it's all over," Roemer said. "It's a great feeling just to have gotten this far. We've earned everything we got this year."

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## 5A STATE GOLF



Hannah McNeley watches the ball Saturday as she plays the No. 18 hole during the Class 5A state golf championship at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

## T.F. girls win another title

By Mike Christensen  
Staff writer

This is almost becoming old hat. When the official scores were finally posted on the big scoreboard just off of the No. 18 green, a smattering of applause came from the crowd of onlookers. There were no shouts of joy, no fist pumping, no jumping up and down.

For the Twin Falls girls, this is just how it is. The Bruins won their seventh Class 5A state golf championship in the last nine years on Saturday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, beating out second-place Caldwell by 21 strokes.

While Twin Falls won by a comfortable margin, a struggle on the front nine allowed Caldwell to inch closer for a while. But the Bruins found their game down the stretch.

"I got scared, nervous," said junior Hannah McNeley, who opened with an 8 on the first hole before settling down to shoot a 76 and finish fourth overall individually. "But we all came back and come through on the back nine."

While McNeley had hopes of winning medalist honors, that reward went to Caldwell's Trish Gibbons, who shot a two-day 149. "I can't be that disappointed after such a poor start," said McNeley.

Sara Federico shot a Day 2 score of 74 to lead the Bruins. She finished third individually. A three-putt on No. 18 frustrated her, but she said, "I played a good round."

Sophomore Allison Federico followed her opening 78 with an 85. "Last year I didn't contribute as a freshman, but now I did contribute," she said. "I'm glad I've improved."

Making her state debut, sophomore Arika Jones carded a two-day 171.

"It's just feels really good to win on my first trip to state," said Jones.

"It's a feeling she should probably get used to."

### EAGLE BOYS EDGE CENTENNIAL; BRUIN BOYS FINISH THIRD

Once again, the members of the Twin Falls boys golf team gathered near the No. 18 green as the team's No. 1 golfer, Jordan Hamblin, made his way down the final fairway with the 5A state golf championship on the line.

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Buhl pitcher Leslie Hunter celebrates after throwing the final strike against Kimberly to win the Class 3A state softball championship Saturday in Coeur d'Alene.

# TRIBE'S TRIUMPH

## Buhl beats rival Kimberly for 3A softball crown

By Mike Saunders  
Correspondent

COEUR D'ALENE — Buhl saved the best for last against Kimberly in an all-Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference championship Saturday at the Class 3A state softball tournament at Ramsey Park.

The Indians entered the day as the tourney's sole unbeaten team, but were winless in six games against the Bulldogs this season.

So it came as no surprise when Kimberly, behind a 12-strikeout performance from freshman ace Nellie Makings, knocked off the Indians 4-0 to force a second,

winner-take-all contest.

But it was there that Buhl, on the strength of a four RBIs from freshman left fielder Katherine Hunter, finally got it done against the Bulldogs, jumping on top early and cruising to a 5-1 victory that came with a big, shiny championship trophy.

Hunter, who followed up a two-run double in the first inning with a two-run homer over the left-center field fence in the third, was all smiles after the silly-string-strewn celebration that followed the win.

"It's so awesome to make it to the state championship game in the first place," Hunter said. "And then to have it be them that we're

facing — a team that has forced us to play better and be better all year long — makes it even more special.

"It's just a great feeling." Buhl ace Leslie Hunter, who went 3-for-3 with a double, scored twice and held Kimberly to just five hits in the second title game, described the pressure of needing a win against a team that has beaten you five times in a row.

"They've always been our biggest rival, and we've always wanted to beat them," Leslie Hunter said. "It was going to tough. We knew that, so we knew we had to play a perfect game. "And finally we did."

In the first championship game, with Makings dominating on the mound, the Bulldogs got all the offense they would need in the fourth inning on a two-run triple by sophomore shortstop Alex Pfefferle.

Kimberly coach Rich Bishop said the extra games on Friday and Saturday combined with the sudden heat wave of 85-degree-plus weather may have taken a toll by the time the second championship game rolled around.

Playing six games in two days, and seven overall at state, Makings set 3A tournament records for most strikeouts (66) and most shutouts (three), while tying the marks for most games and most innings pitched.

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## Bruins take home consolation crown

By John Derr  
Staff writer

BOISE — It was a nice way to go out.

Nine seniors ended their Twin Falls baseball careers Saturday with a victory.

It came down to a pair of throwing errors, which Twin Falls got the better of to bring home the Class 5A state consolation trophy with a 4-3 win over Eagle.

"Our goal was the state championship. After we couldn't get that we had to regroup our mindset to winning the consolation cham-

pionship. And we did," said Kasey Jeroue.

After two scoreless innings Twin Falls threatened in the third. Connor Bennett and Braden Box walked, while Connor Watkins laid down the perfect bunt to load the bases with one out. Box had the Bruins' only hit of the game, an infield grounder in the first at bat.

Remington Pullin's walk brought home the first run then a fly-out made it two outs. Jeroue's grounder to third turned out to be a big-

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Minico's Landon Barnes (1) is surrounded by teammates after his game-winning RBI single in a 7-6 win over Wood River at the Class 4A state baseball tournament in Nampa.

## Barnes, Minico top Wood River for 3rd

By Zach Kyle  
Staff writer

NAMPA — For the second time in the Class 4A state tournament, the Minico Spartans came from behind in the bottom of the seventh to steal a one-run win.

Facing Great Basin West rival Wood River, Landon Barnes' RBI single brought home Bubba Christiansen and secured the third-place trophy with a 7-6 win at Rodeo Park in Nampa.

Barnes, a junior, said he was happy to help the Minico seniors win their last game.

"I ended up making the last out yesterday, and I didn't want to do it again," Barnes said. "I've had a lot of success against Patterson. I wanted to do our seniors a favor. They've been there for me since I was a freshman."

Easy wins haven't been forthcoming for any team in the tournament. Wood River pitcher Pat Patterson, who threw 110 pitches in a complete game shutout against Lakeland on Thursday, threw 140 pitches against Minico and pitched to every batter.

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# Kahne gambles to win NASCAR's All-Star race

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Kasey Kahne technically wasn't eligible to run the All-Star race. He didn't let that stop him from stealing the \$1 million prize.

Kahne earned his berth in Saturday night's show not through accomplishment on the track, but in a popularity contest that permitted one driver voted on by the fans to compete in the main event.

It gave Kahne a chance to run in the 100-lap shootout, which was intermittently dominated by Kyle Busch, Greg Biffle and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

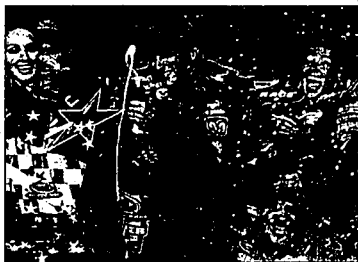
With a gamble on the final pit stop, Kahne put the field in his rearview mirror to become the first driver ever voted in by the fans to win, and just the third driver in All-Star history to advance from the preliminary race and claim the final trophy at

Lowe's Motor Speedway. "I thank them so much. I can't believe it. The car was mediocre in the open and the fans voted me in," said Kahne, who finished fifth in the Sprint Showdown.

Kahne didn't take tires to advance his position and restart in second when the final 25-lap segment began. Biffle, who had led the final 11 laps of the third segment, took two tires and was mired back in traffic on the restart.

Biffle never got a chance to run down Kahne, who sidled past leader Jimmie Johnson to lead the final 17 laps and claim the victory and credit crew chief Kenny Francis with the winning pit strategy.

"We took our time, got in the right place and Kenny made the right call of no tires at the end," Kahne said. "I didn't think we needed them. The car was exceptional. I



Kasey Kahne, center, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Saturday.

was just raking sure I didn't make any stupid mistakes and lose the race." Biffle finished second and was surprised his two-tire

stop lost him the race. "We put two tires on, he said he didn't change anything. We'll have to see if (Kahne's) got a little mouse in

the bag," Biffle said. "In the end, I thought I was going to be just easy, a Saturday night drive. It's kind of crazy to think if I had just stayed out ... I would have won. But I thought two tires was the call."

Matt Kenseth was third and Johnson and Tony Stewart rounded out the top five.

Ryan Newman, who in 2002 was the last driver to advance from the preliminary race to win the main event, finished sixth. He was followed by teammate Sam Hornish Jr., who finished second in the Sprint Showdown to make the race.

Earnhardt Jr. faded to eighth after leading 14 laps in the third segment and was followed by Mark Martin and Greg Edwards, who was picked by track president and master prognosticator Humpty Wheeler to win

Saturday's race. Busch started from the pole led 38 laps of the first 50 laps and seemed to be in cruise control as he easily won the first 25-lap segment and pulled out to a controlling lead in the second. Out to a lead of almost 2 seconds, his engine began to sputter and Busch nudged the words his Joe Gibbs Racing team didn't want to hear.

"Motor's gone, dude," Busch said. "I dropped a cylinder. You want me to turn it off?"

"Just get us to the intermission, we'll work on it, then," crew chief Steve Addington replied.

Edwards passed Busch for the lead moments later, and he dropped to third two laps later when Earnhardt Jr. moved past him.

"Sorry, dude," Addington said. "We went for it."

## 133RD PREAKNESS

# Big Brown cruises to victory

BALTIMORE (AP) — Not once but twice, jockey Kent Desormeaux sneaked a peek to see if anyone was gaining on Big Brown.

"I looked between my legs, under my arms, and they were eight (lengths) behind me," Desormeaux said. "I stopped pushing. I said, 'That's enough.'"

His big bay colt ran away with the Preakness on Saturday and now is pointed squarely down the path toward the Triple Crown.

The 3-year-old with the perfect record heads for the Belmont Stakes in three weeks as the fourth horse this decade to try for the triple, a sweep last accomplished by Affirmed in 1978. The last to try was Smarty Jones in 2004.

"Wow is all I can say," Steve Cauthen, who rode Affirmed, said by telephone from Kentucky. "He looks pretty special. It was like a cakewalk for him. The important thing to me is he keeps passing all the tests."

Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr., who called his shot at both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness, sounded nearly as confident after Big Brown came back full of run after putting away the field of 11 with ease.

"I know we have horse left. There is no question," Dutrow said.

"He's just shown up every step, every way," he added. "I just can't imagine him not showing up for the Belmont."

As he did two weeks ago in a Kentucky Derby marred by the breakdown of Eight Belles, the colt named by UPS delivered another stunning win, this time by 5 1/2 lengths. Macho Again was second and Icebad Crane was third.

"We just got beat by a monster," said Julien



Big Brown ridden by Kent Desormeaux crosses the finish line to win the 133rd Preakness horse race at Pimlico Race Course, Saturday in Baltimore.

Leparoux, who was aboard Macho Again.

Big Brown slipped a bit while breaking from the middle of an undistinguished pack and Desormeaux took him off the pace in front of 112,222 fans.

"He's so strong, he powered out with his back legs and they just slipped and he was standing out in the same spot," Desormeaux said. "It actually was his second push that let him out of the gate."

Big Brown was fourth the first time past the grandstand behind pacesetter Gaygo. He moved up to third on the first turn, where he stayed all the way down

the backstretch.

"My whole job in that first half-mile was to keep his face clean," Desormeaux said. "There's not a grain of sand on most of his body."

The decisive moment came just before the final turn, when Desormeaux angled Big Brown out three-wide for clear running. As he hit the top of the stretch, Desormeaux simply crossed the reins to let Big Brown know it was time to take off.

He didn't even need the whip, which he initially left behind in the jockey's room. He could have saved himself the trip back to get it. His horse covered 1 3/16 miles

in 1:54.80.

"This is the best horse I've ever ridden," Desormeaux said.

That's saying something. In 1990, the jockey rode Real Quiet to wins in the Derby and Preakness only to be denied Triple Crown immortality when Victory Gallop stuck his nose in front at the wire in the Belmont. The final jewel is also the longest of the three races, a grueling 1 1/2 miles that proved the undoing of War Emblem in 2002, Funny Cide in 2003 and Smarty Jones the next year.

"We should have the horse to get the job done," Dutrow said.

## INDY 500

# Second-generation driver makes field

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — For Graham Rahal, driving in the Indianapolis 500 has been an almost lifelong ambition.

The son of 1986 Indy winner and IRL IndyCar Series team owner Bobby Rahal has been coming to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway since he was a small child, and he has visualized himself in a car on the famed 2 1/2-mile oval many, many times.

"It finally happened this year, thanks to the unification of the two American open-wheel series, and the 19-year-old Rahal has taken full advantage.

