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Caught off guard

Nevada Guardsman allegedly misused Gooding County vehicle; alcohol could have been factor

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A Nevada National Guard pilot may have misused a Gooding County Sheriff's Office vehicle on Monday, and could be charged today with misdemeanor inattentive driving, police said.

Autie announcement naming the 35-year-old guardsman until charges are filed, Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks said on Thursday.

Three Nevada National Guard helicopter pilots were lent an unmarked Gooding County Sheriff's Office sport utility vehicle because they were helping with an annual marijuana eradication operation, said Gooding Sheriff Shaun Gough.

"We lent them an unmarked vehicle to get around," said Gough.

An employee at the Twin Falls Comfort Inn called police at about 2 a.m. Monday saying he saw a vehicle driving erratically with its lights, siren and public announcement systems activated, said Hicks.

The inn worker told police the vehicle may also have struck a cement parking block.

The employee told authorities that the driver and two occupants got out of the vehicle with what appeared to be alcohol and went into the hotel, Hicks said.

Police said they couldn't determine how much alcohol the driver may have consumed before he parked the car. The driver was drinking before police arrived at the hotel and cooperated with the investigation, said Hicks.

Police said the three people in the vehicle were Nevada National Guard members, but prosecutors will only be charging the driver. None worked for Gooding County, Hicks said. The Nevada National Guard is also investigating.

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TAKING THE YEAR OFF

West Nile not scourge of the state, at least this year

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

After two busy years, West Nile virus has decided to leave Idaho alone this summer.

Only 12 infections have been recorded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare — though that differs slightly from figures reported nationally. And there are more cases of the disease than what are reported — though it's hard to know how many.

Health officials announced Wednesday that a second probable human case of West Nile Virus has been reported in the Magic Valley.

Signs of the virus showed in an adult male in his 60s from Jerome County, according to officials at the South Central Public Health District. The man was recovering and was not hospitalized.

While the man may be marked down as the second official case, "many" others with symptoms have not been tested, health district epidemiologist manager Cheryl Becker said. "The disease just causes symptoms similar to a fever in most of its affected patients, and if people aren't hospitalized, they're not likely to be tested," she said.

"The test is expensive, and it is not going to change what the doctor does for the symptoms," Becker said, adding that doctors are adding that doctors are used to West Nile. "We're becoming more confident ... as far as the symptoms."

While the lack of testing may not affect health care, according to the statistics could lead people to think the threat from West Nile has diminished. That's simply not the truth, Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Stranshan said on Wednesday.

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MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Hilarie Smith, with the Twin Falls County Weed and Pest Department, checks for mosquito larvae Wednesday afternoon in a stagnant pond at the edge of Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 12 — Idaho West Nile cases as of Aug. 15, according to Health and Welfare
- 8 — Idaho cases as of Aug. 18, according to the CDC
- 132 — Idaho cases in 2006
- 1,016 — Idaho cases in 2007
- 236 — national cases as of Aug. 18
- 3,630 — national cases in 2007
- 62 — national cases in 1999, the virus' U.S. debut



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WATCH: Twin Falls County workers test for mosquito larvae in a local pond.

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Symptoms of West Nile may include fever, headaches, body aches, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, eye pain and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash. Symptoms typically occur 3 to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. More severe infections may involve the central nervous system. People experiencing symptoms of West Nile should contact their local health care provider. For more information and ways to protect from mosquitoes: www.pdhs.idaho.gov or www.west-nile.idaho.gov.

Autopsy costs to rise \$150 per body

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County approved a service agreement with Ada County on Wednesday that would increase the cost Twin Falls County pays for autopsies by \$150 per body.

"The Twin Falls County Coroner's Office at 260 Fourth Ave. N. doesn't have a forensic pathologist or equipment necessary to do autopsies. It's under construction and expanding so bodies will be stored and inspected, but autopsies won't be done immediately," said Coroner Dennis Chambers.

Autopsy costs are increasing because of insurance, said Chambers.

Ada County forensic pathologists doing autopsies for Twin Falls County aren't

covered under the county's insurance because they're working under contract, and they aren't covered under Ada County insurance when doing work for Twin Falls County, said Chambers. According to the agreement, autopsies will cost \$1,350 and inspections will be \$800.

