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## STAYING ON THE BEATEN PATH

Summer season kicks off at T.E. sites; gas prices not affecting tourism early



Water flows over Shoshone Falls in this recent aerial image. Park officials are still expecting visitors to make the trek despite high gas prices.

By Sean Breslin  
Staff writer

High gas prices are keeping vacationers from checking out the Magic Valley, they're not letting it on. "So far we're not seeing it," said Debbie Dane, executive director of Southern Idaho Tourism. She said people from as far away as Massachusetts and Texas have been requesting information to visit the Twin Falls area, and she's hopeful that will translate into a successful summer visiting season. "We're cautiously optimistic," she said. Dane said tracking tourism dollars isn't an exact science, but a good indication is the amount of revenue generated by taxes on hotel stays. Last year's lodging numbers were up 4.5 percent from 2006, a record tourist year. Dane said she's hoping this year will stay on track and maybe exceed 2007.



Junsung Kim, left, and David Park, both of South Korea, take in the view Monday afternoon at Shoshone Falls.

Dane said this summer's events such as the upcoming Jazz in the Canyon music festival, next month's Magic Valley Air Show and August's dedication of the Mormon Temple should help draw in high numbers of tourists. "I think that will make this not a typical year," Dane said. At the Shoshone Falls con-

cession stand, attendant Donna Requa said the season has gotten off to a smooth start, and she expects business to pick up as the summer progresses. She said the high fuel costs haven't cut into her sales, but she's noticed more in-state license plates than in years past.

For Brian Wade of Surprise,

Ariz., driving his family north to visit friends in Twin Falls was an expensive endeavor, especially in his 2008 Chevrolet Silverado, which he said gets 14 miles to the gallon on a good day. "It's horrible," he said. "You have to plan around the gas." He said he considered taking a 50-mile detour, but didn't want to spend the extra gas money. "You already budgeted for gas, so you end up trying to find the shortcuts," he said. Currently about 400 cubic feet of water per second is flowing through Shoshone Falls, said Dennis Boyver, director of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department. Between April 1 and Labor Day, Idaho Power is contracted to release 300 cfs over the falls, Boyver said, but because its facility at Shoshone is currently under maintenance, everything is going straight to

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## Hailey teens' deaths still under investigation

Sunday rollover in Blaine County claimed two girls

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

Gayle Selsch slipped into moments of silence while recalling a tragic helicopter ride she took the day her daughter, Brooke, died. "I rode with her in the helicopter. I was with her the whole time," said Gayle Selsch. "I'm a nurse, so I knew, but I didn't want to know. We knew once she got to Boise there would be no way. She would never come to consciousness again." Sixteen-year-old Brooke Selsch died Sunday after her Jeep rolled along Garnett Road, about a half mile south of Pero Road in Blaine County. Also killed in the crash, which is still under investigation, was 17-year-old Pauline Hoagland. Both teens were from Hailey.



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## Horonzy given 15 to life

Murder case ends for 1997 death

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

The scene was of a funeral delayed 11 years. Rosemarie Lavonne Murphy's memory resurfaced at her murderer's sentencing, sparking a rap from her son, triggering tears from her daughter, empowering forgiveness from her mother and emboldening them all. For too long, Murphy's family had been deprived the chance to confront her murderer. On Monday he was their captive audience. "I felt like I was going to pass out," said Vernice Clifford, Murphy's mother, after the hearing. "I was numb." No sooner had 5th District Judge John Butler pronounced the harshest sentence available through a plea agreement — life, with 15 years before John Horonzy can be considered for parole — the family

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John Horonzy listens during his Monday sentencing in Twin Falls. Horonzy, who pleaded guilty to the murder of Rosemarie Lavonne Murphy, was sentenced to life in prison with 15 years before he can seek parole.

Staff photo by MICHAEL TRAMERSON

## Shaking up the party T.E. County Paul supporters pick up precinct seats

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

The elephant survived, but not without a few bruises. After weeks of promise to dent the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee, supporters for Presidential Candidate Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, grabbed at least seven new precinct seats in what they described as a strong victory. "The Paul supporters claimed four of the 19 contested precinct races, and three solo campaigns — won by Luke Hahn, Greg Fluecker and writer-in-Lani Whitney. The Paul supporters said the results



reflected a desire for change in the county. "We shook up the party," said Rick Martin, an organizer with the group who lost his precinct by a single vote. "Some people enjoy watching football. I enjoy rattling the chains of the local liberal Republicans." Martin actually puts their

total at 11 victories, pointing to two sitting members, Donna Mauldin and Herb Deuel, as supporters of Paul. He declined to disclose the names of the other two supporters on the committee. Some central committee members who fought off challengers from Paul supporters are welcoming the new members, but expect them to participate — regardless of which presidential candidate they voted for last week. "We're gonna make 'em work," said Ken Edmunds. "It's just introducing some new people to the committee." An organizational committee meeting is scheduled for

Thursday. Members will choose committee leadership and delegates for the June 12-14 state convention in Sandpoint. The committee sends 16 delegates, and the two legislative districts each send three. The committee amended its by-laws in April to require members attending the state convention to vote for national delegates based on how the county votes. It was in direct response to Paul supporters for fear they would vote for their own preference and not for the victor in the Republican primary.

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## Protest march over gas prices planned in N. Idaho

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — A two-mile march to protest high gas prices is planned here Saturday. "This is not meant to be a slam on local gas stations or gas distributors," Gary Church, one of the organizers of the event, told the Lewiston Tribune. "We need to put pressure on our government to start doing things." Organizers have obtained a special-events permit from the city, and Lewiston police will provide traffic control. "I've had a couple people say this is a knuck against free enterprise," Church said. "I think it's to

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Ted Kennedy's brain surgery successful.  
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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS

Mary Time Club meeting and brunch, 9:30 a.m., home of Rose Crawford, Twin Falls, 735-5213.
New Neighbors Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Canyon Crest Event Center...

EDUCATION EXHIBITS

2008 College of Southern Idaho Alumni Show with works of Angela Katona, Melissa Debelick and Adrienne Meckel, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science...

FAMILY

Story Hour at 10 a.m. at the Oakley Free Library, 862-3434.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 S. Shoshone St., 735-4065.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First St., 841, 788-5500.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center...

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Water Color Butterfly class, wet-on-wet and wet-dry techniques taught, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Parks and Recreation conference room, 136 Maxwell, Twin Falls, \$20 (includes supplies), 736-2265.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "Mystery of the Missing Seasons/ Live Sky Tour" at 2 p.m., "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m. and "Atmospheric Rocks" at 8:15 p.m.
Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus...

OPEN HOUSE

Retirement Open House for Filer High School Librarian Judy Youngman, Filer School District Personnel Coordinator and Accounts Payable Sandra Roberts and Filer Middle School 6th Grade Science Teacher Erin Gowen...

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com...

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Check out a video story about a couple dedicated to helping the mountain bluebird population. Includes a photo of a person in a field.

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MORNING BRIEFING



It's a decade since Twin Falls' last picture show

I don't know how you could possibly forget it, but it's the 10th anniversary of Twin Falls' last-and-only foray into Hollywood... For six weeks in the spring of 1998, Nick Willis, Albert Finney, Bruce Willis, Omar Epps and a cast of dozens enthralled Twin Falls by shooting the movie version of Kurt Vonnegut's "Breakfast of Champions" here...
Never heard of a film version of "Breakfast of Champions"? ... You're forgiven; it went straight to video...
Yeah, it was that bad... Yet it started with so much promise... The director was Robert Altman protégé Alan Rudolph, who had just filmed "Afterglow" with Nolte and Julie Christie...
Yet since "Breakfast," Rudolph hasn't, um, been in demand...
In retrospect, "Breakfast" was probably an unfilmable

Do tell

If it's quirky, odd, poignant or funny and it happens in south-central Idaho, I want to hear about it. Call me at 735-3223, or write at scrump@magicvalley.com.
book, what with its story line about a crazy car dealer (Willis), a luck science-fiction writer (Finney) and a transvestite sales manager (Nolte)...
But it was great fun while it lasted... More than 100 locals worked on the shoot, including the Twin Falls High School marching band...
Note wandered around behind the old Sandpiper restaurant (now Tomato's Italian Grill) in his pajamas, Willis did televised interviews with David Letterman from

the Turf Club and Rudolph struggled to accommodate cranky Blue Lakes Hotelward North retailers who didn't want their signs in the film...
Lukas Haas, portraying the son of Willis' character, played piano in the lounge at the Annex 72 Inn (which had neither a lounge nor a piano)...
Much of "Breakfast" was filmed at Gary's Westland Motors, a Pontiac dealership that occupied the building that now houses a Bob Green car lot...
Walt Disney Pictures' Buena Vista subsidiary agreed to distribute the film as part of a multi-movie deal with Willis that included the 1999 blockbuster "The Sixth Sense" car lot...
"Breakfast" cost \$12 million to make and earned \$17,000 at the box office...
Shortly before his death in 2007, Vonnegut recorded an audiobook of "Breakfast"...
He recommends the book-

on-tape version to the movie, which he calls "painful to watch"...
YOU KNEW it had to happen...
Last month, the St. Paul Saints minor league baseball team gave away spring-loaded "bubble-legged stalls" of an unknown person inside a toilet stall to commemorate Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's adventures at the Minneapolis airport last year...
Now they're on eBay...
"Though none have completed the auction yet, one is up to \$103," e-mails former Twin Falls resident Mary Lynn Arter...
"Of course, that one includes the original owner's e-sticker to the game — proof of authenticity, I suppose"...
Craig is writing an autobiography. Wonder if it will earn as much as the stalls?...
Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

AROUND THE NATION

WASHINGTON

Clinton may be preparing to acknowledge defeat
Barack Obama crept close to victory in the marathon Democratic presidential race Monday on the eve of the final primaries amid signs that Hillary Rodham Clinton was preparing to acknowledge defeat once he gained the contents of a concession...
Said a confident-sounding Obama: "I told her that once the dust settled I'm looking forward to meeting with her at a time and place of her choosing"...
The former first lady has given no hint of quitting the race, and she has said repeatedly she may continue her candidacy even beyond the end of the primaries...
Obama, bidding to become the first black major party nominee in history, was 42.5 delegates shy of the 2,118, needed to clinch the nomination at the party's convention in Denver. He gained 4.5 during the day Monday, and one member of the House leadership, Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, readied an endorsement for Tuesday...
FEMA may use trailers for hurricane season
The government may house disaster victims in trailers this hurricane season as a last resort, despite

promises never to use them again because of high levels of formaldehyde found in trailers used after the Katrina catastrophe...
Only the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency could approve the use of such trailers, and they would have to meet the agency's standard for low formaldehyde levels, according to a draft of the agency's five-page 2008 hurricane-season plan, obtained by The Associated Press...
Also, disaster victims could stay in the trailers for only six months...
Hurricane season started June 1 and will last through November. Forecasters predict the 2008 Atlantic season will be busier than average, with a good chance of six to nine hurricanes forming, including two to five

major ones...
The Bush administration and FEMA came under heavy criticism for the response to Katrina in 2005. About 1 million people were displaced because of the hurricane, and thousands were sent to emergency travel trailers. It was later discovered that the trailers had high levels of formaldehyde — a preservative commonly used in building materials. Prolonged exposure can lead to breathing problems and is also believed to cause cancer...
Complaints began popping up shortly after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, with residents of FEMA-issued trailers reporting frequent headaches, nosebleeds and other ailments...
— wire reports