He was among 22 drivers who qualified Saturday, filling the 33-car field for the May 25 race.

"I really wanted to race here last year," said Rahal, who drove in the now-defunct Champ Car World Series in 2007 for eight-time champion Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing. "Last year, I was here with Carl (Haas) and Mike (Lanigan), up in Mike's suite. I was trying to convince them to run a car with my dad this year.

"It would be a joint venture. We would use my (crew) guys and my dad's cars."

Fortunately for Rahal, pursuing that deal became unnecessary when the unification was announced in January, putting all the top American open-wheel teams and drivers in one series.

"When the merger was announced, I was the happiest person," the youngster said. "I didn't know where we would stack up (with the IndyCar teams), but we knew it was going to be tough coming over to the IndyCar equipment versus what we had used in the past."

The teams transitioning from Champ Car, including

## Idaho's Hamilton qualifies at Indy

INDIANAPOLIS — Eagle resident Davey Hamilton qualified his No. 22 Hewitt-Packard/KR Vision entry for the Indy 500 in the 18th provisional position Saturday with a four-lap average of 222.07 miles per hour at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"You lay it on the line when you qualify," said Hamilton. "That's the four toughest laps in motorsports. I've qualified a lot of different stuff and there is nothing tougher than this."

Before qualifying, Hamilton had some major mechanical problems to deal with. Crew members from his teammates, Ed Carpenter and A.J. Foyt IV, hurried to get the car repaired before Hamilton was scheduled to qualify.

"Something in the gear box broke," he said, "and it tore the whole casing apart. Thank God for Carpenter's guys and Foyt's guys because they jumped in and took apart the whole back of the car and put another one back on. We didn't even have a chance to go on the setup pad. We put it in line and off we went."

Newman/Haas/Lanigan, found themselves way behind on the unfamiliar ovals. But Rahal won his first IRL race on the street circuit in St. Petersburg, Fla., becoming the youngest IndyCar winner in the series.

Now he is going to have a chance to race at Indy.

"We are going to keep learning," Rahal said after his solid qualifying run. "On any of the ovals, we are closer than we expected. There is still some work to do, but being we're so new to this, we are pretty happy with our pace."

## PRESIDENTS CUP SOCCER



The two-day Presidents Cup tournament, hosted by the Twin Falls Soccer Association and Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club kicked off Saturday at Sunway Soccer Complex. Pictured, Twin Falls Rapids player Brianna Conrad, left, intercepts an attempted pass by a Southworth United player with a hard return kick. The tourney concludes today.

# Ochoa way up on Sorenstam at Sybase

CLIFTON, N.J. — Lorena Ochoa said her own little goodbye to Annika Sorenstam.

The two-time defending champion shot a 5-under 67 and left the retiring Sorenstam in her wake after two rounds of the rain-shortened Sybase Classic on Saturday.

Ochoa will enter Sunday's final round of the now 54-hole tournament with a 9-under 135 total and a two-shot lead over third-year tour player Teresa Lu and veteran Sophie Gustafson. South Koreans H.J. Choi and Na Yeon Choi — no relation — are three behind.

Brittany Lang, was four back and Sorenstam, who announced Tuesday that this would be her final year on the LPGA Tour, was five behind after a 1-over 73 that included a double bogey after hitting a tree on a par 5, and a bogey on her final hole.

Ochoa, seeking her sixth win of the year, Ochoa has won 16 of 23 LPGA events in which she has taken the lead into the final round, including all five this year and six in a row dating to last year.

## Howell III leads AT&T Classic

DULUTH, Ga. — Charles Howell III shot a 5-under to take a one-stroke lead over Kenny Perry after



Lorena Ochoa of Mexico tees off on the 16th hole during the second round of the Sybase Classic at Upper Merionville Country Club in Clifton, N.J., Saturday.

the third round of the AT&T Classic. An Augusta native seeking his third PGA Tour victory and first since the 2007 Nissan Open, Howell had a 13-under 203 total at TPC Sugarloaf.

Perry shot a 69. David Tomis (69), Ryan Palmer (70) and second-round leader Jonathan Byrd (73) were two strokes back at 11 under. Ryuji Imada, second to Zach

Johnson in playoff last year, shot a 66 to tie Heath Slocum (69) or sixth and move within three shots of the lead.

## Bean holds Regions lead

HOOVER, Ala. — Andy Bean birdied the final hole to take a one-shot lead over Mike Goodes into the final round of the Champions Tour's Regions Charity Classic.

Bean capped a second-round 68 with a 15 1/2-foot birdie putt on the 7,396-yard Ross Bridge course on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, moving to 11 under.

Goodes shot a 69. Loren Roberts and Denis Watson were two strokes behind after closing the gap with birdieing 66s. Leading money winner Bernard Langer bogeyed the final hole for a 71 and was five shots off the lead, while two-time defending champion Brad Bryant (70) was nine shots behind.

## Dredge first at Irish Open

DUBLIN, Ireland — Wales' Bradley Dredge shot a 6-under 69 to take a one-stroke lead over England's Richard Finch after the third round of the Irish Open.











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**GENERAL**  
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, FOR THE GATEWAY WEST 230500 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN IDAHO AND WYOMING AND POSSIBLE LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENTS.

NOTICE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE
Notice is hereby given by the Glenns Ferry Highway District, 202 W 4th Street, Glenns Ferry, Idaho that on Thursday June 5, 2008, at 8:00 PM, there will be a sealed bid auction held for the following surplus equipment owned solely by the GFHD.

JUMBLE word game grid with words like INKIIB, INMAY, TEASTE, HUNCAL, GOTHET, VEEVOL.

Illustration of people playing Jumble and text: WHEN THEY FOUND EACH OTHER AT CHOIR PRACTICE, IT WAS...

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. The BLM can best use public input if comments and resource information are submitted by July 03, 2008.

Table with columns: VEHICLES, ITEMS AVAILABLE, SALE NO.
(1) 1997 Ford Tractor w/Tiger Mower Attachment 1
(2) 1992 Dodge K47 (Jeep) Truck 2
(3) 1998 M T Chevy Pickup Est. Cab 4x4 3
(4) 1998 Y T Chevy Pickup 4x4 4

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
(1) 11' Directional Snow Plow w/plastic Shuttle 5
(2) Snow Wing Bracket 7
(3) Fuel Pumps 110 Volts 6
(4) Grill Guards for Full Size Pickups 1980's 8abcd
(11) 12 x 20 Wheels with Tires (10 hole wheels) 8abc

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Find answers on page E12.

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(120) 4" x 14" x 22' 8 Bundles/16 per Bundle 17abcd
(20) 4" x 13" x 18' 2 Bundles/16 per Bundle 17abcd
(20) 3" x 12" x 15'9" Planks 19
(2) 6" x 15" x 15' Planks 20
(4) 6" x 15" x 18' Planks 21
(3) 6" x 15" x 23' Planks 22
(5) 8" x 21" x 27' Planks 23

PILE OF MISC PLANKS
(1) 3" 80' 10' Length 25
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(2) 2" 80' Elbows 29

Lost and Found: FOUND PEACOCK vicinity of Eastland and Orchard. Call 208-735-5930.

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Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Gateway West Project, P.O. Box 20879, Cheyenne, WY 82003

By order of the Glenns Ferry Highway District Commissioners this 10th day of April, 2008.
Glenns Ferry Highway District
Linda Jones - Office Manager

Lost and Found: LOST Pomeranian south of Jerome, Idaho, cream colored. Please call 324-5460

Child Care Services: In-Home Childcare Mon-Fri, 1CCP/1r + d & CPR, 11 yrs & 2 yr. Call 734-1259

School Instruction: PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE: Big profits usually mean big risks.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: FOUND butterfly ring in the Pizza Hut parking lot. Call to identify 734-3831.

FOUND dog, golden brown, 3 months old, male, blue collar. Found on 7th Ave S in Buhi on 2/12/21-29/27

FOUND Lab mix, white, approx 1-1 1/2 yrs old. Found in the Miracle Hot Springs Area in Buhi, 208-643-6292

Lost and Found: LOST Rat Terrier, black/white, male lost in the Buhi/Molen Valley area on A/23 Road. Call 404-4554 or 734-3990 with info

House Cleaning: HOUSE CLEANING etc. Need your home cleaned? Call Loons 324-6208.

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Sunday, May 18, 2008

## THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: If I have a powerful hand (e.g., a 27-count) and open two clubs, at my next turn do I have to bid more than a simple call in my long suit? And if I have a 4-4-4-1 shape, what is the right call over the negative response of two diamonds?

ANSWER: The situation differs for declarer and the defense. Declarer can show a card to the defenders without penalty. For the card to be considered played, it must hit the deck, or very nearly so. A defender's card is deemed played when it is visible or might be visible to his partner. Declarer can insist that the card be played.

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Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ K-J-2, ♥ K-9-7-5-3-2, ♦ Q ♣ Q-7-2, and in second seat was not sure what to open. The suit seemed too weak for a preempt, and the hand seemed too weak for a one-level opening. So in the end I passed, and the deal was thrown in, with our side having play for nine tricks in hearts. Did I do something stupid here?

ANSWER: With no great confidence I'd say that bidding three no-trump is a bad idea — there may be no entry to dummy. I'd guess to jump to five clubs, though exploring for three no-trump by bidding three hearts might work.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I understand where you are coming from. Since I hate to pass, I would open two hearts invulnerable without any enthusiasm, but if I were vulnerable in second seat, maybe pass is best.

ANSWER: In balancing seat, hearing a one-level opening on your left, you can't afford to use the jump to show a weak hand with the minors. You'd be better off passing. Logically, since in balancing seat the range for a one-no-trump bid is 11-14, while double then bidding no-trump shows 15-18, you must reserve a bid for 19-20 hands. The easiest way is to jump to two no-trump to show this strong balanced hand.

Dear Mr. Wolff: When a defender starts to play a card, holding it so that his partner might be able to see it, is this a played card? If so, what are the consequences?

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact lwy@netcom. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@midwest.net.

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# OH BABY, BABY, BABY

## Finally in the family

Twin Falls triplets healthy, gaining weight

Story by  
 Melissa Davlin

Photos by  
 Ashley Smith



Crystal Olson's mother, Celia Schnidt of Filer, sees her three granddaughters for the first time, just before midnight on May 3. Crystal, of Twin Falls, delivered the identical triplets by Cesarean section after weeks of bed rest in a Boise hospital.

Are you ready for this?" Aubrey Olson asks an innocent question, but it doesn't matter if Celia Schnidt is ready. Her daughter, Crystal Olson, is in surgery, delivering triplets via Cesarean section. It's 11:15 p.m. and Celia will have three new granddaughters by midnight.

The question is one of shared anxiety. Celia and her husband, Drake Schnidt of Filer, are crammed in a waiting room with Aubrey and her parents, Judy and Glen Olson of Twin Falls. Marcus Olson — Aubrey's brother and the father of the triplets — is in the operating room with Crystal, leaving their families to sit and wait.

Melyn, Madalynn and Makenzie Olson were born minutes before midnight on May 3 at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center. The identical triplets were conceived without fertility aids, beating odds of one in 2 million to one in 200 million, depending on the source.

After a week and a half in an incubator, the girls were moved to an open-air crib on Tuesday and most likely will come home to Twin Falls within the next two weeks.

Crystal was hospitalized in Boise since mid-March and on bed rest since early February, when she learned she was pregnant with triplets. Now discharged from St. Luke's but still in Boise, she's able to move around on her own and spends most of her time at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, getting to know her newborn daughters.

Marcus makes it to Boise when he can, but has to work full time back home in Twin Falls and care for Emily and Ethan, Crystal's children from a previous marriage.

The relatives in the waiting room are growing anxious. They've had no updates since Marcus and Crystal disappeared into surgery at 11 p.m. "I should be studying, but I can't study right now," Aubrey says, a Bible in her lap.

### Follow the family

Read Marcus and Crystal Olson's blog at [maglevalley.com/blogs/familylife](http://maglevalley.com/blogs/familylife), post comments and leave questions for the couple.



Newborn Madalynn Olson is greeted by grandmother Celia Schnidt on the morning of May 4.

### Baby, baby, baby

Times-News reporter Melissa Davlin and photographer Ashley Smith followed the Olson family of Twin Falls this spring through the preparations for the triplets' birth. Watch for more stories on Sundays in Family Life as the reporting team documents the newborns' return to Twin Falls and the family's adjustment.