Ada County is also going to charge Twin Falls County \$110 for each body that comes to its facility, and \$65 per day to store bodies left in Ada County for more than 24 hours.

Bodies have been sent to Ada County for at least six years but there wasn't an official service agreement until now, said Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer.

County officials want to eventually do autopsies on site, but Chambers said he didn't know when that could happen. "We will have the facility to move towards those lines in the future. When that will be I have no idea."

Construction is set to be done by the middle of September, said Chambers. The project is coming at a cost of about \$380,000, said Kramer.

There are about 20 to 25 autopsies in Twin Falls County annually, Chambers said.

Ada County pathologists will determine cause of death and Chambers will fill out death certificates, according to the contract. Ada County commissioners are also required to review the agreement.

Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380.

Jerome School plant facility levy passes

By Ben Boldin
Times-News writer

Jerome School District voters passed Thursday a proposed renewal of the district's plant facility levy that will provide money for the district's maintenance needs.

Out of 490 total votes, the district had 61.6 percent of voters in favor of the renewal, with 302 voting in support. There were 188 votes against the levy. The district needed just 60 percent of voters for the renewal to pass.

The decision is a 10-year renewal of a plant facility levy that has been in place since 1978. School districts are allowed to use plant

"We're glad to see the levy pass. We certainly need the funds to continue our efforts to maintain our facilities."

— Mike Gibson,
Jerome School District's
business manager

facility levies in areas such as facility maintenance, technology upgrades and remodeling.

"We're glad to see the levy pass." Please see **LEVY**, Page A2

Going way up

Kimberly utility rate to increase more than 100 percent

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The city of Kimberly has proposed raising its water and sewer rates by more than 100 percent, a decision that city officials said is due to the city's recent growth spurt but also to plan for future utility needs.

Monthly water rates will rise from \$21.50 to \$48.00 and sewer rates will increase from \$19.25 to \$44.18. City utility rates are flat and not metered, which means all households are charged equally. The city's overall budget will rise by 9 percent from \$2.28 million to \$2.49 million.

"We're obviously concerned. This is our community," said City Administrator Polly Hulsey. "They're our friends, our neighbors and our relatives."

She said the city is not thrilled about raising rates so high in a single year — particularly during tough economic times — but that it's necessary to serve the growing city. She said the rates have gone untouched for about 10 years and had they been raised incrementally over the past few years, there might not have been as big of an impact.

The rate increases plus other estimates for the following five years — were calculated with overall budget figures through work with the Environmental Finance Center at Boise State University.

Not everything in the city's budget is going up; the general fund will decrease from \$416,166 to \$347,891, which came after the city renegotiated its sanitation contract, said Hulsey.

She said the mayor and city officials have been flooded with e-mails and phone calls. She said they will address the concerns of citizens Tuesday when the Kimberly City Council holds a meeting 6 p.m. at 120 Madison W. and a public hearing at 7 a.m. A vote is scheduled for that night, Hulsey said.

Still, some people are already worried about the impact.

Patricia Commons, 75, said the additional money is about one-third of what she spends on groceries each month.

"When I don't understand it why much all at one time," said Commons, who's lived in Kimberly for 38 years. "When you're on a fixed income, that can be a lot."

Kimberly has undergone six significant growth recently in 2007, there were more than 3,000 city residents, an increase of about 500 people from 2000, according to the U.S. Census.

Hulsey said that there are no projects scheduled, but there will be in the future. She said there isn't much money in reserve accounts — tax revenue saved over time — but for the example, \$60,000 will go into sewer reserves and \$70,000 will go into water reserves, she said.

"That's why we don't have any projects — because we knew we couldn't afford them," she said.



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Bickel expansion gives students elbow room

By Ben Bolkin
Times-News writer

Bickel Elementary School has seen its share of tight schedules for the same room. Because of space limitations, students at the Twin Falls school have had lunch and physical education classes in the same room. That means moving quickly to get the room ready for the 12:45 p.m. physical education right after lunch is done at 12:35 p.m.

"That will change later this school year when an addition is complete. The 4,500 square-foot addition, which includes an elevator, should be finished in October. When opened, the \$1.2 million project will provide room for physical education classes, complete with basketball hoops.