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 3, the 155th day of 2008. There are 211 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight: Two hundred years ago, on June 3, 1808, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, was born in Christian County, Ky.
On this date
In 1621, the Dutch West India Company received its charter for a trade monopoly in the Americas and Africa...
In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published. In the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days...
In 1937, the Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monte Carlo, France...
In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting Hale Telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated in Southern California...
In 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81; he was succeeded by Pope Paul VI...
In 1965, astronaut Edward White became the first American to "walk" in space,

during the flight of Gemini 4. In 1968, pop artist Andy Warhol was shot and critically wounded in his New York film studio, known as "The Factory," by Valerie Solanas, an actress and self-styled militant feminist...
Ten years ago, President Clinton urged Congress to renew normal trade benefits for China, saying good relations with Beijing were crucial amid fears of a nuclear arms race in South Asia...
A high-speed train derailed in Eschwege, Germany, killing 101 people...
Five years ago, World leaders closed out a summit in Evian, France, by pledging to

rebuild Iraq and combat the threat of nuclear weapons in Iran and North Korea. Arab leaders pledged to renounce terror and help end violence against Israel, standing in solidarity with President Bush at a summit in Egypt. Samy Sana was ejected in the first inning of Chicago's 3-2 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after umpires found cork in his shattered bat...
One year ago: After attending the MTV Movie Awards, Paris Hilton reported to jail to serve a 45-day sentence for a probation violation in an alcohol-related reckless driving case.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JUNE 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, life is just a bowl of cherries between now and mid-August. You might as well enjoy all the goodness that life has to offer. These are fabulous weeks to improve your health through exercise, to improve your mind through a new study or to travel. During September and October maintain a low profile, avoid making major changes or decisions and don't take on extra obligations such as a car loan or extra expenses. Your judgment might be off base, your usual good luck could be somewhat undependable and you may overestimate your abilities during these months...
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Creative ideas need to be expressed. During the coming month your imaginative ideas can blossom into reality, but first you must acquire the necessary tools or accommodations. Be well-equipped...
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): During the monthlong cycle again, your focus may turn to finances and spending. It could be that your spending

habits are hit and miss. A small action taken now, such as starting a daily planner, can help...
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The new moon in your sign presages a month ahead in which concerns revolve around you with a capital "Y." You may be forced to defend your views or find you must fight to have it your way...
CANCER (June 21-July 22): A new monthlong cycle begins. You may prefer to work in serene surroundings and avoid the hustle and bustle of the public eye for the next several weeks. Friends could steer you in the wrong direction...
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Learn how to delegate authority during the month ahead. One person can't take care of all the details. Oversee the things you value, but be willing to let go of the smaller things that are not crucial to success...
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Quit biting your fingernails. Your attention shifts to your

reputation and career for the month. You may become more aware of the ways in which your habits and routines affect how others view you...
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put the cap on an emotional toothache. You can't obtain support from friends or pressure people to take your side. However you can realign your thoughts by seeking sound advice from others this month...
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Climb the highest mountains, but remember that sometimes it is lonely at the top. You are a winner if stamina and determination is needed but might be in conflict with certain groups of friends...
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let getting what you want interfere with enjoying what you have. An apology will smooth the way quickly. Enjoy insights into others and take steps to improve relationships this month...
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19): Comply with pressure to conform and agree with the opinions of friends. If you disagree now you may be made a target. During the month-long cycle ahead, learn how to organize your work...
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have been doing, enjoying, expected of you and whatever others want you to do like a trooper. In the new lunar cycle that lasts about a month you can start doing the things that you enjoy...
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Fishnets consist of more holes than ropes. To scoop up the most important knowledge or win someone's heart, you must let go more than you grasp. Concoct a home and family this month...
CORRECTION
A Sunday story about the Magic Valley Air Show gave the wrong date for the event. The event is scheduled on July 26 and 27.
The Times-News regrets the error.

# Deaths

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An unidentified 16-year-old boy was treated and released from St. Luke's Wood River Hospital. The group was believed to be returning from a party in Lincoln County, according to a Monday press release from the Blaine County Sheriff's Department.

Brooke Seltsch had just completed her sophomore year of high school and held a title of District V High School Rodeo Queen, her mom said. "We took her off

life support and I held her. I held her for about a half an hour."

Blaine County Sheriff's Department out-of-state are still trying to figure out exactly what happened before they arrived at the crash site at about 7:24 a.m. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office authorities are investigating a party which allegedly preceded the crash.

Blaine County Sheriff's Department wouldn't release names Monday of anyone involved, and Det. Steve Harkins said he hasn't determined if a

crime occurred in connection to the incident.

Blaine County Coroner, Russell D. Mike, also funeral director of Wood River Chapel, released the names. He said the girls died from blunt force trauma after being ejected from the vehicle, and toxicology reports aren't yet available.

Gayle Seltsch is confident her daughter wasn't drinking, and she said she doesn't know who was driving her daughter's Jeep.

"There was no alcohol in my kid's blood," she said. Seltsch and her husband run Middle Fork River

Tours, where Brooke worked during the summer. She loved the outdoors, Seltsch said, but didn't like to fish. "She liked everything else about rafting."

Seltsch said her daughter also liked horses and rodeo. "She was kind and loved animals," Seltsch said. "She was nice to anyone, whether they were a prince or pauper. We love her and miss her so much."

Hoagland's family couldn't immediately be reached Monday. Wood River High School graduation was held on May 28, and officials at the

school said Monday they received the Blaine County Sheriff's Department press release. "Unfortunately the only information we have is the press release," said Blaine County School District clerk Cathy Zaccardi. "We don't have confirmed names or medical conditions. There's little I can lend."

Memorial arrangements for Brooke Seltsch have been set for 2 p.m., Thursday at Hop Porter Park in Huley, and arrangements haven't been made yet for Hoagland, said Mike.

# Tourism

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the falls. "We're getting everything in the river," Broyer said. Broyer said he's not sure about the exact numbers of in-state versus out-of-state visitors to Shoshone Falls. While out-of-towners might be drawn to the falls, he said he's expecting many Twin Falls residents to spend their weekends locally at areas such as Dirkes Lake. "I really see people staying closer to the area," he said.

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# Horonzy

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members who had traveled far for the hearing burst into sobs of relief. After court, high lives were exchanged.

In late 1997, a father playing hide and seek with his children discovered Murphy's body lying among tattered mattresses, chairs and a toilet seat in a garage behind the old Sands Motel in Twin Falls. Brown brushes covered her throat, apparently from being strangled by Horonzy, her alcoholic boyfriend, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said. It was Horonzy's most horrible act against at least six women — most of whom he would call individually "my wife." But by no means was his first nor his last, Loeb said.

When Murphy's body was found, Horonzy had already caught a ride on a bus to another state, linked up with

another vulnerable woman and soon wound back up in prison, Loeb said.

Loeb's summarized Horonzy's rap sheet: 77.5 percent of his adult life spent in prison, Horonzy committed nine felonies, making his criminal background the most extensive Butler said he had ever handled.

By the numbers, Horonzy's crime still appeared much more benign than when Loeb's flashed photos of his many female victims. Each woman's face projected against a courtroom wall accompanied a tale of how they were threatened, beaten, choked, slammed into walls, and kicked on the floor by Horonzy when he lost himself to jealous rage. "Met ... wooed ... victimized," Loeb had type-written beneath each face.

For Murphy, the last word was different: "Met ... wooed ... murdered."

As Horonzy kept his silence, his attorney offered

no prosecutive argument. County Public Defender Marilyn Paul noted merely that the comments related by Loeb from past girlfriends had not all been substantiated.

Often a murder victim's family members find themselves overwhelmed and unable to speak, Murphy's family, however, had ample time to prepare and mostly knew years ago what they wanted to say. They pictured all along it was Horonzy who had killed Murphy, making him a tangible character in their lives, family members said.

Murphy's daughter Larisa Neale needed Horonzy to know how while singing on a stage she'd scanned the audience for her mother's face. Now she searched Horonzy's face for recognition. Murphy's son Daniel Valdes started a rap with lyrics he'd scripted years ago. "You visit me in my dreams," he sang.

Murphy's mother seemed unusually calm — in fact she was trembling, she said afterward — when she assured Horonzy her daughter will forgive him.

"I would like to know what possessed you to do what you did to my daughter," she asked. For several seconds, the courtroom went quiet. "Can he answer that?" she asked the judge.

A crook escaped Horonzy's mouth, but Paul hushed him, ensuring Horonzy would remain a stranger to the victim's family. Even letters written by Horonzy's parents that might have shed some light into the defendant's mentality instead reflected his strangeness even to those closest to him.

"Clearly, I don't believe your family knows you," Butler said. "Because clearly you are not the person your family describes. You have not demonstrated since (age) 18 ... that you're ready to change or you're even will-

ing to change. It's all about you."

# Paul

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The precinct turnover came during unusually low voter turnout in 19 percent of the county's registered voters cast ballots; during the 2006 general election, 36 percent of the voters came out, said Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock.

Central committee members and Glascock said the low turnout might stem from how the election followed Memorial Day weekend or how the Republican nomination process is likely John McCain's.

In precinct No. 3, Robert Salinas won 63-41 over Donald Zuck, who served his precinct for so many years he couldn't recall when exactly he joined the committee. Zuck, 64, said he is not resentful — he freely conceded Salinas campaigned more — but noted representing a

precinct demands much time and money.

"I'm not bitter about it. I wish him luck," he said. "I just hope he finds out, being a Democrat all these years, what it's like to be a Republican."

Salinas, who said he recently became a Republican, said Paul represents the right views to restore American values.

"It's about having us speak out about our views and what we would like to hear," he said. "This is our chance to let people know what we stand for."

He said the Paul supporters are gathering tonight to decide what action to pursue after having won their precincts.