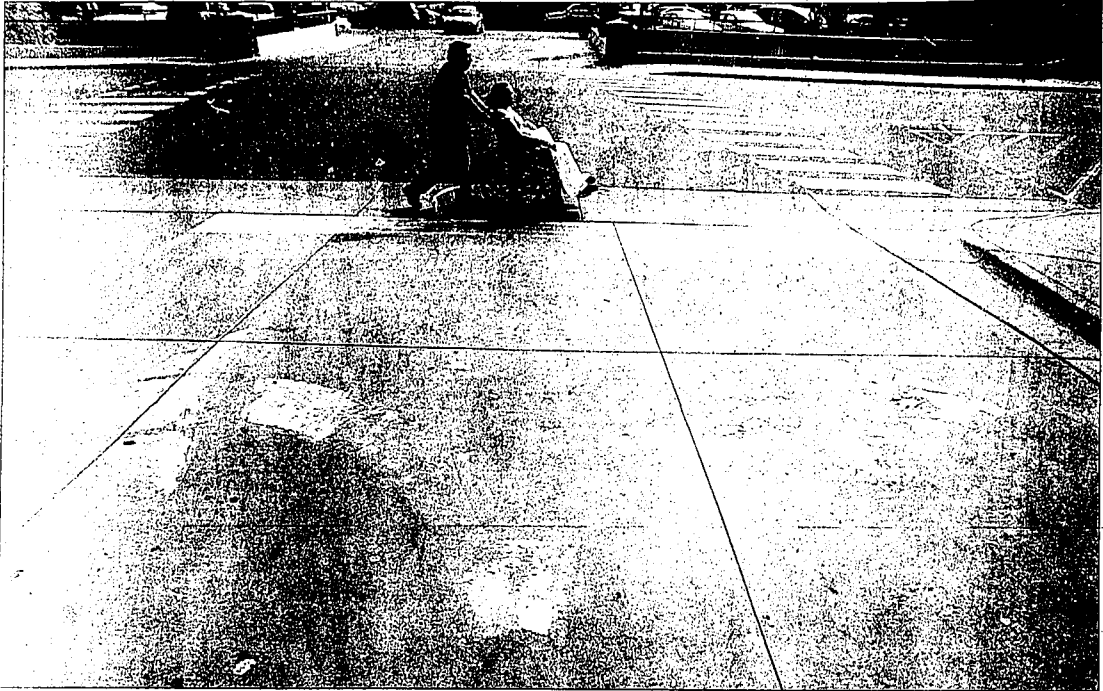
Marcus Olson waits to enter the operating room shortly before the birth of his triplets.

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Registered nurse Ann Moffett at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center works with Crystal and Marcus Olson on May 3, shortly before the birth of their triplets.

# OH BABY, BABY, BABY



Marcus Olson of Twin Falls takes his wife, Crystal, for a spin around the Boise hospital on the afternoon of May 3, just hours before her delivery of triplets. Several months of bed rest preceded the birth.

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Instead, she and Judy talk about how, just a year ago, Aubrey was hospitalized fighting adenomyosis, a disease that affects the muscles around the uterus.

"Just think, this time last year we were in the hospital, thanking you were going to die," Judy says.

And now I'm having a baby, named after me," Aubrey says. Makenzie, she has been told, will get Aubrey as a middle name.

**W**hen Crystal and Marcus thought they were expecting one baby, they picked the name carefully: Meiya Ann, Marcus, who was adopted, is Mayan, and Ann is Judy's and Aubrey's middle name. Crystal soon got the feeling she was pregnant with twins, so they picked Madalynn Kay from the show "Jan & Kate Plus 8" because Crystal liked the name, and Kay is Celia's middle name. After the show's an ultrasound showing triplets, they settled on Makenzie for the third.

"We figured since the other two names had M, we should keep with it," Marcus said.

The couple assigned the names, left to right, based on position in an ultrasound.

Bigger decisions waited, too. The family will move to a bigger home, and buy a minivan. They also plan to adhere to strict feeding and bathing schedules. Well before the birth, each girl was assigned a color — pink for Meiya, purple for Madalynn, yellow for Makenzie — to minimize mix-ups.

In the first week and a half of careful bathing and snuggling, Marcus and Crystal started to recognize differences in the girls.

"Makenzie is smaller than her sisters, and Meiya's face is chubbier than Madalynn's."

"Once they all get the same weight, I don't know what we're going to do," Marcus said.

**W**aiting for news from the surgery, Judy recalls the



About an hour before the birth, Crystal and Marcus Olson talk with nurse Ann Moffett at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center as Crystal's contractions intensify.

After an eternity without updates from the surgery, Aubrey spots Marcus running down the hospital hall, decked out in blue scrubs and a surgical mask. He bursts into the room, startling everyone. "They're coming, they're coming!" he says.

anxiety of adopting Marcus, who was 3 months old when he came to the U.S. She got a phone call saying if she could get to Guatemala the next day, she could bring her baby boy home. After begging a booked airline for a seat, she snagged her ticket.

Celia leans forward in her chair, head in hands and staring at the floor, lost in her thoughts. She occasionally responds to Judy and Aubrey's conversation, but says little else. Glen gets up to buy root beer.

"I bet by quarter to, it's going to be done," Celia says, eyes still on the floor. "It would be awesome if two would be born before midnight and one was born after," Aubrey says.

Judy distracts herself by chatting with the other family occupying the waiting room. They're waiting on a delivery, too, but want to hear more about the Olson triplets. How big are they?

How far along is Crystal? Glad it's her and not me.

**T**he triplets' story struck a chord with southern Idahoans and attracted attention from as far away as California. The Olsons received several offers for help, including free cleaning services from Merry Maids and donated time from local grandmas. Costco Wholesale in Twin Falls gave a \$50 gift card, and Boise's Costco a package of diapers and formula.

Much of the attention was unexpected. A few people showed up at the hospital's NICU, bringing blankets to donate and asking to see the triplets. The hospital staff refused them access.

Despite the support, caring for the triplets after they come home will be a massive undertaking, physically and financially.

The diaper count alone is astounding.



Marcus Olson wears three bracelets with his daughters' names, giving him access to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



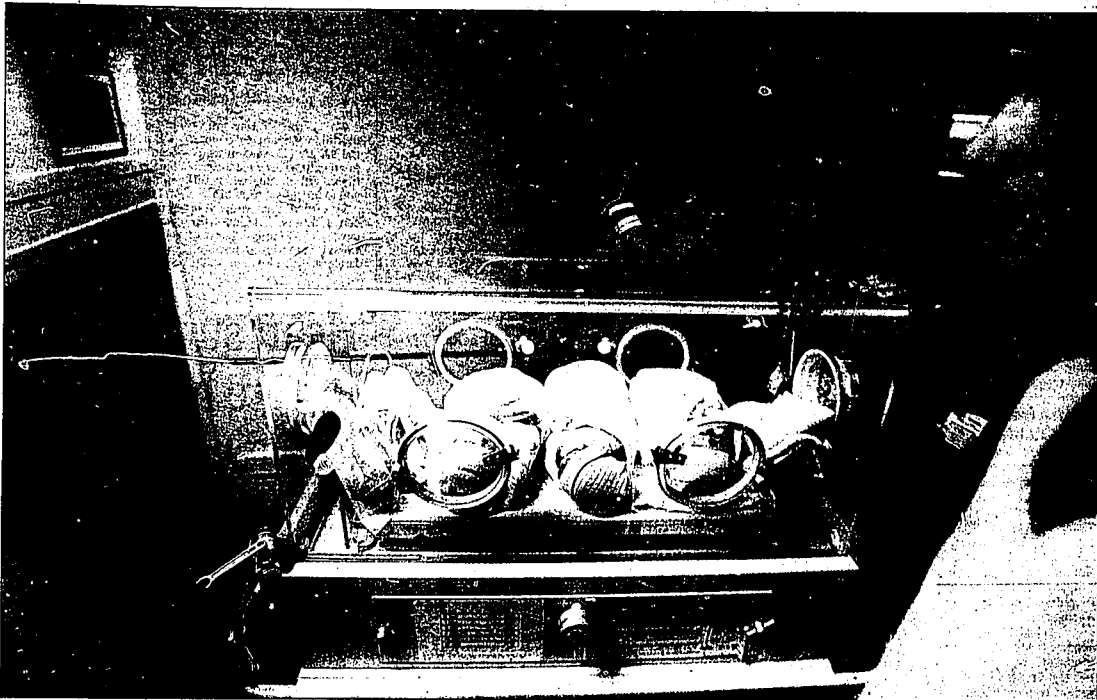
Celia Schindt waits for the birth of her triplet granddaughters.



A visitor greets Meiya Olson. In the first week of her life, her parents learned to tell the difference between Meiya and her identical sisters.

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# OH BABY, BABY, BABY



Minutes after the birth, Marcus Olson walks with his newborn triplets as doctors wheel their incubator from the family waiting room to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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Together, the girls plow through 20 a day. By the time they're 2, they will need more than 14,000 diapers, Marcus figured. Hopefully, he said, they will potty train fast.

Other obstacles surprised Marcus. It's difficult to handle the infants while they're connected to monitors, especially when they were confined to the incubator. When diapers are changed, there are several wires to monkey with, Marcus said, all while trying to make sure not to tug on the baby in any way.

Feeding presents another challenge. For now, the girls are fed a combination of formula and breast milk every three hours — sometimes from their mother's breast and sometimes from a bottle — and each takes an hour to eat while learning to suck, swallow and breathe at the same time. This means around-the-clock feeding: If Meiya eats at 2 p.m., it will be Makenzie's turn at 3 p.m. Then Madalynn dines at 4 p.m., and it's Meiya's turn again at 5 p.m. Repeat, 24 hours a day.

After an eternity without updates from the surgery, Aubrey spots Marcus running down the hospital hall, decked out in blue scrubs and a surgical mask. He bursts into the room, startling everyone. "They're coming, they're coming!" he says.

The room erupts. Even the strangers waiting for their own baby rush into the hallway to catch a glimpse of the newborns, wheeled past on their way to NICU. The Olsons and Schildts elbow their way through the crowd to see their grandchildren. The doctors grin almost as broadly as the grandparents. Madalynn, Meiya and Makenzie, not 20 minutes old, are asleep, oblivious to the celebration just outside their incubator.

Marcus hangs back, wiping tears from his eyes and smiling. The girls are lighter than expected, he says, with Meiya at 4 pounds, 2 ounces, Madalynn at 3 pounds, 15 ounces, and little Makenzie at 3 pounds, 13 ounces. Still, they're healthy. They're breathing on their own.

After a minute, he follows



Shortly after Crystal Olson was moved to another room for the birth May 3, her mother, Celia Schindt, helps to pick up the belongings accumulated during weeks of hospitalized bed rest.



Crystal Olson enjoys an ice cream on the Boise hospital's grounds with her husband, Marcus, less than seven hours before their triplets' birth.

the doctors as they wheel her up and stuff when they got us out of there," Marcus says. She won't be ready to see anyone for another two hours.

He shares pictures from the delivery room, including one with Madalynn still in the placenta.

Aubrey smiles at her older brother.

"They were still sewing her up and stuff when they got us out of there," Marcus says. She won't be ready to see anyone for another two hours.

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"Congratulations, Daddy," she says.

During the birth, Crystal's children, Emily and Ethan Lewis, stayed with their biological father in Twin Falls. Four days later, they finally met their sisters, Emily, 5, was excited to see her sisters and called them "my

babies," Marcus said, while Ethan, 6, showed little emotion.

The months of separation from their mother has taken a toll. The children talk to her every day on the phone and visit her on Wednesdays, but have been acting out. By the time the triplets and their mother get home, though, the kids will be out of school and can spend their summer getting used to their new siblings.

Their grandparents say they'll try hard to make Emily and Ethan feel special during the next few months. Judy and Glen plan to take them on a short trip to Utah's Lagoon amusement park. The bonus: a break for Marcus and Crystal — if parenting three infants can be called a break.

It's the Sunday morning after the delivery, and Crystal has been moved up to the eighth floor. The babies stay on the second in NICU, hooked up to IVs but doing well. Crystal is exhausted after only two hours of fitful sleep and nauseated from painkillers. She struggles to keep down a broth soup. Her attempt fails.

"Why am I getting so

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sick?" she mumbles as Marcus gets the trash can.

"It's all right. Don't worry," he says.

In the hall, Celia, Drake, Judy and Glen wait. With the babies in NICU and Crystal too sick for visitors, the grandparents have no one to fret over.

"You've waited for this, and then it's here and it's a sudden letdown," Judy says. While they wait, Judy relates telling a broken-hearted Emily that her mother and newborn sisters wouldn't come home immediately, like the little girl hoped.