"It will just help with our scheduling," said Kelli Schroeder, the school's principal.

Work on the project began in March, and construction workers are putting bricks up, which will include arches that match two of the windows, said Jim Holsbein, acting project superintendent for Benion Construction Company.

While the project will be ongoing while class is in session, Schroeder said that the construction workers are accommodating and kept



John Quintal, of L & K Metco Electric, works in the new multi-purpose room Thursday at Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls.



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noise at a minimum since work began in the spring.

The walls of the addition are up, and inside work is ahead. That includes ductwork, finishing work in the bathrooms, painting and putting in a wood floor and basketball hoops, Holsbein said.

Workers will also put up wood fiber panels that will

absorb echoes and improve the acoustics.

"It will be nice to have some more room and space," Schroeder said.

While they're waiting for the work to be finished, physical education classes can take place outside when the weather's nice, she said.

The addition is one of the

Judge rules Delling still not fit for trial

BOISE (AP) — John Delling is improving but is still not mentally competent to stand trial for first-degree murder after five months of treatment for paranoid schizophrenia, a judge has ruled.

Rejecting prosecutors' arguments that Delling was ready, Fourth District Judge Deborah A. Ball ruled last week that he lacks the mental fitness to make informed decisions. She ordered that he remain in the custody of

the state Department of Health and Welfare.

Delling is accused of killing Bradley Morse in Boise on April 2, 2007. He is also charged with first-degree murder in Latah County in the shooting of University of Idaho student David Boss in Moscow on March 31, 2007.

In court filings, detectives wrote that Delling has confessed to fatally shooting both men and to shooting and wounding Jacob

Thompson in the face outside Thompson's apartment in Tucson, Ariz., on March 20.

Delling has not been charged in Arizona, but Tucson police told the Idaho Statesman that the case remains open.

In a jailhouse interview with the newspaper last year, Delling said he drove more than 6,000 miles around the western United States looking for people who had hurt him in the past.

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... it would just be smart for the owners to ... only honor natural marriage in their stores," Fischer said ...

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Air That I Breathe," Maughan said. "These days, that air costs ya' '76 cents '75 cents." My bike tires were a little flabby as I cruised down Blue Lakes ... But I decided to let 'em stay that way as I pedaled into one gas station after another in search of free air."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
From Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow, explaining that

the percentage increase in the city budget for next year is misleading:

"Technically, our budget is up 21.6 percent because that is what we're going to spend ...

Clow went on to say that many taxpayers interpret that as a 21.6 percent increase in taxes or fees, which isn't the case ...

BRYAN FISCHER badly needs a new hobby ...

The executive director of the Idaho Values Alliance called on the owners of the seven Treasure Valley Hallmark stores to refuse to stock Hallmark's new line of greeting cards for gay couples getting married ...

The cards feature two tuxedos and either overlap

Ed Board approves partial Boise law school branch

POCATELLO (AP) — The state Board of Education on Thursday significantly scaled back a plan by the University of Idaho to bring a law school branch to Boise in two years.

The Moscow university wants to expand its law school by adding a full-fledged branch campus 300 miles south in the state capital.

The board, which governs the university, downgraded that plan to include only third-year law students.

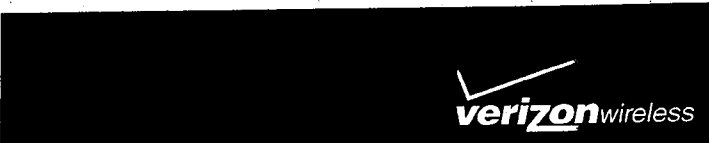
University officials and Boise branch campus proponents made their case to the board at its meeting in Pocatello, emphasizing that timing is crucial.

Concordia University, a private Lutheran university in Oregon, has also announced plans to open a law school in the state capital.

"There's going to be a law school in Boise. It's either going to be us or them," said Sen. Denton Darrington, a Republican who supports the UI plan and spoke on behalf of the university.

But the proposal came under heavy criticism from education board members.

The board questioned the cost and need for expanding Idaho's only law school, which is required by the state constitution to be based at the University of Idaho in Moscow.