The other contested victories went to Christi Dobbins, who beat incumbent Jody Calton 70-54 in Precinct 15; Sheila Hunter, who beat Elizabeth Bryan 37-10; and Karen Byrne, who beat Joyce Grindstaff, wife of former

county commissioner Gary Grindstaff, 41-37 in Bull Precinct No. 2.

Martin, who lost 44-43 to Beverly Hatt in the Bull No. 4 precinct, said he will demand a recount, and is meeting with the Idaho Attorney's General office. He said his decision is not "sour grapes" but because it was such a close race.

Commissioner Terry Kramer, who represents the Castleford precinct, said the last few months have energized a central committee that had become stagnant.

"We really can no longer be complacent," he said. "It was a wake-up call and asked, 'Do

you want to do this or not, and we said yes, we do.'"

At the Washington State Republican Convention on Saturday, Paul supporters staged a sizeable presence at the convention, but ultimately came to an agreement, leading to a slate of 33 delegates for McCain, four for Paul and three for former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, the Associated Press reported.

The national convention this summer will be in St. Paul, Minn.

# Protest

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preserve it." The Twin Chamber of Commerce supports the march, and is sending out e-mails to help publicize it.

The president and chief executive officer of the chamber, Keith Havens, said the march is meant to get the attention of state and national leaders. "They need to keep working for a solution," he said.

Church got the idea for the protest from Kalsha Hollenbeck, an eighth-grader at Sacajawea Junior High School. Hollenbeck has a student driver's permit, but fears high gas prices will curtail her ability to drive.

As her own protest, the 14-year-old plans to ride her horse to class on Thursday, the last day of the school year.

"My generation is coming up," Hollenbeck said. "I want to help my generation realize how severe this is."

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Pioneer Federal Credit Union branches & Magic Valley advertisers will be collecting donations at the event for the benefit of **Children's Miracle Network**

## Small fires burn in region

Blazes hit Ketchum clinic, Jerome land

Staff report

Two acres burned south of the Interstate 84/U.S. Highway 93 junction Monday afternoon, in what was the second regional fire in a 24-hour period.

Earlier Monday, fire crews in Ketchum extinguished a fire at an animal hospital that started Sunday.

Jerome Rural Fire District and the Bureau of Land Management spent about two and half hours using five

trucks to extinguish the afternoon blaze near Twin Falls that erupted around 3:30 p.m.

"We've had some brush fires, but this is the biggest we've had this year," said Joe Robinette, chief of the Jerome Rural Fire District.

Robinette said authorities don't know how the fire ignited, and it burned both public and private land. "It was going pretty good," he said, adding fire crews came across a rattlesnake.

"Two weeks from now, this

would have been gone," Robinette said, pointing off beyond the charred acreage.

The state fire marshal, the Ketchum Fire Department and Ketchum Police Department are also investigating another fire that ignited late Sunday night at the Sun Valley Animal Center.

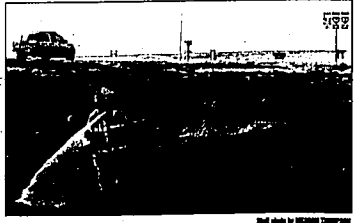
Damages at the facility, located at 106 S. Clear Creek Road, are estimated at \$1 million.

Crews were dispatched to the fire at 9:49 p.m. Sunday. Authorities from Ketchum Fire Department, Sun Valley

Fire Department, and Wood River Fire and Rescue responded with a total of eight engines, one ambulance, and one aerial tower.

The fire was extinguished by 1:30 a.m. Monday, but the state fire marshal arrived at the scene later that afternoon as part of the investigation.

Volunteers and local residents helped stage a successful rescue of 58 dogs and five cats from the animal hospital, using a rapid evacuation plan orchestrated after last summer's Castle Rock Fire. All animals were taken to Sawtooth



Larry Robbins, the assistant chief for Jerome Rural Fire District, sprays an area near U.S. Highway 93 after a small wildfire burned two acres of land.

Photo by MICHAEL THOMPSON

## State adopts program to bolster math scores

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Education has signed on with a new online program designed to help students statewide improve their math skills.

Tom Luna, state superintendent of public instruction, announced the new program on Monday through Apangea Learning Inc., a Pittsburgh-based company founded in April 2002.

Services from Apangea Learning Inc. will be used by students in fifth through eighth grade who are struggling with math.

The State Department of Education signed a one-year, \$1.3 million contract for two million hours of tutoring and online instruction for the 2008-09 school year, said Melissa McGrath, Idaho State Department of Education spokeswoman.

The company's program is called SmartHelp Math and is being used in schools in more than 20 states nationwide to supplement class work, help teach problem-solving skills and motivate student achievement in math.

Luna says the contract is the latest component to the Idaho Math Initiative, a project aimed at providing teachers more tools to bolster math achievement at all grade levels. The project received a \$3.9 million Legislative allocation for the 2008-09 school year, according to McGrath.

The state is also in a one-year, \$600,000 contract with PLATO, which provides remediation to students in kindergarten through 12th grade for math, reading and language usage. The annual PLATO agreement is managed by the Idaho State Department of Education, but was initiated in 2004 by the Idaho State Board of Education.

— Staff writer Andrea Jackson contributed to this report.

# Tracking it all down

## T.F. might draft policy on inventory

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

Have your local officials lost their marbles? Would they even know when they found them?

Twin Falls County elected officials said they will discuss today how departments inventory items, and whether drafting a policy would improve county business and improve its insurance policy.

The idea is for elected officials to review how county departments catalogue items, including furniture and electronics, said County Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell. Currently, the only items

that are routinely tracked across departments are computers.

"If you come to my desk you can see there's a sticker on my phone, on my computer and on my desk," said Mikesell. "But I don't know how many chainsaws or lawnmowers we have in the county."

The county's elected officials meet every six to eight weeks. The meeting is at noon in the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Commissioner Terry Kramer said there is concern there could be holes regarding the county's insurance policy. For example, he said, if items were damaged in a fire, it's unclear if the county's insurance company would have valid figures for fire damages.

The officials said the policy would not be in response to any particular event and would simply be to improve government processes. The



Jane Tompkin, a records retention clerk with Twin Falls County, looks at the shelves in the basement of the Marvin Hempleman Twin Falls County office building. "This will take until Christmas (to fill the shelves with court records) and then that's it," said Tompkin noting that court records are submitted to their office daily. Twin Falls County may draft an inventory policy for all items.

Photo by MICHAEL THOMPSON



Michael Miller, the maintenance supervisor for Twin Falls County, flips through a book of property records during a tour of the old home that houses old criminal and civil court cases. "We've flat out run out of room. That place is falling down and this place (Marvin Hempleman office building) is filling up," said Miller.

officials said they weren't aware of any money being wasted. The last time an official inventory was done was about five years ago when a federal program required a review of the future.

Howell said he will be in touch with Dan Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties, about when a conflict of interest would start. Although Roemer has only won the primary election, she is currently opposed in the November general election, which essentially makes her a commissioner-elect. Although Roemer does not take office until January 2009, Howell said he was unsure whether the conflict would start immediately or when she takes office, and said he intends to discuss the matter with Chadwick at the Association of Counties meeting in Boise next week.

### Air Magic Valley Air Show

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### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### Commissioners' insurance issues unresolved

The Jerome County Commissioners will have to take the next steps in getting a new health insurance representative after Cathy Roemer takes office in January.

Roemer's husband, Terry, has been handling the county employee health insurance for about 10 years, but will drop the account when Roemer takes office, Charlie Howell, chair of the commission, said Jeff Kelsey of "Black Ink Insurance never showed for the commission's Monday meeting as was slated on their agenda. The commission did not take up the insurance agenda item and has no definite plans to take up the issue

Fish and Game will host two Free Fishing Day activities in the Magic Valley Region this Saturday. Events will be held at Riley Pond on the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery and Gaver's Lagoon at the Hayspur Fish Hatchery near Pabo.

"It's going to be a great day of fun events," said Doug Megargle, Idaho Fish and Game Regional Fishery Manager for the Magic Valley Region. "The programs are geared for youth and introducing new anglers to the sport of fishing. The goal of the Free Fishing Day events is to teach people a lifetime sport, provide information, and teach the skills needed to catch fish."

The state dropped the need for a fishing license on Saturday for all anglers. Fish and Game and the volunteer organizations will also provide fishing poles, teach casing techniques, provide bait, and show people how to clean their catch. Experts will also help first-time anglers.

At both events, visitors will be provided a hotdog lunch, fishing poles to use for the day, tackle, and bait. Fishing gear will also be given away to several lucky anglers. The Pabo event runs from 8 a.m. to noon while fishing at Hagerman State Fish Hatchery will last from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

People not interested in attending one of the sponsored events can still fish any open public water without a license on Saturday. Anglers need to remember to adhere to all the state's fishing rules regarding size restrictions, legal bait, and limits.

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**Donald Culley**

PAUL — Donald Wayne Culley, age 80, of Paul, passed away Friday, May 30, 2008, at CountrySide Care and Rehab in Rupert.



Don was born in Rupert on May 9, 1928, to William Elmer "Duck" and Maryaret Adaline Whitlock Culley. He attended school in Acquia and completed his education in Pocatello. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Navy. He married Donna Fay Lancaster on July 1, 1950, in Elko, Nev. Don was a hard and dedicated worker. He worked for the Navy, worked road construction, drove truck for several years and was a mechanic. He enjoyed woodworking, building airplanes, kites, boats and planters, making rugs and birding cards, playing on his computer and gardening.

Don was very patriotic and loved his country. He was an active member of the Paul First Baptist Church, holding weekly Bible study classes in his home. He truly loved the Lord! Don was happiest when surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren. He served four years on the Paul City Council and was passionate about voicing his opinion through letters to the editor.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Donna of Paul; four children, Ryan and

Judy Culley of Heyburn, Sule and Darin Hadley of Paul, Denise and Randy Elfe of Burley, and Valerie Baumgartner of Heyburn.



Don has seven grandchildren: Karmen, Katherine, Jason, Kyle, Sara, Ryan and Bryan; seven great-grandchildren, Chelsie, Kaybee, Holland, Jaycee, Jakoda, Nevaeh and Scotty; an honorary granddaughter, Alicia; and an honorary great-granddaughter, Lauren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, one brother, four step-siblings and one step-brother.

A graveside committal service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Officiating will be Pastor John Zakuski. Military rites will be accorded by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary. A celebration of life will follow the committal service at 12 noon at the Paul First Baptist Church, 25 N. Fourth E. in Paul.

The family expresses their sincere appreciation to Minidoka Home Health and Hospice and to the doctors and nurses who gave such wonderful and special care to Don.