"So she went to Head Start crying," Judy says.

When Marcus emerges from Crystal's room, the family shifts to a waiting area and discusses logistics: Who should take which cars to Twin Falls? Who can afford to stay with Crystal in Boise?

With that sorted out, Celia and Drake say their goodbyes and prepare to head back to Florin. In the elevator, Celia shakes her head slightly.

"I can't even imagine what the next three months are going to be like," she says.

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# SENIOR CALENDAR

## Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Taco salad  
**Tuesday:** Salisbury steak  
**Wednesday:** Ham and beans  
**Thursday:** Sweet-and-sour chicken  
**Friday:** Soup and sandwich  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Quilting, 9 a.m.  
**Monday bridge**  
**Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday  
 Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon  
 Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Quilting, 9 a.m.  
 Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
 Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Quilting, 9 a.m.  
 Lunch bingo

## West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.: \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Oyster stew and sandwich  
**Tuesday:** Goulash  
**Wednesday:** Good Sam's Club, hamburger casserole  
**Thursday:** Liver and onions  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Today:** Baked turkey dinner, 1 p.m.  
**Haak's Band**  
**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.  
**Bingo, 7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
 Jackpot trip, 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.  
**Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.**  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

## Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
**Tuesday:** Chicken enchiladas  
**Wednesday:** Trout  
**Thursday:** Roast beef  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
**Bingo, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
 Jackpot trip, 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
**Bingo, 1 p.m.**  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 7 p.m.

## Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Beef enchiladas  
**Wednesday:** Ham sandwiches  
**Friday:** Roast pork  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Nu-2U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
 AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
 AA non-meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.  
 everyone over 18 welcome

**Wednesday:** Nu-2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Exercise, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Nu-2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Exercise, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Bingo, 1:15 to 4 p.m.**  
**Pinochle, 1 p.m.**

## Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Baked ham  
**Tuesday:** Hot dogs  
**Wednesday:** German Day  
**Thursday:** Meatloaf  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
**Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Wild Card, 6 p.m.**  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
 Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Quilt social, 9 a.m.  
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
 Afternoon movie  
**Pinochle, 7 p.m.**  
**Friday:** Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Pinochle, 7 p.m.

## Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon. Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.  
**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Ribs and sauerkraut  
**Wednesday:** Chicken tetrazzini  
**Friday:** Potato bar  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Fossil Days  
 Breakfast, 7 to 10 a.m.; \$5, adults; \$3, children under \$5

## Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Spaghetti  
**Tuesday:** Meatloaf  
**Wednesday:** Taco salad  
**Thursday:** Polish sausage  
**Friday:** Birthday dinner, oven-baked chicken  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Bridge, 12:30 p.m.**  
 Commission for the Blind, 12:30 p.m.  
 Last Resort Band  
**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Gem State Fiddlers**  
 Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
**Bingo, 7 p.m.;** early bird, 6:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
**Bridge, 12:30 p.m.**  
 Dick and John  
**Pinochle, 7 p.m.**  
 Magic Valley Singles Square  
**Dance Club, 7 p.m.**  
**Thursday:** Board meeting, 10 a.m.  
 Foot clinic, 1 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
**Pinochle, 1 p.m.**

## Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours:

7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
**MENUS:**  
**Tuesday:** Chicken and noodles  
**Thursday:** Salmon loaf  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Wednesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.

## Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60.  
**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Baked ham  
**Thursday:** Roast beef sandwich and soup

## Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Roll St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.  
**MENUS:**  
**Tuesday:** Hamburger pizza  
**Wednesday:** Beef and noodle soup  
**Friday:** Spaghetti  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Exercise, 9 a.m.  
**Coffee, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Quilting, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Bingo**  
**Wednesday:** Black Out  
**Bingo, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Friday:** Bingo  
**Pinochle, 1 p.m.**

## Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$4, under 60: \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Thursday:** Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
**MENUS:**  
**Tuesday:** Aloha chicken  
**Wednesday:** Taco bar  
**Friday:** Potato bar  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Step it Up Walking Club, 10:30 a.m.  
 Pioneer dinner, 4:30 p.m.  
 Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
 Walking club, 10:30 a.m.  
 Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
 Zenergy class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Walking club, 10:30 a.m.  
 Win on Wednesday  
 Yoga, 5:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Table tennis, 9 a.m.  
 Zenergy class, 11 a.m.  
 Jackpot trip, 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Table tennis, 9 a.m.  
 Walking club, 10:30 a.m.  
**Saturday:** Halley Springfest  
 Pancake Breakfast, 9 to 11 a.m.; adults, \$10; 60 and over or children under 12, \$5

## Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors.  
**MENUS:**  
**Thursday:** Cheesburgers and hot dogs

## Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested dona-

tion: \$5, seniors: \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Potato bar  
**Tuesday:** Sloppy Joe  
**Wednesday:** Birthday and anniversary dinner  
**Thursday:** Tacos  
**Friday:** Chicken, fish or turkey  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Pool, 1 p.m.**  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Walking, 9 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 1 p.m.  
**Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.**  
**Thursday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Walking, 9 a.m.  
**SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.;** call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments  
**Friday:** Pool, 1 p.m.  
**Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.**  
**Bingo, 7 p.m.**

## Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Tuna casserole  
**Tuesday:** Chili burgers  
**Wednesday:** Oven-fried chicken  
**Thursday:** Lasagna  
**Friday:** Perik sandwich  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Pool  
**Pinochle, 1 p.m.**  
**Exercise**  
**Tuesday:** Pool  
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.  
 Radio show, 9:06 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool  
**Pinochle, 1 p.m.**  
**Exercise**  
**Thursday:** Pool  
**Exercise**  
 Movie, 9:30 a.m.  
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.  
**Woodcarving, 6 p.m.**  
**Friday:** Pool  
**Exercise**  
**Pinochle, 1 p.m.**  
**Bingo, 1 p.m.**

## Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon.  
 Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Macaroni and cheese  
**Tuesday:** Meatloaf  
**Thursday:** Oven-fried chicken  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Wednesday:** Cookie bake, 8 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Business meeting  
**Friday:** TOPS, 9 a.m.  
**Cardio, 1 p.m.**  
**Saturday:** Rest area coffee and cookie break.

# Introduce us to a special M.V. father

Perhaps you know a particularly inspiring father. One who set a splendid example for his children or overcame tremendous obstacles. Or one who spread his arms, opened his heart and cared for families other than his own. If so, please tell us about him. On Father's Day next month, we want to devote the Family Life section front to an extraordinary southern Idaho father. But we need you to introduce us to him. By e-mail this week, you can nominate a father who lives in Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka or Twin Falls county. Tell us why his story would be inspiring to our readers. Also include: Your full name; how you're connected with the father you're nominating; contact information for both you and him; and the towns where each of you live. Please make sure all your information is correct, including name spellings. E-mail your nomination: Send it to melissa.davlin@timesnews.com with "Father" in the subject line. The deadline: We must receive your nomination by Sunday, May 25. In our Father's Day story, we may quote from any nomination we receive.

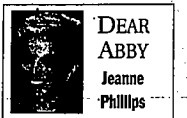
# Heart surgery fails to cure husband's love for cigarettes

DEAR ABBY: Last year, my husband, "Steve," was scheduled for bypass surgery. He told everyone — all our friends and relatives — that he planned to stop smoking afterward. It has now been nine months, and as recently as last week Steve and I were discussing his amazing willpower with friends.

Several times over the past few weeks, I had remarked to my husband that his clothes smelled of smoke. He said, "I don't know why they would." I have also told Steve I was concerned because he developed a deep, productive cough and urged him to see his doctor about it. Last night he became angry with me and told me I am always "borrowing trouble." This morning I moved his bathrobe and found a pack of cigarettes in the pocket. I'm a retired nurse. I know how dangerous the game he's playing is. It's as if he doesn't care.

Not only do I not want to lose my husband, our finances are very stressed right now. Steve says this is none of my business. How can I make him see what a dangerous game he's playing? Or do I just shut up and start planning his funeral?

— HURT AND DISGUSTED, ELDON, WOODBURY, TENN.  
 DEAR HURT AND DISGUSTED: Face it, your husband is addicted to nicotine. You can order printed materials from the Heart Association, the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society about the dangers of smoking, but unless he is willing to give up tobacco, nothing will get through to him. By all means start planning his funeral. By starting now you will have a better chance of managing the costs. In addition, talk to your insurance agent about



DEAR ABBY  
 Jeanne Phillips

increasing his life insurance. If that's possible, it might also be a good idea to explore part-time employment opportunities, should the need arise.

DEAR ABBY: Our mother was killed in a car accident two years ago. A woman I'll call "Tiffany" was driving at a high rate of speed and ran a stop sign. To this day, our family has yet to hear one word of regret from her, and we are finding it hard not to hate her. My mother died a horrible and painful death. Tiffany destroyed many lives with her "mistake," yet she walked away from the wreck physically, mentally and financially untouched. We understand the meaning of the word "accident." We know she didn't mean to kill our mother, but an apology would have been nice. Even after two years of counseling we are still bitter and need to hear Tiffany say she is sorry. Have you any advice for us?

— STILL GRIEVING IN AMARILLO  
 DEAR STILL GRIEVING: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragedy that befell your family. Under the circumstances, your feelings are understandable, and it may take still more counseling for you to work through what happened and achieve acceptance. Please do not think that the driver of that car is insensitive to your pain and grief. It is likely that she has not contacted you because she was strongly advised against it by legal counsel.

# SINUSITIS or?

Because the symptoms of sinusitis mimic those of colds, you may not realize you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help.

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow green	Thick whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	No	Yes



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## ENGAGEMENTS

## BENSON-DAVIS

Jim and Lyn Benson of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamaly Epifanio Benson, to Trent Wesley Davis, son of Staci Davis of Wendell and the late Trent Davis.

Benson is a 2004 graduate of Wendell High School and a graduate of Academy di Firenze in Jerome for cosmetology. She is a cosmetologist and massage technician at Marod Medical and Day Spa in Twin Falls.

Davis is a 2004 graduate of Wendell High and is an applicator at S & D Custom Fertilizing and Spraying in Wendell.



Trent Davis and Jamaly Benson  
The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 24, at the Davis residence in Wendell. A reception will follow at the Wendell American Legion Hall.  
The couple will reside in Wendell.

## FRAMPTON-COTTEN

Roy and Almee New of Gooding and Matthew and Brandy Frampton of West Valley City, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mallory Anne Frampton, to Andrew McDaniel Cotten, son of David and Karen Cotten of Burley.

Frampton is a graduate of Gooding High School and College of Southern Idaho with a degree in communications. She will attend Boise State University next spring in a special work program. She works at Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services.

Cotten is a graduate of



Mallory Frampton and Andrew Cotten  
Burley High School and plans to attend CSI. He works at Carino's Italian Grill.  
The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at Centennial Waterfront Park in Twin Falls. A reception will follow.

## HAFLIGER-DRAKE

Hank Hafliger and Toni Hafliger of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Therese Hafliger, to Caleb Todd Drake, son of Bandy and Laura Drake of Filer.

Hafliger and Drake are both 2002 graduates of Filer High School. Hafliger works at Interiors by Decorating Den, and Drake works at Barry Rental.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 28, at St. Edwards Catholic Church in



Caleb Drake and Danielle Hafliger  
Twin Falls. A reception will follow at The Ballroom.  
The couple will reside in Filer.

## HIRAI-LAWLESS

Melba Hiral of Jerome announces the engagement of her daughter, Toshia Ellen Hiral, to Roger Martin Lawless, son of Patricia Lawless of Boise. Hiral is also the daughter of the late Jerry Takeda Hiral.

Hiral is a graduate of Jerome High School and Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

She works at PalcoUSA Inc. in Boise. Lawless is a graduate of Del Norte High School and Humboldt State University in



Toshia Hiral and Roger Lawless  
Arcata, Calif., with a bachelor's degree in Spanish education. He works at Idaho Power in Boise.  
The wedding is planned for Saturday, Aug. 30.

## PEBLEY-GARNER

Michael and Dawn Pebley of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Jazz Kristin Pebley, to Ryker Joseph Garner, son of Joseph Garner and Melanite and Steve Trigoyan, all of Rupert.

Pebley is a 2004 graduate of Minico High School. She attends Idaho State University, studying to become a physician's assistant.

Garner is a 2005 graduate of Minico High and attends ISU. He earned a certificate in mechanical drafting from ISU and is majoring in business with an emphasis in economics. He plans to attend gradu-



Ryker Garner and Jazz Pebley  
ate school for a master's in business administration.  
The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 24. A reception will follow, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Sunrise P River Ranch in Rupert.  
The couple will reside temporarily in Pocatello.