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EDITORIAL

Despite report, tax commission has problems

In a Reader Comment on the opposite page, state Sen. Brent Hill concludes that everything is fine at the Idaho Tax Commission...

Independently auditor LaVern Gentry concluded that the four commissioners — two Democrats and two Republicans — broke no laws with the settlements...

Our view: It simply can't be business as usual anymore at the Idaho Tax Commission. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Howland won backing earlier this month when five other state tax auditors also urged Gov. Butch Otter and lawmakers to undertake a new, more extensive review.

Politically, that's unlikely. But Democrats in the Legislature are certain to push to change the way the commission handles so-called "compromise and close" agreements.

The governor evidently agrees, up to a point. In releasing Gentry's report, the governor wants the commissioners — Republicans Royce Chigbrow and Severina "Sam" Haws; Democrats Tom Katsilometas and Coleen Grant — to by Sept. 30 outline specific criteria they use for settling protests.

In addition, starting in January, commissioners must submit an annual report to the state House and Senate tax committees detailing all protest settlements, to the extent allowed by confidentiality laws.

In his report, Gentry said commissioners should find a way to provide more legal assistance to auditors as they review corporate taxes. In addition, settlement agreements with companies that protest their tax bills aren't being properly reviewed by other officials...

Gentry recommended that tax commissioners bolster communication with staff when settling cases, rather than working alone.

"The commissioners should not treat independence as isolation and need to improve communication by establishing clear guidelines regarding the proper level of communication," he said.

All steps in the right direction, but Howland is correct that they don't solve "public accountability issues."

Only the Legislature can do that, and Sen. Hill should lead the way.

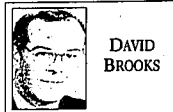
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John McCain becomes the message he used to ridicule

On Tuesdays, Senate Republicans hold a weekly policy lunch. The party leaders often hand out a Message of the Week that the senators are supposed to repeat at every opportunity...

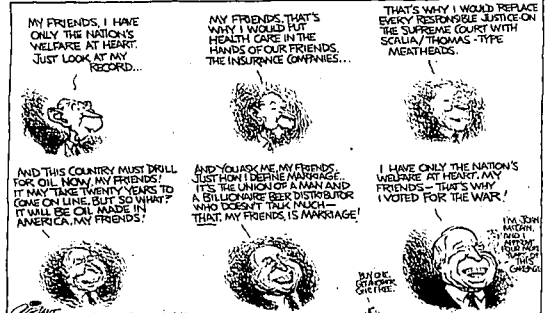


DAVID BROOKS

John McCain generally spends the luncheons at a table with a gang of fellow neo-conservatives. He cracks jokes, razzes the speaker and generally ridicules the whole proceeding...

This sort of behavior has been part of McCain's long-running rebellion against the stupidity of modern partisanship. In a thousand ways, he has tried to preserve some sense of self-respect in a sea of pandering pomposity...

McCain started out with the same sort of kibitzing campaign style that he used to woo the press back in 2000. It didn't work. This time there were too many cameras around and too many 25-year-old reporters and producers setting on every odd comment to get off little blog scandals...



offering the country the vision of a different kind of politics — free of circus antics — in which serious people — in which serious people — in which serious people — in which serious people — in which serious people...

our got very little coverage on the network news. McCain and his advisers realized the only way they could get TV attention was by talking about the subject that interested reporters most: Barack Obama.

McCain started with grand ideas about breaking the mold of modern politics. He and Obama would tour the country together doing joint town meetings...

The message who lambasted the Message of the Week is now relentlessly on message. The man who hopes to

inspire a new generation of American voters attacks Obama daily. It is the only way he can get the networks to pay attention.

Some old McCain hands are dismayed. John Weaver, the former staff member who helped run the old McCain operation, argues that this campaign does not do justice to the man...

And the inescapable fact is it is working. Everyone said McCain would be down by double digits at this point. He's nearly even. Everyone said he'd be vastly outspent. That hasn't happened.

As the McCain's campaign has become more conventional, his political prospects have soared. Both he and Obama have visions of updating the system. Maybe in office, one of them will still be able to do that.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to him at dbrooks@nytimes.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Look to children to find real happiness

Each night before I go to bed, I think to myself that maybe when I wake up the next day, there will be an answer for the world's problems and, of course, there is never one found.