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

**Doris Arlene Jockumsen**

BREMERTON, Wash. — Doris Arlene Jockumsen passed away Sunday, June 1, 2008. She was 84 at the time of her death.



Doris has called Bremerton her home for the last six years. Recently, she began to decline in health and was an inpatient at the Hospice Care Center in Bremerton. She fought a long and courageous battle with COPD.

Doris was born Sept. 26, 1923, in Rigby, to parents Ibra Valentine Parks-Johnson and Charles Ezra Johnson. Doris graduated from High School. She has four sisters, Dot Dalzell (deceased), Maxine Christensen (Herb) of Rigby, Helen Willis (Bill) of Utah and Janet Johnson (deceased). She also has two brothers, Ronald Johnson (Linda) of Louisiana and Lynn Johnson (Kama) of Rigby. Doris married Norman Jockumsen in Olympia, Wash., on Nov. 15, 1941, and they made their home in Jerome. Doris worked for Bell South for more than 25 years. Gardening and working in her flower beds brought her

happiness. Crocheting afghans for anyone who came into her life brought her great joy.



She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Maureen McQuarrie (Hilbert) of Bremerton, Wash. She was preceded in death by her son, Norman Kent Jockumsen (Nancy, deceased). She was also survived by six grandchildren, Shellee Jensen of Piegree, Suzanne Butler of Frenchtown, Mont., Kerry Beymer of North Bend, Wash., Kimberly Kilmer of Bremerton, Wash., Rainbow Maldonado of Pocatello, and Jared Jockumsen of Pocatello. She also had 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Following cremation, a graveside service will be held later in the summer in her hometown of Jerome under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Home, where she will lay to rest with her husband. Thank you to hospice for your invaluable help and support.

"We know you're walking with Grandpa now."

**Edwin Claude Black**

BURLINGAME, Calif. — On the evening of May 21, 2008, Edwin Claude Black said goodbye to family and friends and went home to be with our beloved Lord God, until we can all be together again.

Edwin was born March 29, 1917, at home southwest of Twin Falls. Growing up on the family farm, Edwin always was involved in the farm work. In 1936, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps for two years.

In 1939, he married Rosalie Black. They also have two daughters, Brenda and Joyce. Ed worked at Douglas Aircraft. He entered the service in 1945 and was stationed in Fort Benning, Ga., as a motor pool instructor.

After the war, they came back to Boise and went to work for Mountain Bell Telephone Co. In 1950, he was called to service once again in the Korean War. While in the service, the family moved to California, where Ed worked at Douglas Aircraft. He entered the service in 1945 and was stationed in Fort Benning, Ga., as a motor pool instructor. After the war, they came back to Boise and went to work for Mountain Bell Telephone Co. In 1950, he was called to service once again in the Korean War. While in the service, the family moved to California, where Ed worked at Douglas Aircraft. He entered the service in 1945 and was stationed in Fort Benning, Ga., as a motor pool instructor.

He shot his last deer in 2005 and went on his last hunting trip in 2006. He was active in the Masons and Shrine's, an avid bowler and past member of the Bull Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3604.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Greek and Edna Black and brother, Raymond Black. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie Black of Bull; daughter, Sherron Morgan of Bull; sister, Joyce (Frank) Naccarato of Salt Lake City; Utah; four grandsons, Brent (Janet) Morgan of Boise, Bryan (Trystin) Morgan of Boise, Derek (Daniel) Morgan of Kennewick, Wash., and Denny Kaye Sime (Jody) Morgan, Beaverton, Ore.; seven great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Bull West End Cemetery. A viewing will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Bull. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a favorite charity or the Galvary Chapel Church of Bull.

**Audrey Parton**

MERRIDIAN — Audrey Parton, 76, passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at her home in Meridian, with her family by her side.



Audrey was born Aug. 9, 1931, in Staten Island, N.Y., and shortly thereafter moved with her family to Tacoma, Wash., where she attended grade school and graduated from Stadium High School. She married Paul Parton on March 19, 1953. Together they raised six children. Her greatest joy in life was being an Air Force wife, mother to her six children and grandmother to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a loving daughter, sister and friend. Prior to moving down to the Treasure Valley in the summer of 2005, she and Paul owned and operated the Pinewood Motel and RV Park in Cascade.

She is survived by her sister, Hazel; her husband of 55 years, Paul; her children, David, Robert, Ross, John, Darin and Glenn; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Mabel; her brothers, Walter (Budd) Jr. and Edward; and her grandson, Cody. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Nampa Church of the Brethren, 11030 W. Orchard Ave. in Nampa. Burial will be at the Idaho State Veterans' Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gideons International USA. You may contact Gideons International Headquarters at (615) 564-5000, by email at gideons@gi.org or by writing to: The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214.

**SERVICES**

Donald C. Mahoney Sr. of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Edwards Catholic Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Lillie Mae Elger of Bull, graveside inurnment at 10 a.m. today at West End Cemetery in Bull; celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at her residence, 1390 Miller Ave. in Bull (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Bull).

Lawrence E. Friedrich of Bull funeral at 11 a.m. today at Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Maylon "M.B." Bessire of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Amanda Pauline Frayer of Bull, funeral at 11 a.m. today at New Life Assembly of God Church, 254 S. Highway 24 in Rupert; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Mary H. Harris of Boise, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Orpha Mechem of Carey, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Carey LDS Church; visitation at noon at the church (Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Donald Jacob Pickering Sr. of Heyburn, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 1 to 1:45 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Donald Leon Joseph Jones of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding.

Chapel; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Larry D. "Rounded" Miller of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

Martha Schoelster Holecmb of Woodburn, Ore., and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Shane R. Arlitz of Litchfield Park, Ariz., memorial service at 4 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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**Marvin J. (Mary) Heinrich**

RUPERT — Marvin J. (Mary) Heinrich, 86, of Rupert, passed away Friday, May 30, 2008, at home of natural causes.



Mary was born Jan. 27, 1922, in Holstein, Neb. She is the daughter of Frank Heinrich and Mary Ann Halbmaier. He was raised in Wood River, Mo., and graduated from Wood River High school in 1939. He moved to Idaho in 1941, where he met and later married Helen Ruth Gee on Feb. 14, 1942. They lived in Burley before moving to Rupert in 1959, and to that union were born Lynn Heinrich and LaDawne Heinrich. Mary enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942 and served in World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945 as a sergeant. Ruth passed away in 1998. Mary married Lillian Bellem in 2000.

Marvin worked at various places, including Mountain State Implementer, Four Season Supply and retired from Cameron Sales. He was a past member of the Moose Lodge in Twin Falls, where he received the Pilgrim Degree, the Loyd Order of the Moose, a member of the Rupert Elks and a retired voluntary fireman. He was also a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church and served with the

Knights of Columbus.

Marvin's greatest enjoyment was fishing, especially in his hand. Whether at his summer home at Island Park, their winter get away in Arizona, or at home in Rupert, Marvin could be found fishing. On the day he passed away he spent the day fishing with Lillian and was extremely proud of a 3 1/2 pound trout he caught that day and bragged about it to many of his friends.

Lillian is survived by his second wife, Lillian; one son, Lynn (Eva) Heinrich of Island Park; one daughter, LaDawne (Dwight) Comfort of Meridian; a sister-in-law, Virginia Hecker of Wood River, Neb.; and by 11 grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren as well as the extended Bellem family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; his parents; one brother; two sisters; and a great-great-granddaughter.

A viewing will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, with Rosary recited at 7 p.m. at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 515 W. 27th St. in Rupert. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Burley. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery following Mass with an Elks and veterans ceremony. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

**Lillian Annie Frazier**

EDEN — Lillian Annie Frazier, 74, of Eden, died Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Alpine Manor in Twin Falls.



She was born Sept. 3, 1933, in Worcester, Mass. She was the daughter of the late LeRoy G. and Eunice G. MacLaughlin. She grew up in Tacoma, Ore., and was married by Harry S. and Marguerite E. MacLaughlin. She graduated from Toledo High School in Toledo, Ore. She owned and operated the "Eden Cafe" from 1977 to 1980. After which she retired.

Lillian is survived by her husband of 32 years, Glen Frazier; brother, Stuart MacLaughlin; sisters, Edith Schroeder and Joyce Hackness; three sons, Donald

Hicks and wife Betty, William Hicks, and Lon Frazier and wife Trish; two daughters, Laura and husband Dave Bowlin, and Karen and husband, Jim Rowland; three grandsons, Mark Hicks, Zaccari Bowlin and Scott Rowland; one granddaughter, Melissa Hicks; and two great-grandsons, Gauge and Domyink Bowlin. He was preceded in death by two brothers, LeRoy and Kenneth MacLaughlin; and one son, Les Hicks preceded her in death.

The family would like to especially thank Alpine Manor and Idaho Home Health and Hospice for the loving and professional care that Lillian received during her final days of illness.

In lieu of flowers, Lillian's children request that any contributions be sent to Idaho Home Health and Hospice.

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EDITORIAL

# No do-overs on Idaho public school accountability

**B**ottom of the seventh inning and the home team getting beat? Don't bring in another relief pitcher; change the rules.

That's what the Idaho State Board of Education wants to do with progress measurements between 2002 and 2006 under the federal No Child Left Behind law. In its place, the board wants the federal government to restart the NCLB clock, which sets the deadline for schools to meet minimum proficiency standards.

The board's rationale: Idaho had poorly written education standards and statewide exams not aligned to what instructors were expected to teach.

Tests and standards used over the past several years were approved by the state board in 1999 and early in this decade. The system was revised in 2007.

Tom Luna, state schools superintendent, played an integral role in development of both the first standards and the exams, although he was not superintendent or a state board member at the time.

Despite concerns from critics, including then-state schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard, the board moved ahead with both testing and standards. The tests and standards were later found lacking in two independent reports in about 2005.

"The original (exam) was not a valid test, yet that test was commissioned by the State Board of Education to meet federal standards," Sen. John Goedde, a Coeur d'Alene Republican who chairs the Senate Education Committee, recently told the *Idaho Statesman*. "Our state board made another mistake, which is a tragedy."

"But to ask to restart the accountability process and to that error seems to defeat the concept of accountability altogether."

It's right. Accountability doesn't come in shades of gray; You're either accountable, or you're not.

No Child Left Behind is the centerpiece of President Bush's education program. It affects nearly every U.S. public school and requires all students be performing on grade level by 2014.

Since NCLB started, hundreds of Idaho schools have faced sanctions and diverted resources to help improve student performance in subjects such as reading, math and language. Some students are required to give up electives and attend classes to help them improve academic performance.