## GUERRY-HUDSON

Michael Guerry of Castleford and Victoria Harder of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Guerry, to Logan Hudson, son of Tim and Janie Hudson of Filer.

Guerry is a graduate of Castleford High School and attends Idaho State University. She works at Moore, Baskin, and Ellis LLP in Boise.

Hudson is a graduate of Filer High School and received bachelor's degrees from the University of Idaho and Oregon Health and Science University. He attends BSU and works at



Logan Hudson and Stephanie Guerry  
Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.  
The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 14, in Castleford. A reception will follow at the Turf Club.

## CHAPIN-SPILLS

Chuck and Jackie Chapin of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassie Chapin, to Jeremy Spills, son of Jimmy and Lisa Spills of Shelley.

Chapin works at Murtaugh Elementary School, and Spills works at Carino's Italian Grill in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 24. A reception will follow.



Cassie Chapin and Jeremy Spills

## HERNANDEZ-KESTER

The Rev. Jerry and Sharon Kester of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their son, Greg Kester, to Denice Hernandez, daughter of Joseph and Laura Hernandez of California and Cheryl LeMieux of Hawaii.

The wedding is planned for Sunday, May 25, in Boise. A reception will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 15, at Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene.



Greg Kester and Denice Hernandez

## PANSERA-JONES

Natalie Pansera and Joshua Jones announce their engagement.

Pansera is the daughter of Kathryn and Carmelo Pansera Jr. of Logan, W.Va. Jones is the son of Bandy and Sandy Jones of Paul.

Jones served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and is training in the Army at Fort Bragg, N.C.  
The wedding is planned for



Natalie Pansera and Joshua Jones  
Saturday, May 24, in Fayetteville, N.C. A reception will be held later.

## SCHENK-SIZEMORE

Paul and Robin Schenk of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Christine Schenk, to Brandon Scott Sizemore, son of Raymond R. Sizemore and Teresa C. Page of Littleton, Colo.

Schenk is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Utah College of Dental Hygiene in Orem, Utah.

Sizemore is a graduate of Chaffield Senior High School of Littleton and attends Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.  
The wedding is planned for



Brandon Sizemore and Kellie Schenk

## POTTER-MARTIN

Mike and Paula Potter of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Afton LeAnn Potter, to Aaron Rex Martin, son of Steve Martin of Meza, Ariz., and Linda and Jeff Showmaker of Jerome.

Potter works at Jerome Recreation District and attends Idaho State University. Martin works at Pepsi Cola in Twin Falls.  
The wedding and reception are planned for Friday,



Aaron Martin and Afton Potter  
June 20, at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.

## WEDDINGS

## CHRISTENSEN-BENSON

Brigette Anne Christensen and Jacob Kent Benson were married April 5 at the Lakeside Chapel in Las Vegas.

The bride is the daughter of Douglas and Vicki Christensen of Rock Springs, Wyo. The groom is the son of Kent and Kathy Benson of Murtaugh.

The groom works for the Bureau of Land Management in the Wild Horse and Burro Program. The couple travels



Jacob and Brigette Benson  
and shows performance cutting, reining and roping horses. They will reside in Rock Springs.

## MILLER-WHITNEY

Tara Miller and Taylor Whitney were married May 16 at the Boise LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Murlie D. and Annette Miller of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of Duane and Sandra Whitney of Eden Prairie, Minn.

A reception followed in Boise. A reception also was held May 17 at The White House in Twin Falls.  
The bride graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2001 and Idaho State University's College of Pharmacy in 2008.  
The groom graduated from Eagle High School in 2002 and



Tara and Taylor Whitney  
served in the Virginia Richmond Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends Boise State University, majoring in physical therapy.  
The couple will reside in Boise.

## STORK REPORT

## St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Magdaly Gundalope Velmas Ochoa, daughter of Eucuevio Velmas and Ledy Laura Ochoa of Jerome, was born May 1, 2008.

David Carrillo, son of David Carrillo Magallon Carrillo of Jerome, was born May 7, 2008.

## St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Maddux League Baldwin, son of Jaime Lynn and Jared Allen Baldwin of Filer, was born April 30, 2008.

Solame Simone Gomes, daughter of Trishia Marie and Rui Domingos Gomes of Twin Falls, was born May 1, 2008.

Azalay Payton Jay Bowman, daughter of April Nakai Bowman of Twin Falls, was born May 2, 2008.  
Lily Apple Anderson, daughter of Katie Lee and Terry Steve Anderson of Elko, Nev., was born May 5, 2008.

Yarell Nilsed Pantoja-Cortez, daughter of Brenda R. and Juan Carlos Pantoja of Bulli, was born May 6, 2008.

Jacob Don Wyatt, son of Angela and Don Spencer Wyatt of Kimberly, was born May 7, 2008.

Bishop Lee Ivey, son of Kristina Lynn and Zachary Lee Ivey of Twin Falls, was born May 8, 2008.

Omar Isaias Espino Jr., son of Sonia Marie Lopez and Omar Isaias Espino of Wendell, was born May 8, 2008.

Alden Matthew Orozco, son of Jessica Maria Arevalo of Hansen, was born May 9, 2008.

Shelby Lynn Ruffell, daughter of Tracy Le Ann and Jeremy Wayne Ruffell of Filer, was born May 9, 2008.

Jayden Cole Spackman, son of Lucretia Louisa and Michael Stuart Spackman of Twin Falls, was born May 9, 2008.  
Ava Sue Harper, daughter of Suzanna and Mason Robert Harper of Twin Falls, was born May 10, 2008.

## Assessing the effects of neglect on children

By Sandra G. Boodman  
The Washington Post

Physical abuse at a young age is linked to aggression later in childhood, but little is known about the impact of neglect.

Now a research team has found that neglect in the first two years of life may be a more important predictor of aggression before age 8 than physical abuse or neglect later in childhood.

Each year nearly 900,000 children annually experience abuse or neglect, noted the team, led by physician Jonathan B. Kotch of UNC Chapel Hill. Although child abuse receives more attention in the popular and professional media, neglect is more common, "has gone largely unstudied" and appears to be an important contributor to youth violence, researchers say.

"Neglect may have profound negative effects on the child, particularly if that neglect occurs early in the child's development," they conclude.  
The study, which appears in Pediatrics, was funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

## Weekly deadline

The Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more.)  
To submit an announcement, e-mail it to ramona@maglocal.com. The photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment.  
The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event.  
With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

## The heat is on for polar bear protection

By Brenna Maloney  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration had an important decision to make. It decided that polar bears deserved protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service asked that polar bears be listed as endangered because global warming is affecting their habitat. But some businesses were against the proposal because of how it might affect their future operations.

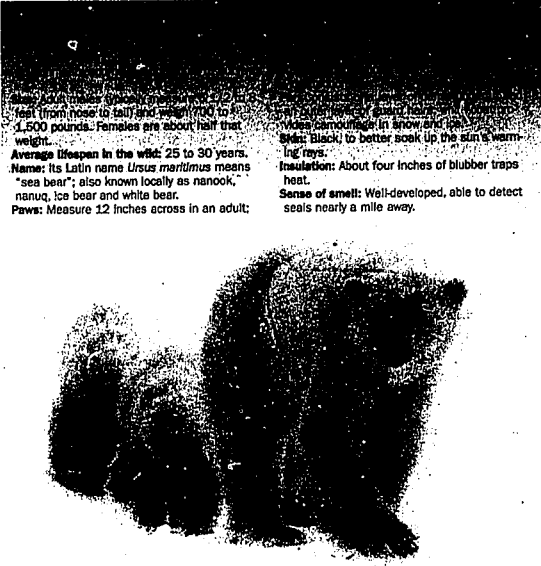
Polar bears are almost completely dependent on Arctic sea ice for survival. They use the ice as a platform from which to hunt and feed on seals, to seek mates and to travel long distances. However, the annual sea ice in the Arctic is now melting earlier in the spring and forming later in the fall.

### Why does this matter?

Polar bears, the world's largest land carnivores, have no natural enemies. Their diet consists mostly of ringed and bearded seals. Rifts in the ice, called leads, act as breathing holes for seals. A polar bear will crouch near such a hole and wait patiently—from hours to days—for a seal to surface. When it does, the bear will reach into the hole with a forepaw and drag the seal out onto the ice to catch it.

As the southern edge of the Arctic ice cap melts in the summer, most polar bears move north with the retreating sea ice to continue their hunting. Some bears get stranded on land and spend their summers living off body fat stored from hunting in the spring and winter.

Higher annual temperatures, which scientists say are likely caused by greenhouse gases, are shrinking this ice



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that the bears depend on for survival.

### How serious is the problem?

Using satellite images, the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colo., estimates that the Arctic ice cap has shrunk by one-fifth since 1979. The U.S. Department of the Interior reports a decline in late-summer Arctic sea ice by as much as 7.7 percent per decade since 1978. Scientific observations in some areas also have shown a thinning of the ice by almost a third from the 1960s to the 1990s.

All of these changes leave polar bears with less time on the sea ice to hunt for food and build up their fat stores. When they spend more time on land, where hunting is not possible, polar bears end up eating less. The reduction in sea ice also forces bears to swim longer distances, which further depletes their stored energy.

The number of polar bears worldwide is estimated at 20,000 to 25,000. The U.S. Geological Survey predicts that two-thirds of the population could vanish with the melting habitat by 2050.

### What the change means

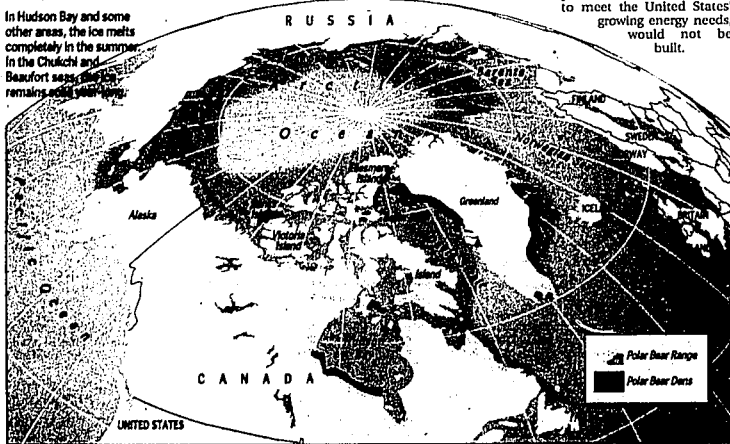
Only two species — elkhorn coal and staghorn coral in the Caribbean Sea — had gotten Endangered Species Act protection because of global warming.

In theory, a listing for the polar bear could trigger a plan with wide-reaching consequences.

Opponents say that protecting polar bears could block new oil and gas drilling in one of the prime polar bear habitats in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska. Others say that proposed coal-fired power plants, which would be used to meet the United States' growing energy needs, would not be built.

### On Thin Ice

In Hudson Bay and some other areas, the ice melts completely in the summer. In the Chukchi and Beaufort seas, the ice remains solid year-long.



BY RICHARD FURBER — THE WASHINGTON POST

### Polar bear true or false?

1. A hunting bear will cover its black nose while lying in wait for a seal.
2. All polar bears are left-handed.

### Endangered Species Act

The Endangered Species Act was passed by Congress in 1973 to protect plants and animals at risk of becoming extinct. Three species on the list are classified as "threatened."

## Talking with author Judy Blume

By Emily Gallagher, Shannon McGrath and MaryKate Smith  
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

"I don't think of (writing) in terms of messages, because I write just to tell a good story."  
— Judy Blume

We interviewed author Judy Blume at Hialeah, and I never forgot the kid that I was. You don't have to have kids to write children's books, but you have to have a really good memory for childhood and what it was like.

Question: What inspired you to write children's books?

Answer: I just always identified with kids, and I was. You don't have to have kids to write children's books, but you have to have a really good memory for childhood and what it was like.

Q: On your Web site (judyblume.com), it says you can't name a favorite book you've written. But is there one whose message you are most proud of?

A: I don't think of (writing) in terms of messages, because I write just to tell a good story. But to answer your question, I would say "Blubber." It's about kids being mean to each other in class.

Q: We read that Sally in "Starring Sally J. Freedman as Herself" was the character most like you at age 10. How was she like you?

A: She is my most autobiographical character, and even that family is most my like my own out of all the families I've written about. Sally has a lot of imagination, and I always had stories running inside my head. I was very dramatic like Sally, and I always wanted to be a heroine.

Q: You based the character

ter Fudge on your son Larry, when he was younger. Was his nickname Fudge?

A: No, I don't know where that came from. We called him Larry and still call him Larry. He's a grown-up now.

Q: Did any of your fans ever give you an idea for a book? If so, which book?

A: The character Rachel in "Here's to You, Rachel Robinson" came from a couple of places and one was a girl who wrote me a letter. She said she was very smart and was being put into a different program in school that took her away from her friends. Her friends didn't want to be her friend anymore because she was different. She said she would give up being smart if only she could be a regular girl. I found that sad.

Q: We read you get ideas for books sometimes in the shower. Why do you think that is?

A: I think you get ideas anytime you're not thinking about getting ideas.

They don't come when you sit and think and wish they would come. They come from that other place: your head when you're not aware of it.

## BOOK REVIEW

# 'No Talking'

The Washington Post

By Andrew Clements, for ages 9 and older

Maybe you think that your class is the chattiest, noisiest ever. But have teachers and principals called you "The Unshushables" ever since kindergarten?

That's what Dave Packer's class has been nicknamed, and Dave is a prime reason. But then he reads about how Mahatma Gandhi, a political and spiritual leader in India, used to spend one day a week in silence to cleanse his soul. Dave finds this idea intriguing and gives it a try.

It doesn't take long for Dave's little experiment to become a boys-against-girls grudge match that has the entire fifth grade trying not to talk for 48 hours. The kids come up with some clever ideas about what to do if a teacher asks a question, for example. When The Unshushables suddenly become The Unshushables, the principals are forced to demand that students be loud in school.

"No Talking" is Andrew Clements' most thought-provoking and innovative book since 1996's "Frindle." (Many of you weren't even born then, so check it out of the library. It's the tale of a



boy who changes the word "pen" to "frindle" in his school.) "No Talking" deals with some of the same issues: kids challenging authority, and teachers wrestling with their desire to have free-thinking students while not losing control of the school.

The best part of Clements' story is the dialogue, and that's true even in a book about not talking. His characters sound, well, just like you.

In 2004 he shared his secret for getting characters to sound real: "I do my writing in a shed in my backyard, and if there were microphones in the walls it would be alarming. I spent a lot of time talking to myself. I say (all the dialogue I write) out loud."

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# Vegas serves up high-stakes food

## Drinks



Specialty cocktails the Red Sea, right, with a blood orange wheel, and Japanese Sunshine are served at Drinks Bar in Restaurant Charlie.

## Dinner



A classic florentina porterhouse for two — once \$160, but now a mere \$145 — at Mario Batali's new Carnevino.

## Dessert



Fuji apple pie with Wisconsin white cheddar and Tahitian vanilla ice cream at Restaurant Charlie.

By S. Irene Virbila  
Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — The server shows off the charred "bistecca florentina," then curves the massive porterhouse into finger-thick slices. At \$160 for two, it's easily the most expensive steak I've ever eaten, if not the most expensive piece of aged meat in the country. Want horseradish sauce? At Carnevino, Chef Mario Batali's new restaurant on the Strip, that'll be \$5 more.

A few steps away, in a private dining room floating above a state-of-the-art kitchen, six businessmen spend a minimum of \$350 each to work their way through the tasting menu at Restaurant Charlie. That's without wine, tax or tip. Or Chef Charlie Trotter in the kitchen.

In another casino, guests are ushered into a small lounge inside Guy Savoy's hyper-chic, very French restaurant. Here they sip \$75 glasses of Champagne before floating off to their tables for \$280 dinners.

Though everybody may be pinching pennies at home, Las Vegas seems untouched by the prevailing winds of economic downturn, operating by its own rules and logic. The economy may be contracting elsewhere, but here the casinos are still building. And building, with thousands more hotel rooms to come.

The Palazzo Resort-Hotel-Casino, a 3,000-room, all-suite extravaganza next to the Venetian, has just opened, and that's where you'll find the new wave of notable restaurants. Menus are more traditional, the design sometimes so conservative you can't believe you're in Vegas. They're luring

in crowds with no more than good food, high cornfort and great service.

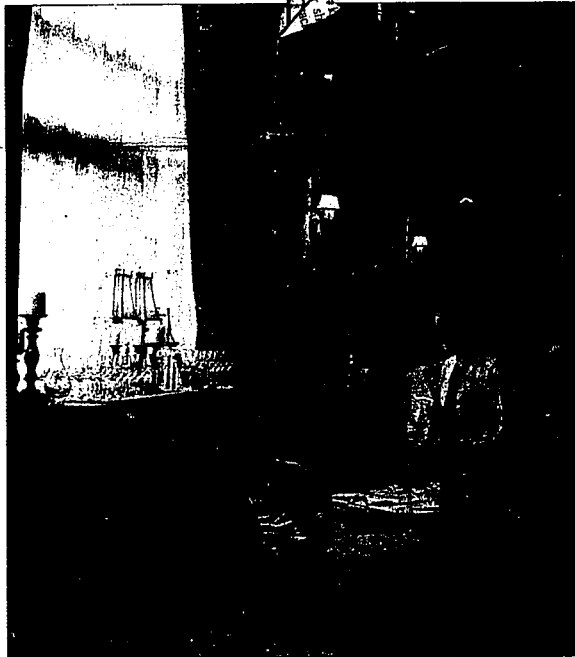
And for that, they're charging enough to give even high rollers indigestion.

Mario Batali and Joe Bastianich swagger into the Palazzo with Carnevino, their new Italian steakhouse, just up the mall from B&B, their year-old ristorante at the Venetian. The spacious formal room has high ceilings, heavy drapes and dark wood sideboards. What makes Carnevino unique is its obsessive pursuit of the best meat. Adam Perry Lang is a meat forger for the restaurant. His job is to visit farms in the Midwest and choose specific animals for the steakhouse. At the moment, he has 15,000 pounds of beef aging in his humongous Vegas meat locker.

Naturally, the star of the steak menu is that pricey florentina for two, which by the time I visited a second time had been reduced to \$145 from \$160. Aged about nine weeks, it is massive, about 2 inches thick, and cooked without wood or mesquite to keep the flavors pure. If you want to save 10 bucks, order the hefty rib-eye for two, which is more heavily marbled than the florentina's porterhouse. The quality of the meat is exceptional for both, but my vote goes to the florentina for its texture and the way the rich beefy flavor lingers like a fine wine.

But first comes a small crack of pure pork lard flavored with rosemary that arrives with oily focaccia. I defy

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A waiter serves patrons at Mario Batali's Carnevino at the Palazzo in Las Vegas.

Los Angeles Times photo by Brian Vander Brag

## Big breakfast at a tiny restaurant

By S. Irene Virbila  
Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — I have found the best bargain in Vegas: Continental breakfast at the tiny, Payard Patisserie & Bistro in Caesars Palace. Francois Payard is a brilliant French pastry chef who's well known in New York, where he has his first restaurant. But I doubt his name rings much of a bell with people outside Manhattan. I'm ringing it loud and clear.

Breakfast here is sheer

poetry. For a mere \$16, you get good, strong coffee, fresh-squeezed orange juice and as many of Payard's exquisite morning pastries as you can devour in one sitting. That means a croissant so buttery and flaky, you and the table are covered in crumbs at the first bite. You'd be hard-pressed to find one anywhere in Paris (I mean the real Paris) of this caliber.

Then there's the almond version — indulgently stuffed with fragrant

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## Dining well on a smaller budget

By S. Irene Virbila  
Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — No doubt about it. The top of the Vegas food chain is the domain of high rollers. But here's a secret: You don't have to spend big to eat big in this town. You can sample Guy Savoy's legendary artichoke truffle soup for just a few dollars, or take in the million-dollar view at Mix for the price of a cocktail. Stray off the Strip and head to the places the famous chefs hit when they're off duty — including one of the country's best Thai restaurants. Here's a weekend's worth of fine dining for the every roller.

### Thai

In a nondescript mall just east of the Strip, Lotus of Siam serves up the best northern Thai food on the West Coast and probably in the country. For the price of a bowl of soup at some of the Strip's top restaurants, you can feast on Thai dishes from the tremendously talented chef and owner, Salpin Chutima. Go straight to her a la carte menu and don't miss the northern-style sausage with basil, green papaya salad or steamed catfish in lotus leaf. The wine list is remarkable too: heavy on Austrian Rieslings and

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Espressamente illy, the top Italian coffee company, serves quality espresso in a smart urban setting.

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# Kids' books to take along or read before hitting the road

By Leanne Hall  
Associated Press writer

Heading for the beach, hopping a plane to France or hitting the American road with your kids this summer? Some books to prep or pack:

• "Scaredy Squirrel at the Beach" (Kids Can Press, \$15.95, ages 4-6) written and illustrated by Melanie Watt.  
The germophobic and jittery squirrel is back and stressing out over a trip to the beach to hunt down the perfect shell. What about the hilarious Tribes of Jellyfish, mobs of lobsters, packs of pirates. And the crowds. Oh the crowds. After careful planning, he makes his peace.  
• "Where's Waldo? The Ultimate Travel Collection" (Candlewick Press, ages 6-up) by Martin Handford.  
Waldo, the knit-capped, stripe-sweatered pop icon, has come of age. Twenty-one years after he first tried to get lost in a crowd, he's squeezed into a tricky travel collection as he traverses the globe. And he's joined

by some friends who dress a lot like him! The book is small and light weight. Good luck.  
• "Go Go America" (Scholastic, \$17.99, ages 9-12) by Dan Yaccarino.  
The perfect take-along for a road trip. Pile in with the Fairleys as little Freddie wows his family with obscure facts organized by state and accompanied by playful visuals.  
Did you know, for instance, that it's illegal to tie a giraffe to a telephone pole in Atlanta, Ga.? Passing through Kansas? Look for a very large ball of twine in Cowker City that weighs 17,554 pounds.  
• "Wonders of America: Yellowstone" (Aladdin Paperbacks, \$3.99, ages 4-6) by Marion Dane Bauer and illustrated by John Wallace.  
The latest in a series for Level 1 readers, there's a surprising amount of information: Yellowstone became a national park in 1872. Old Faithful is one of 500 geysers.  
More than 100 wolves roam Yellowstone in a reintroduction

program. The park is home to one of the world's largest prairie dog forests, and to Bison, pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep.  
• "Everybody Bonjour" (Alfred A. Knopf, \$16.99, ages 5-8) by Leslie Kimmelman and illustrated by Sarah McMenemy.  
A little girl in a smart red dress bonjourns high at the Eiffel Tower and bonjourns low in the Metropolitan, the Paris subway system, as her family demonstrates in this rhyming picture book that Paris isn't just for lovers.  
They stop at the magnificent Sacre Coeur on the city's highest hill, take in the Mona Lisa at the Louvre and sail toy boats at the Tuileries Gardens.  
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These books are good choices for hitting the road with kids.

## Gear up to travel with kids

By Mary McNamara  
Los Angeles Times

After almost 10 years of traveling around the country and to Europe with children, I have learned this: Less is more.  
All that stuff you hear about packing little toys for kids to unwrap on the airplane or stocking up on travel games to play in the car is, in my experience, pretty much useless. Such things will distract the kids for about 10 seconds and leave parents with more to deal with.

Snacks are important, especially on airplanes where food is increasingly limited, but jamming a thousand toys into a backpack or buying every new travel gadget is only going to ensure that you have more stuff to keep track of.  
Which isn't to say I'm anti-stuff. I live and die by the portable DVD player, two if your kids are at an age, as mine are, when they will fight about the air molecules they breathe.

Books are good, although remember it's always fun to buy books on your travels, so you don't have to take a library Dito for crayons and a coloring book.

If your child is consistently soothed by a stuffed animal or two, by all means take them. My kids tend while packing to develop sudden attachments to toys they then ignore or lose during the trip, so our stuffies stay home.

Still, the questions parents ask of those who have traveled more or farther most often begin with "Should I bring..." the stroller, the car seat, the portable crib. Here, based on this mom's experience, is a brief guide to good travel stuff.

### CARRIER

For infants, I swear by the Baby Bjorn infant Carrier (\$79 to \$99 at babieus.com), which keeps your hands free, the baby warm and takes up no room. When we went to Paris with our 2-month-old, we didn't bother with a stroller (which is a pain in any city with a subway or metro — all those steps). Because it was

winter, we also got a Baby Bjorn carrier cover (\$39 at babieus.com), which kept little Darby warm and dry. (You know you have made a good purchase when a Parisian mother asks you where you got something.)  
For older kids, if you are going to do a lot of hiking, a Kelty Child Carrier backpack (\$119 to \$240 at Sport Chalet, sportchalet.com) is a must. Yes, you tough dads can go miles with a kid on your shoulders, but when the kid falls asleep (and he will, you are balancing a sack of cement on your head).