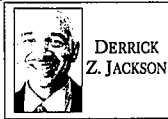
NCLB has more flaws than a high-mileage Dodge Dart, but it's the law of the land. And unless Congress declines to renew it next year, Idaho can't pry the rules.

Let's concentrate our resources instead on getting our schools up to snuff.

**Our view:**  
Our schools aren't performing as well as they should. Changing the rules won't change that. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

# Time for Big Oil to feel our pain

**A**gain, the oily executives of black gold told Congress I gouges Americans to the least extent possible. Again, senators and representatives wiggled their fingers at them. Rep. Maxine Waters of California told the executives to "share the pain." Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida told them, "I'm a mom of three young children who filled up her minivan the other day for \$68 ... Maybe that's not real money to the five people sitting here because \$68 is like a nickel to you."



DERRICK Z. JACKSON

And again, the real story was, despite all that, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi holding a press conference to say "despite the strong case for rescinding taxpayer subsidies for Big Oil, we will have to do that another day ... because of the opposition of the Republicans in the Senate. So we will do that another day."

Later in the press conference, Pelosi said, "We will keep making this fight."

Who will make the fight? Last year, ExxonMobil made \$40.6 billion. In the first quarter of this year, ExxonMobil, Shell, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, and BP America, the five companies that had officials appear before House and Senate committees to cry relative poverty, together made \$36 billion in profits. Exxon senior vice president J. Stephen Simon said he made \$12.5 million last year. John Lowe, executive vice president of ConocoPhillips, forgot how



much he made, saying, "I know it's on page 36 of the proxy."

Who is going to be the people's proxy to tell ExxonMobil and the other companies to stop gouging us? You cannot tell by the money. The oil and gas lobby has shoveler \$639 million on Capitol Hill over the last decade, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. In the current election cycle, the industry is in the top 10 of industries that have already swamped politicians with over \$20 million of lobbying efforts each.

In political contributions, the oil companies still lean heavily Republican, obviously in hopes of blocking Democrat-inspired proposals to help consumers. ExxonMobil and Chevron rank second and third, respectively, among oil and gas companies and have so far made \$1 million in 2008-cycle contributions, three-quarters of it going to the Republicans.

But make no mistake, they are diversifying their portfolio.

lo. Of the top 10 recipients, number five and number six are Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. Republican John McCain is number two at \$405,526, but his money is easily surpassed by the combined contributions of \$628,419 for Clinton and Obama.

At the Senate hearing with Big Oil, Dick Durbin of Illinois asked them, "We're about to fall into a recession. Does it trouble any of you when you see what you're doing to us?"

The most could-care-less response was from BP America chairman Robert Malone, who said, "Every week I receive letters from consumers about the impact that high energy prices are having on their everyday lives. Unfortunately, I cannot, and we cannot, change the world market on which this nation now relies on."

This, by the way, is from one of the few members of Big Oil to give more than 40 percent of its contributions to the Democrats and boost

about its wind farms (while drilling in Alaska). If you cannot get anything more from BP than, "Sorry guys, our billions of dollars of profits are held hostage by the world market," then you know what superpredator Exxon thinks. In fact, Peter Robertson, vice chairman of Chevron, blatantly told the Senate panel, "I feel very proud of what we do."

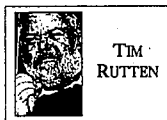
Who will wipe the smirk off their faces? We already can guess it will not be a McCain White House. But can you really be certain about an Obama White House, even if the Democrats pick up more seats in Congress? Exxon's Simon patronized the senators by saying Big Oil's huge profits "must be viewed in the context of the massive scale of our industry."

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# GOP conservatives dust off abortion issue

**I**f there's one issue that epitomizes the culture wars that have so deeply divided American politics over the last eight years, it's abortion. That's why those who benefited most from those years are desperate to revive abortion's single-issue virulence in this presidential cycle.



TIM RUTTEN

For the GOP's hard cultural right, abortion was the centerpiece of a grand strategy to link traditionally minded Roman Catholics and socially conservative evangelical Protestants in a great coalition of the religious right that would paint the electoral map ruby red, cementing the Rust Belt and the Sun Belt into a permanent Republican majority.

Now, because of Sen. Barack Obama's perceived problems with blue-collar Catholic voters in the late Democratic primaries, some on the right think they see an opportunity to hammer once more on the abortion wedge. Their most public target is Kansas' second-term governor, Kathleen Sebelius, who many believe is the front runner for the vice presidential slot if Obama secures the nomination.

Sebelius would help the Illinois senator in several obvious ways — she's a woman, a Catholic and an abortion rights advocate who has successfully reached across the aisle to make strong Republican allies in a deeply red state.

When she was selected to give her response to President Bush's State of the Union address last January, she began "in this time, normally reserved for the partisan response, I hope to offer you something more: An American response."

Sebelius, in other words, is a Democratic politician who not only talks the Obama talk but walks the Obama walk.

Recently, however, she has run afoul of Archbishop Joseph E. Naumann of Kansas City, Kan. As the *Catholic News Service* reported earlier this month, the bishop has told the governor that she "should stop receiving Communion until she publicly repudiates her support of abortion and makes a 'worthy sacramental confession.'"

Naumann dismissed Sebelius' insistence that she personally opposes abortion, and her assertion that because of her pro-adoption policies and improvements in public health services for pregnant women, Kansas' abortion rate has declined significantly.

Now there's about as nasty and as utterly avoidable a church-state confrontation as

you're likely to see.

That's probably why it was gleefully seized on this week by redoubtable right-wing hit man Robert Novak. In a column published in the *Washington Post*, Novak asserted that Sebelius' "positions are necessary for Democratic politicians to pass their party's pro-choice litmus test, but Sebelius' connection with abortion is more intimate ... There is substantial evidence she has been involved in what pro-life advocates term 'laundering' abortion industry money for distribution to Kansas Democrats."

The source of those allegations?

Operation Rescue.

Putting aside the question of whether there's anything like an "abortion industry," how does this laundering work? Well, according to Novak channeling Operation Rescue, a Wichita, Kan., doctor who performs abortions contributed \$120,000 two years ago to the Democratic Governors Association. The governors have since distributed \$200,000 to a Kansas political action fund controlled by Sebelius. Given the strictures of the campaign reporting laws — and the fact that the DGA has also given money to other political action funds — that doesn't seem like much of a laundering operation.

But they guilt by association is fun to play so why not

take it in a different direction? Novak is a relatively recent convert to Catholicism, and the priest who helped him into the church is Father C. John McCloskey.

McCloskey also happens to be a priest of the ultra-conservative and secretive — some would say sinister — Catholic organization Opus Dei. It has never had fallen that far from its roots in Francisco Franco's Spain.

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# THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

DOONESBURY: "SO YOU FEELS SON VERY DICTED TO GO TO SCHOOL TODAY? FACTORY!"

MALLARD FILLMORE: "GEE... ANOTHER HERO HAS BOUGHT OFF A ROBBER AT WORK, AND GOTTEN FIRED FOR IT!"

DOONESBURY: "20 MILLION BUCKS!"

MALLARD FILLMORE: "IN A RELATED STORY, THE BATTLE FOR SANITY IS OFFICIALLY OVER, AND THE TRIAL LAWYERS HAVE WON."



AROUND THE NATION

WASHINGTON

**Bush presents Medal of Honor to soldier who saved man with T.F. ties**

President Bush on Monday presented the nation's highest military award to a 19-year-old soldier who died saving the lives of four comrades in Iraq by jumping on a grenade tossed into their military vehicle.

One of the soldiers whose life was saved is Army Sgt. 1st Class Cedric Thomas, son-in-law of CSI Refuges Center Administrator Ron Black.

The honored soldier, Army Pfc. Ross McGinnis, "gave all for his country," the president said somberly.

"No one outside this man's family can know the true weight of their loss. But in words spoken long ago, we are told how to measure the depth of devotion that Ross McGinnis showed on his last day: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'"

The president spoke in the East Room at a ceremony attended by Vice President Dick Cheney, prior recipients of the Medal of Honor, military leaders, McGinnis' parents, Tom and Romayne, and his two sisters, Becky and Katie. The four soldiers' actions by McGinnis' parents were all in attendance.

McGinnis was in the gunner's hatch of a Humvee on Dec. 4, 2006, on a patrol in Iraq, when a grenade sailed past him and into the vehicle where the four other soldiers sat. He shouted a warning, then jumped on the grenade while it was lodged near the vehicle's radio.

her 9-year-old daughter, Amy, outside a foster-care center in Gonzales, about 65 miles east of San Antonio. "We're so grateful."

Her daughter and four other children were among the roughly 430 children ordered released after two months in state custody, much of it spent in foster care centers. Because siblings were separated at facilities hundreds of miles apart, it will probably take several days for all the families to be reunited.

Judge Barbara Walthier

responded to a state Supreme Court ruling last week by signing an order that cleared the children to be released from foster care. Walthier allowed parents to begin picking up their children Monday, ending one of the nation's largest child-custody cases.

Dockstader and her husband, James, were headed to Corpus Christi and to Amarillo to pick up their other children. "We'll get the rest of them," said Dockstader.

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NORTH CAROLINA

**Doctor: Brain operation on Kennedy a success**

DURHAM — After investigating his options with his trademark intensity, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy underwent 3½ hours of risky and exquisitely delicate surgery Monday to cut out as much of his cancerous brain tumor as possible. "I feel like a million bucks. I think I'll do that again tomorrow," the 76-year-old Massachusetts Democrat was quoted by a family spokeswoman as telling his wife immediately afterward.

Dr. Allan Friedman, who performed the surgery at Duke University Medical Center, pronounced the operation a success and said it "accomplished our goals." Up next: chemotherapy and radiation, aimed at shrinking whatever is left of the tumor.

"The main goal is to remove as much of the tumor as possible to give us any other therapy that we do a better chance of working," said Dr. John Sampson, associate deputy director of Duke's brain tumor center.

The sole surviving son of America's most glamorous and tragic political family was diagnosed last month with a malignant glioma, an often lethal type of brain tumor discovered in about 9,000 Americans a year.

Details about Kennedy's exact type of tumor have not been disclosed, but some cancer specialists said it might be a glioblastoma multiforme, an especially deadly and tough-to-remove type — because other kinds are more common in younger people.

TEXAS

**Polygamists begin to reunite with children**

SAN ANGELO — More than 400 children taken from a polygamist sect's ranch two months ago began returning to the arms of their tearful parents Monday, hours after a judge bowed to a state Supreme Court ruling that the seizure was not justified.

"It's just a great day," said Nancy Dockstader, whose chin quivered and eyes filled with tears as she embraced

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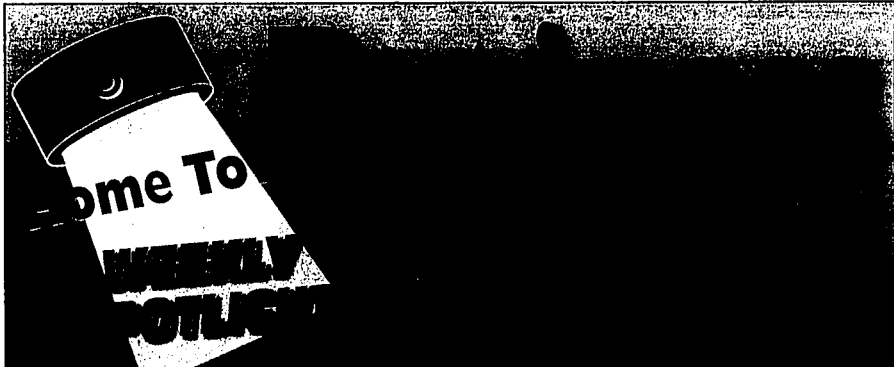
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## Penguins stay alive with 3OT win

By Ira Podel  
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Not so fast Motor City. The Detroit Red Wings' road to the Stanley Cup has another stop to make.

Against all odds, the Pittsburgh Penguins stayed alive in the Stanley Cup finals with a 4-3 victory in Game 5 that ended on Petr Sykora's goal 9:57 into the third overtime Monday night.

With Irl Huder serving a 4-minute penalty for high-sticking, Sykora wound up in the right circle and ripped a drive past Chris Osgood to end the marathon that lasted 4½ hours, ending at 12:46 a.m.

The series heads back to Pittsburgh for Game 6 on Wednesday night.

Early on, that scenario seemed likely after the Penguins scored twice in the first period and carried a 2-1 lead into

the third. However, the Red Wings tied it on Pavel Datsyuk's power-play goal at 6:43 and went ahead for the first time 2:40 later when Brian Rafalski scored.

The party was on in the final minute. Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury was on the bench, the Pittsburgh net was empty and the seconds ticked down toward Detroit's fourth Stanley Cup championship in 11 seasons.

Maxime Talbot put the fans back into their seats and saved the Penguins' season when he scored on the second whack of the puck at the left post with 34.3 seconds left in regulation. Fleury kept them alive with a brilliant 55-save effort, including 24 in overtime.

Now, the treasured trophy will go back into its crate and head to Pennsylvania where the Red Wings will have another shot at their 11th title in franchise history.

Sykora's goal ended the fifth-longest game in Stanley Cup finals history. The primary assist went to defenseman Sergei Gonchar, who missed the first two overtime periods after crashing headfirst into the end boards in the second period. Gonchar took the ice to help Pittsburgh's struggling power play.

Road teams have won 10 of the past 12 overtime games in the finals and are 15-4 since 1990.

Pittsburgh Penguins forward Adam Hall, top left, celebrates with teammate forward Maxime Talbot, right, and Jariko Ruutu (37) after scoring a goal in the first period of Game 5 of the Stanley Cup finals against the Detroit Red Wings in Detroit Monday.



Staff photo by MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN, Staff Photographer by MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN

## JACI LANCASTER

### Girls golf

It's not just that fact that Jaci Lancaster won every time she stepped on the golf course this spring. It's how she won.

Simply put, the Wendell junior was dominant.

In winning Class 2A state medalist honors for the third consecutive year, Lancaster bested the field by a whopping 22 strokes.

She rebounded from an opening-round 86 at state — which was still eight strokes better than the nearest com-

petitor — to fire a 79 on Day 2. Of course that was merely a reflection of what she'd done all season.

Her efforts nearly lifted the Trojans to a second consecutive 2A team title. She also earned the praise of her competitors, who said her mere presence lifted all of their games to new levels.

Indeed, quantity and quality come to mind

when discussing the wins and the trophies that make up Lancaster's links legacy.

#### Best of the rest

Other players in the conversation for Times-News girls golf MVP: Hannah McNeley, Sara Federico, Breanna Pace, Jordan Burnham, Allison Federico

Wendell coach Steve Matthews said Lancaster improves by about two strokes each year. While that would make her a virtually shoe-in to repeat as a 2A champ next season, she won't get that chance. Wendell is moving up to the 3A level for the 2008-

09 school year.

What'll that mean for Lancaster's quest to become a four-time champ? More competition, certainly, but nothing she can't overcome. After all, Lancaster's two-day 165 at Rupert Country Club was four strokes better than the total carded by the Class 3A medalist at Buhl's Clear Lake Country Club the same day.

Can you say "Four-time champion"?

— Mike Christensen, staff writer

Wednesday: Boys golf | Thursday: Girls track | Friday: Boys track | Saturday: Softball | Sunday: Baseball

## Pierce, Bryant stay the course

By Jimmy Colon  
Associated Press writer

WALTHAM, Mass. — Paul Pierce and Kobe Bryant were in a UCLA gym last summer, a couple of frustrated NBA stars trying to sweat away the memory of a disappointing season. Talk soon turned to trades.



**Lakers at Celtics**  
7 p.m., Thursday, ABC

Bryant had lashed out at Lakers management for assembling a team that hadn't won a playoff series in three years. Boston had gone four years, and Pierce worried that he might become the trade bait that kick-starts the rebuilding process.

"I remember being in the gym with Kobe, and me and him were arguing over who was going to get traded first," Pierce said Monday after the Celtics held their first practice in preparation for the NBA finals.

"I've seen public about getting traded, ... and I was like, 'Shoot, I'm going to getting traded before you,' and betting that it would happen. That's what so crazy now we're both here sitting in the finals, where a year ago we were both in the gym."

No one wound up paying

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Twin Falls' Jayson Werber slides past second base during the first inning of Game 1 of the Cowboys' American Legion Class A doubleheader against Burley Monday in Twin Falls.

## Cowboys, Bobcats split DH

Burley dominates opener, Twin Falls returns favor in nightcap

Staff report

The Area C American Legion season opened with two teams playing two very different games Monday at Bill Ingram Field in Twin Falls.

Visiting Burley pounded Twin Falls 13-0 in five innings in the opener of a Class A doubleheader, before the host Cowboys responded with a 10-0 win in Game 2.

Garrett Lyons and Logan Otley each homered for Burley in Game 1 as the Bobcats blasted 13 hits. Steve Beck got the win, limiting the Cowboys to three hits. He also went 2-for-3 at the plate, including a double.

But fortune swayed Twin Falls' way in the nightcap. Highlighting the Cowboys' 13 hits, Zack Van Loo went 3-for-3, while Jared Jordan was 2-for-2 with a double. T.J. Ellis, Tyler Walters and Logan Bartlett each finished 2-for-3, with Bartlett hitting a double. Heath Stewart pitched his way to the

win, scattering three hits over six innings. The 1-1 Cowboys are home Thursday for a 4 p.m. game against the Buhl Tribe.

**American Legion**  
BASEBALL

Twin Falls AA team opens its season today with a 6 p.m. doubleheader against Jerome's AA squad at the College of Southern Idaho's Skip Walker Field.

**Game 1**  
Burley 13, Twin Falls 0, five innings  
4:32 PM - 23 13 1  
Twin Falls  
Sara Beck and Kody Moon, Sam Perco, Kasey Gahner (4), Kyle Meeker (8) and Cody Reagren and Drew Taylor (4).  
Extra-base hits - 2B: Burley, Alfonso Sanchez, Beck, HR: Burley, Gerry York, Logan Otley.

**Game 2**  
Twin Falls 10, Burley 0, six innings  
6:00 PM - 30 10 0  
Twin Falls  
Nick Downer, Mike Mills (4) and Kody Moon and Sara Beck, Heath Stewart and Cody Reagren.  
Extra-base hits - 2B: Twin Falls, Jared Jordan, Logan Bartlett.





WINDY... Today: Cooling and becoming mostly cloudy... Tonight: Chance of showers and thunderstorms developing late... Tomorrow: Brisk winds and light rain. Highs near 60.

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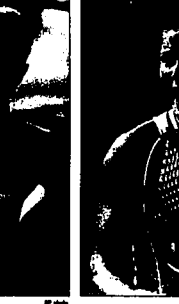
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REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY... "It's a great joy of our happiness depends on our decisions, not our conditions."

FRENCH OPEN Sharapova upset by Safina in Paris Ginepri falls

PARIS (AP) — Maria Sharapova did not go quietly. No, her departure from the French Open was filled with sound and fury...



Maria Sharapova reacts after missing a point against Dinara Safina during their fourth-round match at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

Dinara Safina reacts after winning a point against Maria Sharapova during their fourth-round match at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

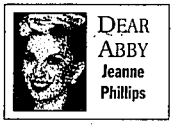
5-7, 7-6 (1) in a quarterfinal that ended in a downpour... When the teams switched sides during the third-set tiebreaker, Cuevas celebrated his duo's 5-1 lead by leaping over the net...

than-usual path to success at the clay-court major. She was one of only two women with a Slam title in her credit among the final 16 players... She led 5-2 in the second set, and went up 40-30 while serving for the match 5-3.

as much talent or taste for the big stage, never advancing beyond the quarterfinals at a major. Even after beating Sharapova, she didn't exactly display bravado. Asked whether she could win the title, Safina puffed her cheeks, exhaled loudly, and replied, "I mean, it's not easy."

Daughter gains both weight and guilt after mother's death

DEAR ABBY: Before her death, I promised my mother that I would not get fat like her. Now I'm finding it hard to keep that promise...



If this keeps up I'll become the size my mother was. Does that mean I failed her because I broke my promise? I feel so guilty. Please help me... "JUST LIKE MY MAMA IN TEXAS" DEAR LIKE MAMA: The answer is no, so stop feeling guilty. Guilt has nothing to do with it...

have ever imagined. There are about 6,500 Overeaters Anonymous (OA) groups in 75 countries. Patterned after the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous, they offer recovery from compulsive eating. Because total obesity with all its attendant health problems, is acknowledged as an epidemic, I hope you will again mention OA to your radiologist, fellow sufferers, and their physicians...

DEAR ABBY: I am alive because, in one of your columns, you provided the contact information for Overeaters Anonymous. I wrote to the address listed and, within days, received a friendly note offering support...

DEAR ABBY: Do you think a person can be taught "common sense" or is something you are born with? — CURIOUS: Common sense is something a person is born with. I have heard from many people with professional degrees, but no common sense.

Patrick to Briscoe: Congrats on first victory

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Danica Patrick has a message for Ryan Briscoe: Congratulations on your first IndyCar Series victory. Yes, she congratulated the driver who slammed into her car on pit road at the Indianapolis 500, a collision that knocked her out with 30 laps to go.