### STROLLER

When your baby is too heavy or squirmy for a Baby Bjorn, you need a stroller, and if you're going to travel a lot or go to places with cobblestones or off-road walking, you should invest in a really good umbrella stroller. I have a Chicco C6 (\$59.99 at amazon.com) that works well, and Maclaren has great light-weight portable urban strollers (amazon.com, \$174.95).

### CAR SEAT

The great debate — take or rent, I say take. You can check them with your luggage or at the gate, and nothing's worse than renting an infant seat you don't like or trust. Also, the car seat guarantees you have somewhere safe to put an infant when you're in your hotel room or apartment,

which is nice. For older kids, a very cool thing is a Gogo Kidz Travelmate (\$89 at gogobabyz.com) — a car seat that turns into a stroller by pulling out a handle and wheels. Although it's too low to the ground to act as a real stroller, it is great for airports. And if the airline allows it, putting a car seat in the plane seat makes things much easier. Your child is more secure, for one thing, and there is a soporific effect about a car seat that cannot be overlooked.

### GROBAG

These British zippered blankets are like big sleep sacks, and they come in handy because they will keep a child as warm as any blanket and not fall off during the night or get lost during the flight. Get a size up from your child's regular size, and it will also work in a stroller. At \$55 (amazon.com or grogroup.co.uk), they aren't cheap, but they're worth it.

### PORTABLE CRIB

Leave it at home. Most hotels and rentals will provide a crib, and even the good portables are heavy and bulky. You can take a Travel Bed (Gentle Air Dr. Watters Portable Overnight Bed, from \$60.75 at amazon.com, is popular), but if it's a question of a bed being too high, you can just pull the mattress onto the floor. Or with an older child, you can pack a collapsible bedroll.

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you not to finish it, the lard is so flat-out wonderful. The salumi plate for two or more includes slices of that lard, prosciutto cut like silk, coppa and more. "Carne cruda" (steak tartare) is seasoned with capers and too much olive oil — and salt. Lobster two ways — the tall as thick-cut sashimi, the claws fried in Prosecco-dosed tempura batter — is delicious, especially the fried lemon slices, if you can countenance \$60 for a first course. The alternative is a half order of pasta, such as ravioli with duck liver and aceto balsamico sauce, duck cannelloni or pappardelle with porcini sauce (and too much butter).

Salt makes too strong an entrance in many dishes. And what's with the Milanese? The pounded pork cutlet comes fried to a crisp and is absolutely swimming in butter. It's better, though, the Italian in the kitchen with Tuscan fries (fried fingerlings pan-roasted with rosemary and Parmesan), braised fennel with sambuca, and fresh peas with walnuts.

Do not skip dessert, especially if it's the tender rice torte with a topknot of honeycomb or the "gnibano," a special yeast-raised cake filled with nuts and dried fruit with grappa poured over at the last minute. Bottom line: As good as the beef is here, I'd rather eat at B&B, Batali's more intimate Italian restaurant in the Venetian next door. It's not cheap, either, but it's got more soul and a more consistent kitchen.

Wolfgang Puck's Cut just opened in the Palazzo, too, making that three — count 'em — steakhouses under one roof (the third is Morley French Steakhouse from the Grove in Los Angeles).

Though the menu is almost identical to the Beverly Hills, Calif., steakhouse, the look is quite different from the cozy, white expanses of Richard Meier's design for the original Cut. This one, from the local design firm ABA, is warmer, featuring gemstone booths, a striped rug underfoot and bulky geometric chandeliers. There's an inviting lounge too, where you can order Cut's signature mini-Kobe beef sliders or oysters on the half shell.

Prices, at least compared to Carnivore's, seem almost moderate, though in the real world, of course, they're vertigo-inducing — a 3-pound lobster is a mere \$110. Wine prices, though, are very fair. For a restaurant that was a mere 2 weeks old when I vis-



Chefs are on the go beneath the Kitchen Table Loft at Restaurant Charlie. Diners can order a tasting menu for a minimum of \$350 per person.

ited, the whole operation was very professional. But then, Puck is no amateur: This is his sixth Las Vegas restaurant.

The "amuses" — crisp skinny breadsticks shaggy with Parmesan, dainty "gougères" and potato knishes — are suitably amusing. Austrian oxtail bouillon with chive blossoms and bone marrow dumplings, a Cut's classic, is ethereal.

Asparagus on toast topped with a poached egg and bacon makes a great first course too. And so does a salad of fava beans and baby artichokes with Pecorino Romano cheese, mint and Meyer lemon.

Steaks — Nebraska dry-aged 35 days and Illinois aged 21 days, plus pricey Kobe beef from Japan and domestic Kobe-style Wagyu beef — are the heart of the menu. Dry-aged rib-eye for \$61 has plenty of flavor, but it's a thin cut. The \$54 bone-in sirloin is cooked with a nice char and served with butter and a gutsy Arzac black pepper sauce.

But there's much more than steaks here: a terrific double-thick Kurobuta pork chop, roast duckling with lavender and thyme and whole roasted wild French turbot for two. The best deal is the rotisserie-roasted poussin for \$31 with a graceful black truffle jus. Sides include gold onion rings in a lacy tempura batter, chard and escarole greens, and fresh English peas with pods and tendrils.

In terms of all-around excellence, Cut outperforms the other steakhouses in town.

The restaurant opening

with the most buzz has to be Restaurant Charlie, from Chicago's Charlie Trotter. It's an entirely new seafood-themed restaurant complete with kitchen loft for big spenders.

He's got a prime location on the edge of the casino, but inside it feels as anti-Las Vegas as you can get. The design is very plain, with rumpiled pale blue upholstered chairs that are so uncomfortable we asked to sit in a booth, but that wasn't much better. Restaurant Charlie is really two restaurants. One is la carte. Part Two is Bar Charlie, where Trotter indulges his fascination with sushi in two prix-fixe menus (eight courses for \$175; 14 courses for \$250).

The meal began with a wonderful amuse of tuna tartare with avocado, olives and black sesame seeds. A crab salad appetizer with sake sorbet and rice milk was topped with a lacy rice cracker, but skate wing terrine cooked sous vide and lined up like a ruler on the plate was very bland.

Overall, though, the meal isn't exactly fireworks. Alaskan halibut sits on lemon curd so sweet it could go into a pie. Arcic chair on crunchily savory cabbage is uninspired. And the delicate taste of poitard is bludgeoned by a thick chocolate sauce.

Desserts, such as kabocha cake, are just as odd and unsatisfying. Service is good, but stiff. There's no real conversation: It's like talking to members of the Charlie Trotter cult. Where's the fun? Where's the indulgence?

Emeril Lagasse is the fourth big-name chef to open a restaurant at the Palazzo. Table 10's sign doesn't give away the fact that this is the Food Network star's place.

Table 10's produce is organic and shipped in daily from Lagasse's farm. Lagasse isn't going for fireworks either: The menu is basic and not particularly inspired, and a few tables are occupied. A bowl of his signature gumbo has a good flavor and a nice kick of pepper. Blue crab salad flanking a boring mixed green salad. A Cuban-style sandwich made with Kurobuta pork is fine too. Service is sincere and attentive, but I still can't help the feeling that nothing much is going on here. With so many restaurants and so few meals, this one might merit a skip.

The Palazzo doesn't have a lock on all the new restaurants in town. Maverick Chef Louis Osteen bypassed the casino entirely and opened his new place in the sprawling Town Square mall just south of the Strip. Could



Las Vegas: Osteen photo by Mike Trotter. Diners at Louis's Las Vegas at Town Square mall in Las Vegas, where South Carolina's famous chef Louis Osteen serves low-country cuisine.

genre. Barely cooked shrimp top a tumble of molded grits with a beautifully nuanced shrimp gravy that tastes as if it's been cooking for hours. Bourbon-cured and smoked duck breast is served like carpaccio with bourbon raisin poppers and fried crackling on top, a wonderful combination of flavors. Don't overlook the Charleston she crab soup with aged sherry ether.

Main courses include a chicken-fried duck breast in a crisp fluffed batter with a sumptuous gravy punctuated with candied kumquats. A marinated charred rib pork chop is served with buttery fork-mashed potatoes.

For dessert, consider the bourbon brown butter pecan tart and the many-layered Mississippi caramel cake dripping in caramel frosting, served with buttermilk ice cream. Meanwhile, it seems every restaurant in Los Angeles has designs on Vegas. Age just opened at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Drai's has a new lease on life on the Strip. Boa, Valentino, Sushi Roku, Spago and Chinois, Koi and Trader Vic's — they're all doing the bright lights, big city thing. But do we care? Probably not. Enough is enough. Except in Las Vegas, when it's never enough.

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almond paste — a tender brioche scented with orange, an elegant apricot Danish and whatever else Payard and his capable chef here, Gregory Gouraou, might dream up.

That \$16 continental breakfast also includes silky house-cured smoked salmon with all the fixings and a decent bagel (toasted if you like), plus cereals, fresh fruit and yogurt parfaits with granola.

The bistro itself is adorable, round in shape, with the kitchen, where you can order from the a la carte menu. In the center and fanciful white leather banquettes around the edges. This, in fact, may be the smallest restaurant I've seen in Vegas, with just 16 tables beneath whimsical

chandeliers dripping glass gumdrops. And for such a sumptuous breakfast, Payard is first-class all the way, from the heavy linens and serious flatware to the white porcelain plates.

Service is crisp yet unusually comfortable, and there's always someone to refill your coffee cup or water glass.

Breakfast is served only until 11:30 a.m. After noon, Payard serves a casual bistro menu until 7:30 p.m. Drop in for a light lunch of salade nicolise, a perfect omelet or a deliciously fluffy croque-monsieur in which you can actually taste the nutmeg in the bechamel sauce.

After 9 p.m., Payard offers a three-course prix-fixe dessert table for \$45, in which you



Almond-crusted croissants are among the pastries served at Payard's \$16 continental breakfast.

choose from more than 15 items from several categories. You can also order just one if you like. But I'd go with the prix fixe, in order to taste as many of the fabulously intri-

cate desserts as possible. Here, you can't be too greedy when we're talking macaron stained with squid ink and filled with a savory black olive cream cheese

served with Gonzolza ice cream. Or peanut butter napoleon with milk chocolate pastry and peanut butter sauce. Or apples baked with a cardamom streusel and

crowned with a tart, refreshing scoop of Granny Smith sorbet and dried apple chips.

Taste for yourself one night, skip dessert whenever you're eating and run, don't walk, to Payard for a langouros, late-night splurge.

\* Payard Patisserie & Bistro: Caesars Palace, 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas; (702) 731-7110; [barharras.com/casinos/casinos/dining/palace/restaurants-dining](http://barharras.com/casinos/casinos/dining/palace/restaurants-dining). Open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for breakfast, noon to 7:30 p.m. for lunch and 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for dessert, prix fixe.

Continental breakfast, \$16; lunch-dinner entrees, \$16 to \$26; three-course dessert prix fixe, \$45; individual desserts, \$15.

# Small

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German Gewurztraminers, and put together by the sommeliers in town who love this place.

\* Lotus of Siam, 953 E. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas; (702) 735-3033; [salignchutima.com](http://salignchutima.com).

Open for lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; for dinner 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Main dishes, \$8.95 to \$22.95; most fewer than \$15.

3325 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas; (702) 869-2233.

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**French**

Could this be Paris? Not technically, but Thomas Keller's oyster bar at his French bistro Bouchoin in the Venetian puts you there in spirit. Sit down at the zinc bar with a loved one, order a glass of Sancerre and a "petit plateau" with pristinely fresh oysters, clams, mussels, half a lobster and shrimp. It's the best seafood platter this side of the Seine.

\* Bouchoin, Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino, Venezia Tower, 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas; (702) 414-6200; [bouchoinbistro.com](http://bouchoinbistro.com).

Oyster bar open midday to 11:00 p.m. daily. Petit plateau, \$58.

ground to order. He's also got a Colorado lamb burger and a more expensive American Kobe beef version from Snake River Farms in Idaho. Choose your bread, pile on the additional toppings and voilà! A custom-built gourmet burger. Desserts are all burgers too, including, yikes, a peanut butter and jelly burger.