Patrick, who got her first IRL win at Motegi in April, got out of her car and was headed towards Briscoe's crew when an Indianapolis track security official steered her away. Patrick and Briscoe later talked, but neither of them apologized or took blame for the incident. "We don't agree on what happened," Patrick said Monday. "That's the past, this is now. I will race him fair every lap of my career because that's the type of driver I am, and I expect the same in return."

The Bombardier Learjet 550 is Saturday night at Texas Motor Speedway, the high-banked track where the IRL has had some of its fastest and closest races. Patrick finished third at Texas last June, which was her best career finish at the time. At Milwaukee, Patrick had handling problems with her car and finished ninth, a lap down.

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THE FAMILY CIRCLE By Bill Keane [Illustration of a family] "Let's sell tickets for rides on Daddy's chair!"

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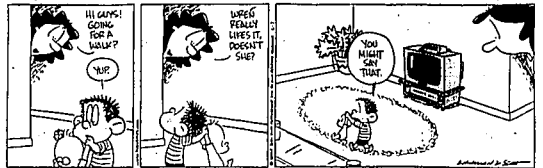




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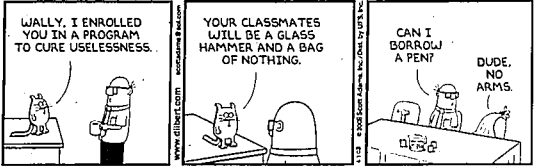
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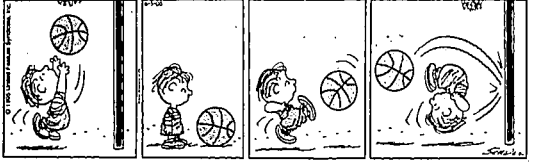
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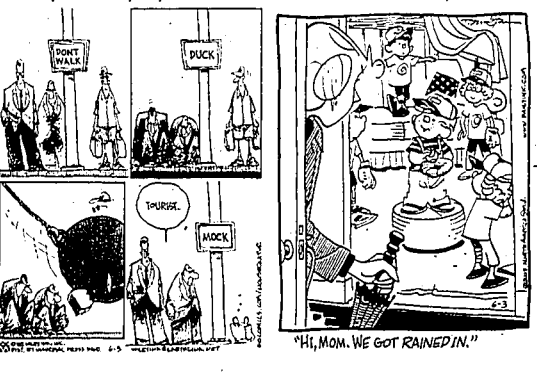
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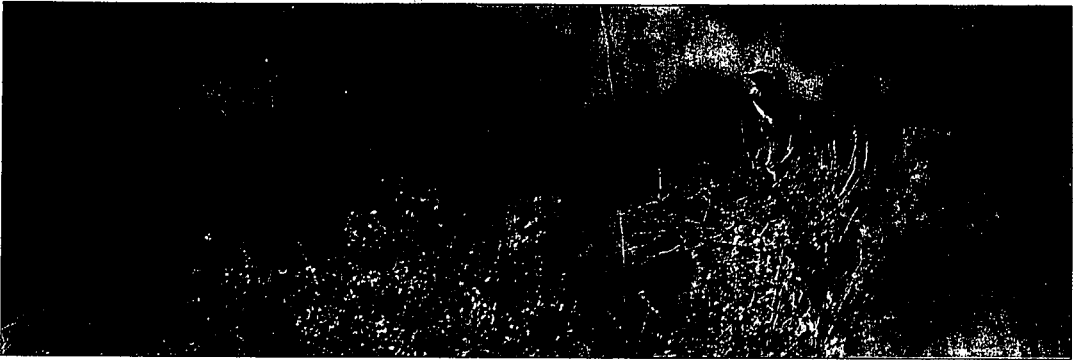
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A male mountain bluebird perches on brush just south of Rogerson.

## No reason to be blue

### Volunteers help mountain bluebirds increase population

By Ariel Hansen  
Staff writer



Gene Pyles carefully opens a man-made bird house to see if any mountain bluebirds have occupied it.

ROGERSON — It's late May on the dirt roads in the South Hills, there hasn't been a good rain in a while, and the dust being kicked up is not only coating the SUV's paint job, it's coming in through the air vents and coating the sinuses.

In the back, two bell-wearing collies pant, one whining with eagerness to get out and explore. The SUV pulls over, the doors open into a cloud of dust, and the dogs leap out, duck under the wire fence and trot through the scrub. Joan Pyles reviews her tracking sheets, then tells her husband, Gene, what they might expect to find in the mountain bluebird nesting box mounted on a fence post at one side of the road.



Joan Pyles

In Box 4, she says, there were eggs the last time the couple came out, so there should be nestlings today. And so there are. "They're all eyelashes and beak, there's nothing else there," she says, reveling in the appearance of the 2-day-old birds.

#### Help bluebirds take wing

To join the Southern Idaho Mountain Bluebirds Association or offer time as a volunteer box checker or box builder, call John Meyer, 734-7143, or Gene Pyles, 734-1109.

This is one of 40 boxes the couple takes care of along the Langford Flat Road and Shoshone Basin Road. They make the drive from Twin Falls south along Interstate 93 toward Rogerson; just before they reach the city, they turn east into the South Hills, eventually entering the Sawtooth National Forest. They spend half a day every two weeks checking the boxes, ensuring they are in good shape and monitoring the condition of the nests, eggs and hatchlings, and they often bring others who want to know more about the bluebirds.

"We've taken a lot of people out there that are interested, but people just don't seem to want to commit that much time," Joan says. In addition to the days the couple spends checking the nest boxes, Gene also builds boxes to specs designed to appeal to the birds. Entrance holes can't be too big or too small, but woodpeckers like to make the holes bigger, so Gene sometimes adds metal collars called "pecker-proofers."

One thing Gene can't proof for: people.

"We have trouble with vandals, shooting the boxes or tearing down the boxes," he says. "It's really disgusting." The shooters are probably out in the South Hills for many of the same reasons the Pyleses are — to enjoy the vistas, breathe the desert air (and sometimes the desert dust) and generally recreate.

"We both love the desert and walking in the desert," Joan says. Gene adds: "This is the sort of thing that would be a good family outing."

Other than the bluebirds, the rest of the wildlife is appealing as well. The Pyleses say they've seen antelope, elk, deer, badgers, ground squirrels, a variety of other birds and other critters. John Meyer, a retired engineer who introduced the Pyleses to bluebirding, adds rattlesnakes to the list, but the Pyleses say they've never seen snakes during their trips into the South Hills.

"It's a great way to get exercise, to get out and see the terrain. ... You get to meet interesting people: ranchers, foresters, cowboys and other people who are environmental," Meyer says in a phone call. There's another appeal, as well. "There's a challenge to see if we can do the job, if we can get the bluebird population up quite high."

Mountain bluebirds have lost some habitat in the West as fire suppression efforts decreased the number of dead trees they used to nest in and wood fence posts were traded for metal ones. In Montana, the mountain bluebird association boasts about



Mountain bluebird chicks lie in a man-made nesting box just south of Rogerson on the morning of May 20.



Gene Pyles holds up a mountain bluebird nest containing three eggs.

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Watch a video of Gene and Joan Pyles visiting mountain bluebird boxes in the South Hills.

# IN YOUR GARDEN

# GARDENING GUIDELINES

By Joel M. Lerner  
Special to The Washington Post

### Preparing the soil

Organic material is the most difficult substance to keep in your soil; living organisms are constantly digesting it. Topsoil high in organic material releases soil nutrients, holds moisture, assists drainage, and helps flora develop stronger roots and stems to fight disease more effectively.

To improve your soil, till in well-aged homemade or commercial compost, such as Leaf Gro. Add three to four inches of well-composted material to enrich earth that has never been tilled. Incorporate compost to 12 to 16 inches deep. At least 20 percent organic material by volume will create healthy garden loam.

Monthly applications of water-soluble fertilizers benefit annuals greatly, and applications of slow-release fertilizers when planting. However, it's best to err on the side of less synthetic fertilizer on shrubs, trees and perennials to reduce the chance of nutrient runoff into streams, rivers and bays.

### Getting and dividing plants

Most people don't think about their garden as a nursery, but most perennials and some shrubs can be divided and spread around the garden. Many perennials grow quickly and could be ready to divide in three to five years.

If bearded irises are dug every few years and one-year-old rhizomes are transplanted in late summer after blooming has stopped, they have a better chance of avoiding iris borer and root-rot problems.

Divide peony rhizomes in fall only if you want more of them. To ensure flowering, transplant roots so buds are less than an inch deep.

Daylilies don't need dividing, but as clumps enlarge and emerge, slice off pieces and move to other sunny locations.

Pieces of autumn joy sedum roots can be sliced off clumps and transplanted, as

well. Do the same with hostas.

Black-eyed Susans seed themselves, naturalizing quickly. Young seedlings can be dug and moved to other locations. Gaillardia similarly self-seeds.

Divide ornamental grasses in spring.

Some shrubs will grow roots where their stems touch the ground. Each root branch can be pruned from its parent, dug and transplanted. Azalea, forsythia, weigela and winter jasmine are a few examples. Nandina and other shrubs that grow vertically with canes or tend to spread by suckers and seedlings like lilac and crape myrtle should be dug with enough roots for transplanting.

### Planting and transplanting

Flora already growing is generally available either balled and wrapped in burlap or in containers at garden and home-improvement centers. Plants are also available by mail order and may arrive with bare roots. Be sure you have excellent soil moisture when digging — not too wet or muddy. Don't dig if soil sticks together in your hands.

The tool for digging, planting, dividing and many other garden tasks is a square, straight-edged garden or nursery shovel. I prefer a heavy steel blade, about 14 inches long, with a 27-inch D-ring steel handle. A heavy tool like this does the work for you.

Transplant when the soil is slightly moist, slicing down deeply, cutting through roots around the base. Dig down with the nursery shovel at a slight angle toward the root ball. Don't pry roots. Dig down about eight inches, then slice diagonally under the roots. Do this all the way around the plant to form a ball. Once you have sliced deeply under the plant, start to lift it. If possible, use two nursery shovels, one person on each one.

Dig planting holes two to four times as wide as the base of root balls and no deeper than the height of the root ball.



Green materials in the compost bin add nitrogen.

### Pruning

To keep your garden looking pruned but natural, you might have to confront some unnatural plantings and take some drastic measures. Selectively pruning a plant is the only way for it to grow the way you want it to.

Renew formally planted shrubs growing beyond their boundaries before growth begins in spring. They will grow back better with a more natural-looking habit.