\* Burger Bar, Mandalay Place at Mandalay Bay, 3930 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas; (702) 632-9364; [mandalayplace.com/dining/burgerbar.spx](http://mandalayplace.com/dining/burgerbar.spx). Burgers, \$6 to \$16; additional toppings, 50 cents to \$2.75.

Open 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday.

not inexpensive, but nowhere near the \$290 person for the Menu Prestigious in the main dining room. Everything is served as either a small bite (actually three or four bites, tapas style) or a big bite, about the size of a regular appetizer. Taste Monsieur Savoy's famous artichoke and black truffle soup or his oysters in ice, gelee. The Champagne will set you back a bit, though: The least expensive bubbly by the glass is a private label "blanc de blancs" at \$29 a glass. The most expensive? That's \$75 a glass for Krug Grande Cuvee, "naturellement."

\* Bubble Bar, Restaurant: Guy Savoy, Caesars Palace, 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas; (702) 731-7110; [barharras.com/casinos/caesars-palace/restaurants-dining](http://barharras.com/casinos/caesars-palace/restaurants-dining). Open 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. No reservations required.

**Espresso**

For a cup of espresso made short and strong, with a proper "crema," head to the new Espressoismes ily coffee bar, the first of many to come in the U.S. from premier Italian coffee roaster Ily. The vibe is smart and urban (that's why so many vacationing Europeans make this their morning coffee spot). The morning pastries could be better, but if you require the jump-start of a truly ferocious latte, an extra shot of espresso is just a buck.

\* Espressoismes ily, Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino,

**Cocktails**

For just \$16, you can savor a cocktail and the million-dollar view of the Strip from the 64th-floor balcony of Mix Lounge. At Mix Restaurant next door, gourmands are paying big bucks for a lesser view and OK, Michelin-starred French chef Alain Ducasse's worldly menu. Every night at the Lounge, a musical disc jockey stirs up a different mix of the moment: Violet, a mix of Absolut raspberry vodka, Hnottiq, Chambord and pineapple juice.

\* Mix Lounge, THEhotel at Mandalay Bay, 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas; (702) 632-9500; [mandalayplace.com/dining/mixlounge.caspx](http://mandalayplace.com/dining/mixlounge.caspx).

Open 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Cocktails, \$16.

**Fish**

Next door to the more formal Louis's Las Vegas is South Carolina chef Louis Ostens' zesty and fun Fish Camp, where you can get a bowl of his low-country shrimp and okra gumbo along with a New Orleans oyster po' boy, a shrimp burger with jalapeno tartar sauce or a sirloin burger with Benton's fine bacon and extra sharp white cheddar.

I wouldn't say no, either, to some hush puppies or sweet potato fries with a glass of bourbon from Zeldai's Bourbon Bar, which stocks more than 48 varieties. Live music on the weekends.

\* Fish Camp, Town Square, 6605 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Building N, Las Vegas; [louislasvegas.com](http://louislasvegas.com); (702) 463-3000.

Open 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sandwiches, \$12.50 to \$16.50.

**Burgers**

French chef Hubert Keller of San Francisco's posh Fleur de Lys is getting into burger in a big way at his Burger Bar in Vegas. His basic burger is \$8, which includes tomatoes, onions, lettuce and pickles. But this isn't just any beef: It's corn-fed Hereford beef from Ridgefield Farms in Washington state's Yakima Valley — and it's fresh-

**Small plates**

The menu of small plates served in Restaurant Guy Savoy's elegant Bubble Bar gives you a chance to taste some of the highly lauded French chef's creations without dire damage to the pocketbook. The best deal is four "small bites" items for \$40 —

*Vibrira is the Times restaurant critic.*

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# Now is the time to choose a cruise

By Jane Engle  
Los Angeles Times

Holiday glitter is but a memory and not some travelers that can mean only one thing: It's time to choose this year's cruise. Or maybe past time if you want the best deals.

These days, half of cruise passengers book their voyages more than seven months ahead, according to a report this month from Cruise Lines International Association. And you won't believe where they're going in this contrarian year: Asia and South America, the Mediterranean and riverboats in Europe.

Those are hot destinations as the annual "wave season," peak time for cruise bookings, gets under way, say travel agents and other experts. Ships, too, are showing up in new ways, with spa suites, adult-only zones and more dining alternatives than you can shake a fork at. Here's what's happening:

## DESTINATIONS

The Caribbean still sees more cruise passengers than anywhere else, but the Mediterranean is the fastest-growing destination, say the cruise lines association and others.

So far, the Med is the fourth-most-booked itinerary for 2008, just behind the Mexican Riviera, according to agents surveyed by Cruise Holidays, a Minneapolis-based network of more than 100 cruise retailers. The Caribbean is No. 1, and Alaska No. 2.

Overall, the survey found, the network's agents last

year took 42 percent more bookings for Europe than in the previous year.

"People are looking for strategies to maximize the value of the dollar against a euro," said Steve Loucks, spokesman for Carlson Wagonlit Travel Associates, an international network of travel agencies.

Cruising can be cheaper than seeing Europe on your own, because you pay most costs up front in dollars. Instead of visiting one or two cities, you can sample several, such as Rome; Barcelona, Spain; and Dubrovnik, Croatia — which is "just taking off," Loucks said.

River cruising is another popular European option. Kathy Gerhardt, spokeswoman for Cruise Holidays, said some river departures were nearly sold out.

The dipping U.S. dollar also is sending more cruisers and ships to South America, where the greenback buys more. This year, Carnival Cruise Lines is going there for the first time, and Princess Cruises has added sailings.

"At least 1 in 10 phone calls is about South America," said Donna Ratte, owner of Cruise Holidays of Palm Springs, Calif. Ratte's customers especially like Ecuador's Galapagos Islands, but much of South America's appeal is variety, from the Andes to the jumping-off point for Antarctica.

Both ships at Crystal Cruises, a small luxury line, will visit Asia in 2008, reflecting surging interest in China, host of this year's Summer Olympics; India; and newly

chic Dubai, said spokeswoman Julie Dibble.

Closer to home, if you're thinking about Alaska, act now, said Mike Driscoll, editor of Cruise Week, an industry newsletter in Brookfield, Ill. Alaska capacity is limited, and group bookings, a bellwether of demand, have been strong, he said.

## DEALS

Caribbean cruises are still relative bargains, but the free fall in fares is over. You may even pay a bit more this summer.

"The biggest change we're seeing in 2008 is, for the first time, there are fewer cabins in the Caribbean," as lines shift ships to Europe and other regions they hope are more lucrative, Driscoll said. With supply down, some prices have edged up.

Overall, several experts said, it's too early to predict where fares are headed, because the big booking season has just begun. The cruise lines association expects traffic to grow more slowly in 2008 but still be up 1.6 percent from 2007.

The uncertain U.S. economic outlook is a wild card. Already, though, you can count on paying fuel surcharges of \$5 and up per person per day on many ships because of soaring oil costs.

And cruise lines still give deals on early bookings. Crystal Cruises, for one, recently was offering half off on some Asia cruises. On other lines, seven-night European cruises in late fall can cost as little as \$699 a person, double occupancy, said Laura Christian, man-

ager of cruise marketing and merchandising for Travelocity.com.

## DECK SCENE

Think sophisticated. Suites and staterooms on two new ships this year, Carnival Splendor and Celebrity Solstice, will cater to spa enthusiasts with special access and priority appointments. Carnival is phasing in "Serenity" areas on aft decks as adult-only retreats. And almost everywhere you'll find more restaurant choices.

## DEBUTS, DEPARTURES

Among ships making maiden voyages this year, besides Carnival Splendor and Celebrity Solstice, will be Holland America's Eurodam, Princess Cruises' Ruby Princess, Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas and MSC's Fantasia and Poesia. Two boutique lines will make debuts: Jewel River Cruises (sailing in France) and Pearl Seas Cruises (Canada and the Great Lakes).

Cunard's Queen Elizabeth 2 will sail off into the sunset — actually to Dubai, as a floating hotel — and so, too, may Majestic America's Delta Queen, unless the U.S. Congress extends a safety waiver for the historic riverboat.

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# Brainstorm about your honeymoon trip

The Washington Post

Q: Where should I go on my honeymoon?

A: According to a study by Modern Bride magazine, the top five honeymoon spots are Italy, Hawaii, Tahiti, Costa Rica and Mexico. While traditional hotels and resorts in these locations remain popular, more couples are searching for that perfect eco-lodge in Costa Rica or out-of-the-way pensione in the Italian Alps.

This is one of those trips that calls out for a travel

agent. Local agencies specializing in honeymoons include MacNair Travel & Cruises/American Express in Alexandria (800-833-4382; [Macnairtravel.com](http://Macnairtravel.com)) and Perfect Honeymoons & Holidays Travel in Vienna, Va., (800-320-7373; [Perfecthoneymoons.com](http://Perfecthoneymoons.com)).

Check a honeymoon issue of Modern Bride or a similar magazine for ideas. Also peruse such Web sites as The Knot ([Theknot.com](http://Theknot.com)) and the Wedding Channel ([Weddingchannel.com](http://Weddingchannel.com)) for advice.

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# Before you cancel your trip, read the fine print

By Cindy Loease  
The Washington Post

Sarah Lesinsky, a student at Michigan State University, reluctantly canceled her trip to Copenhagen as a part-time job opportunity suddenly arose. The \$1,213 United ticket bought through Travelocity was nonrefundable, and she knew she'd have to swallow a \$200 penalty from United and a \$30 Travelocity rebooking fee. She figured she'd use the \$983 balance to take a couple of short jaunts.

She recently called Travelocity to book a four-day trip from Detroit to Atlanta. No problem, she was told, but you'll spend your entire balance — plus you owe \$230 on top of that. In other words, Lesinsky would end up paying \$1,443 for a flight that often starts at about \$390. United can smack into a relatively common rule for international tickets: If you make a change, the new ticket must have a value equal to or greater than the original. Plus, any penalties may not come out of the original payment.

Rules for domestic tickets are less draconian. Typically, the penalty is \$50 to \$100, and if you buy a ticket that is cheaper than the original you can apply the difference to the penalty. If you still have a credit left over, you often can apply it to yet another ticket.

Most airlines apply the strict rule to some international tickets, but not all; the rules are stated upfront so you can know before you buy. Bottom line: Read the rules, and if you're required to use a credit for a ticket of equal or greater value, don't blow it on a cheap seat. Better to be in Paris or Copenhagen, even for four days, than Atlanta.

prices were likely to go up or down. This month the site added fare histories and price predictions for cities in Europe, Mexico, the Caribbean and Canada. Plus, if you're on a budget and want to get away to the best place you can afford, type in how much you can spend for airfare and Farecast will reveal which destinations fit your price.

• Yellowpages.travel. Like

to look at multiple sites for airfares but tire of repeatedly typing in the details? Go to Yellowpages.travel, type cities and dates once, then search 11 sites without retyping your trip info. Sites include the Big Three (Travelocity, Expedia and Orbitz), reverse bidding sites such as Hotwire and Priceline, aggregators such as Kayak and Sidestep, and lesser-known sites such as

CheapOAir. Yellowpages also searches for deals exclusive to airline sites. Hotels.com, Hostelbookers.com and AutoEurope.com also are available to search on the site, and cruises and vacation packages are coming soon. • HotelCashRebates.com. Getting a 5 percent rebate when booking hotel rooms at a new site, Hotelcashrebates.com. Checks are

sent a month after your stay. If you've spent a week in an expensive city such as New York, 5 percent could be significant. We did a quick test, comparing offerings of HotelCashRebates.com and the better-known and established Hotels.com for a sample date in New Orleans. Prices and choices were similar, with the exception of special exclusive deals each site was able to claim. As

always, it pays to shop around.

• Two new niche sites. Info about cruising from any of the three New York area ports (Manhattan, Brooklyn and Cape Liberty — in Bayonne, N.J.) is available at Cruisingfromnewyork.com. And a Hawaii travel site for gays, HawaiiGayTravel.com, offers deals and help in planning commitment ceremonies.

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Seems someone always has a new idea for the Web. Here are new launches worth a look:

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## WEB BUZZ: Safeguarding your vitals

By Vani Rangachar  
Los Angeles Times

Before a long trip to Asia last month, I jotted in a notebook my credit card numbers, passport number and other personal information I couldn't afford to lose, then secreted it in my luggage.

Not the safest way to go, but then I didn't know about KnowYourSafe.com.

**What's hot:** You can enter or scan valuable data online, so if your wallet is stolen, you still have access to critical phone and account numbers without hunting down pieces of paper. The site assures users that data are encrypted and staffers "regularly audit the security of our systems." It notes it won't be able to give out your password if you forget it.

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