Deciduous shrubs that flower in spring will need to be pruned during the growing season. The best time is immediately after flowering, or you sacrifice some flowers the next year. This is also true for spring-flowering broadleaf evergreens such as azalea, rhododendron and camellia.

Never prune when plants are wet, which can spread disease. Don't hard-prune any newly installed shrubs or trees.

### Composting

Composting can be as simple as a pile in your yard, or you can create a container made from wire mesh, block or wooden slats. A variety of manufactured bins are also available. Make sure that one side of the container is removable, providing easy access to the compost.

Air circulation is vital to the bacteria that break down plant material. Air, heat and moisture are needed for com-



Photo by The Washington Post by JOEL M. LERNER

The tool for dividing and other garden tasks is a square, straight-edged nursery shovel.

posting. Managing these basic requirements can maximize the efficiency of the process.

Here are some suggestions to encourage the breakdown of organic materials, but all organic material will eventually decay, even if your mix isn't quite right.

Maintain a much higher ratio of carbon than nitrogen in your compost pile, and mix well. Carbon comes from dry leaves and wood chips, while nitrogen comes from herbaceous and leafy materials, such as grass clippings. Too little nitrogen will slow the composting process; too much will generate ammonia gas and the unpleasant odors that come with it.

Many variations work, but try to add at least half brown matter, such as leaves, twigs and straw, and a quarter to one-third green material, such as grass, weeds, flowers, manure, coffee and tea grounds, and waste from

fresh fruits and vegetables.

The last quarter or so can consist of existing compost and topsoil, to ensure that all of the requisite organisms will be in the pile. Layer materials and, as you moisten and turn the pile, mix evenly. Don't include cooked food, grease or diseased plants. Do not compost animal wastes of any kind. This will attract dogs, rodents and raccoons.

Water the pile weekly, particularly during dry periods. Determine moisture content by squeezing a handful of the composting material. It should feel like a well-wring sponge. If it is too wet, turn or add dry materials. Compost is ready to use when it is black or dark brown

and crumbly and smells neutral to musty. Under proper conditions — full sun, air and moisture — this can happen as quickly as one to two months.

Joel M. Lerner is president of Environmental Design in Capitol View Park, Md.

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## Bluebirds

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700 members, Meyer says, while the Idaho association has just a handful.

"If the bluebird is the state bird of Idaho and Nevada, how come only about 15 people in Idaho are potential members?" he asks. "It deserves some form of recognition."

The Flysers are working to increase the recognition of the mountain bluebird and its plight. Gene, a retired teacher, goes to service clubs and classrooms to give presentations about the bluebirds, trying to recruit new members for the association. The couple often takes others on their outings to check out the boxes, including Lynden Williams, who lives near Buhl.

"I just thought it was an interesting project he was on, and I started building some boxes and enjoyed that," Williams says. He's also put up boxes near his home to try to attract the birds to lower elevations. "Part of my project is to try to entice them in. I haven't seen one yet."

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The boxes, including materials and the labor to make and erect them, cost about \$100-\$120, Meyer says. That figure has attracted the attention of state officials, he says, who are taking an interest in promoting the bluebird association's activities and stopping the vandals who disfigure the boxes.

When the Flysers first started caring for the birds, they estimate there were about 100 nestlings born in their South

Hills boxes. Two summers ago, there were 432. Last year, 308 fledged, fewer than normal due to the smoke from the Murphy Complex fire. The couple plan to add more nesting boxes this summer, bringing the box total from 40 to about 55 and, they hope, increasing the number of fledglings yet again.

Gene describes their efforts as infectious, and from coast to coast as they wait to check the boxes again. "I don't know, I

feel free out here. I just love it," she says.

They hope their love of mountain bluebirds will prove infectious to others in southern Idaho, that a cadre of bird lovers will help them erect boxes across the countryside until bluebirds are bright spots of color all over the state.

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## FUEL REPORT

### Times-News

Gas prices in south-central Idaho crept closer to \$4 per gallon over the weekend.

The average price for a gallon of regular gas in Twin Falls and Jerome is around \$3.96.

The average price in Burley is about 1 cent cheaper.

The average price for a gallon of diesel in both communities is about \$4.32.

The prices for a gallon of regular gasoline increased about 5 cents compared to Friday morning.

Gas prices are expected to continue rising as crude oil prices increased \$1.15 to \$128.50 a barrel Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

### Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Fred Meyer, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd.: \$3.85
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$3.90
- Burley: Smith's Fuel, 837 E. Main St.: \$3.81

### Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Addison 66, 240 Addison Ave. W.: \$4.74
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Pocotello	\$9.00	—
Burley	\$9.50	+45

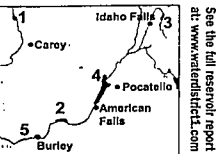
Soft white wheat		
Block	Ask	N/A
Rangen	\$9.00	—
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$8.25	-1.10
Ogden	\$7.75	-25
Pocotello	\$7.75	-80
Burley	\$7.73	-80

Dry beans (per 100)		
Block	Close	Change
Rangen	\$32.00	—
Pinto	\$40.00	—
Small Red	\$40.00	—
<b>Soybean</b>		
Pinto	\$33.00	—
Small Red	\$40.00	—

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## RESERVOIR LEVELS



# Fertilizer prices up 65 percent from last year

## Costs biting into farmers' profits

By Joshua Palmer  
Staff writer

Rising food prices have drawn more attention to fertilizer producers, which are reporting record profits during a time when farmers are paying more than double for

fertilizer than they did a year ago. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, fertilizer prices have risen 117 percent since April 2000 — rising faster than any other raw material used by farmers.

Farmers in south-central Idaho say that crop revenue generated by record commodity prices are largely eaten up by two costs: fuel and fertilizer.

While the price of gas has increased about 43 percent since

this time last year, fertilizer prices have risen 65 percent.

The affect on local agricultural economies is reduced spending by farmers, who would otherwise have cash available to replace aging equipment and possibly increase production.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported last week that the skyrocketing costs "are making it harder for farmers to expand their harvest in response to the global food crisis." It wasn't until recently that some

lawmakers began to question the industry's business practices.

Sen. Byron D. Organ, D-N.D., asked the Federal Trade Commission earlier this year to investigate how the industry sets prices. So far there has been no action taken by the commission.

One of the leading manufacturers of industrial-grade fertilizer is the I.R. Sillor Company, which is based in Boise.

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## HIGH COST OF FOOD

# Not all ethanol's fault

## Analysts point to production costs and global demand for rising grain prices

By Cindy Snyder  
Correspondent

Food aid organizations and even some market analysts say ethanol production is driving up grain prices.

But grain producers are saying, not so fast. Now an analysis done by Iowa State University and Kansas State University seems to support them.

Don Hale, a hay and potato grower from Blackfoot is frustrated by criticism of the ethanol industry. It's people, not the bio-fuel industry, that's driving demand. He remembers a comment he heard in a meeting years ago: If all the food in the world was distributed evenly to all the people in the world, "we'd all go to bed hungry."

The decision by the U.S. government to encourage bio-fuel production through mandates and tax credits has helped increase demand for corn. The amount of corn used for ethanol production hovered around 5 percent of the U.S. corn crop between 1986 and the late 1990s.

That increased to about 10 percent early this decade and jumped to 24.4 percent in 2006 and some expect over a third of the crop to be used for ethanol in 2008.

A growing population that is becoming more affluent is also demanding more food. At least one organization estimates that when the demand for food is added to the demand for more renewable energy, the total demand for ag products worldwide will rise 3.3 percent annually.

That's significantly higher than the historic growth rate of 2.3 percent, said Paul Patterson, University of Idaho extension economist at Idaho Falls.

And so perhaps it's not so surprising that a study done by Iowa State University indicates that the average price of corn in Iowa would only fall from \$5.60 to \$5.34 per bushel if the ethanol mandate were removed in the U.S. Removing both the mandate and the 51-cent



The Pacific Ethanol production facility in Burley is shown in this file photo. Some experts say that ethanol production plays a small part in rising corn prices. They say that growing demand for food is also pushing prices higher.

per gallon tax credit, drops the average price from \$5.60 to \$4.83 per bushel.

As Art Barnaby, an economist with Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., points out, that's not enough of a drop to return corn prices to the days of \$2.50 per bushel.

He thinks the ISU estimate is close and that corn prices may not fall as much as ethanol critics expect if the ethanol mandate and tax credit were removed.

"With only 17 cents worth of wheat in a loaf of bread and ten cents of corn in a box of corn flakes, it is difficult to buy the argument that ethanol is driving food prices,"

Barnaby said. "The argument that higher corn prices will cause meat prices to increase is a stronger argument because feed is a major cost of meat production. But even then ethanol is only one of the factors causing higher prices."

He points to rising gasoline prices, fertilizer costs and export demand as other forces pushing up corn prices. Even demand for feed has remained strong though the booming ethanol industry has meant distillers grains are providing more feed than originally expected.

Barnaby encourages producers

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# Farmers ride good fortunes, but uncertainty looms

By Jim Suh  
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — Chris Hausman knows how to pinch pennies. But the central Illinois corn and soybean grower couldn't help splurging recently, trading in his 1994 tractor for one 10 years newer.

He calls it cautious upgrading, the kind of thing possible when incomes of Hausman and so many other U.S. growers are at levels they haven't seen in years, thanks to last year's peak mix of lofty prices for their crops and timely rains credited with big yields.

"It's an exciting time in agriculture," Hausman, 49, says from his farm just south of Champaign, Ill. In a notoriously risky business, "we farmers should



Central Illinois corn and soybean farmer Chris Hausman steps from his 1994 tractor on his farm near Peotihu, Ill., Thursday. Last year's good yields combined with high corn and soybean prices have been good financially for Hausman, who's using the windfall in trading in his tractor for a 2004 version.

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# Endangered wheat

## Research budgets cut amid food crisis, wheat worry

By Jim Drinkard  
Associated Press writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Dr. Yue Jiu, a kind-faced man in a blue lab coat, is the nation's bulwark against a devastating new plant disease. He's the only federal scientist whose main mission is protecting the \$17 billion U.S. wheat crop from annihilation.

His budget's being cut — in part because money has been drained off by Congress' pet projects.

Jin and other plant scien-

tists have watched in alarm as mutant spores carried by the wind have spread a new strain of fungus from Africa across the Red Sea to infect wheat fields in Yemen and Iran, following a path predicted to lead to the rich wheat-growing areas of South Asia.

Most of the wheat varieties grown worldwide — including the vast bulk of those planted in the United States — are vulnerable. The threat of an epidemic only adds to a global food crisis brought on by drought, floods, high food and fuel prices and a surge in demand.

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