At times, stress becomes our own best friend, but there is a way to break the cycle. To find happiness is to find the simple things in life. Money isn't one of them so do not go there, my friends. Money cannot buy happiness, but that is topic for another letter.

To find real happiness is to look to our children. They do not have a care in the world about anything really except the simple things; oh yeah, it adds up. Ask a kid about gas prices; they do not care. Ask them about presidential elections; they do not care (neither do I) and again, that is a topic saved for later.

Tell us what you think

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If someone really wants to find that happiness, here is my advice to you. Sit down with your kids and ask them seriously what makes them happy and take their advice, so if they slay you on the head and say "Don't be stupid dad." There is your answer. THANE GALLEGOS Heyburn

Port of Hope still offers services after houses close I've received several calls asking me when Center will Port of Hope Center "went out of business."

such houses, Port of Hope decided it could no longer operate these houses at a continual financial loss. The good news is that the houses were sold this month to an individual who intends to operate them as halfway houses under a different name.

Port of Hope remains the oldest (1971) drug/alcohol treatment organization in the state and, over the past 37 years, our non-profit, tax-exempt agency has provided treatment and assistance to more than 35,000 men, women and youth.

What we no longer provide is halfway house services. For the past seven years, Port of Hope operated our two halfway houses in Twin Falls. As much as we believe in and know the need for

For information about our current programs in the Treasure Valley and North Idaho, please call 1-800-974-0118 or go to www.portofhopehome.org. BARRY HOGAN MEYERS Nampa (Editor's note: Barry Hogan Meyers is the president and chief executive officer for Port of Hope Centers, Inc.)

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doodlesbury

By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Nothing corrupt at state Tax Commission

People love scandals. We like to assume that powerful politicians and government employees are guilty of whatever they are accused. A blow delivered to big government is as exciting as the fall of a giant by the sling of a shepherd boy.

Many of us felt a rush of anger and resentment when we heard of illegal activities within the Idaho State Tax Commission as reported by a courageous whistleblower. His accusations contained phrases like, "illegal actions by the commissioners," "secret deals," "preferential treatment" and "costing the taxpayers millions." A scandal right here in Idaho! And who better to be found guilty than the agency we all hate for extracting taxes from us? Immediately action was required to protect Idaho taxpayers and halt any improprieties. As chairman



READER COMMENT
Sen. Brent Hill

of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee and a CPA with 35 years experience, I arranged a meeting with the whistleblower, Stan Howland, and invited him to bring any other Tax Commission personnel that had concerns. I joined Sen. Kate Kelly in asking the attorney general to determine if anyone in the state Tax Commission had acted illegally as alleged. I applauded Gov. Otter for selecting Lavern Gentry, a retired CPA with extensive knowledge in multi-state income tax law, to conduct a review of actual cases within

the Tax Commission to determine if impropriety existed.

In addition to recommending an independent review of additional tax cases settled by the state tax commissioners, my 5 1/2-page report to the governor and the Legislature concluded, among other things, "that the Idaho state tax commissioners are functioning well within their legal responsibilities and in a manner that is generally in the best interest of the citizens of Idaho."

This was confirmed when the attorney general's office issued a well-documented report concluding that its "review of the allegations made by Mr. Howland does not disclose any illegal activity by the state Tax Commission."

After reviewing individual cases, analyzing applicable tax laws and conducting 25 interviews with auditors,

audit managers, other Tax Commission personnel and other people, Mr. Gentry also concluded that the Tax Commission was not violating or missing the laws or rules.

Mr. Howland and a group of his fellow auditors continue to allege that each of us has a conflict of interest and we are trying to mislead the public. As well-meaning as the disgruntled auditors may be, they have a very restrictive view of the commissioners' role, failing to recognize that the commissioners are not advocates for the auditor's position. The commissioners' duty is to provide fair, unbiased evaluations of these cases

appealed to them and determine reasonable and equitable solutions.

The accusing auditors characterize as "secret" those procedures designed by law to legitimately pro-

tect the privacy of each of us as taxpayers citizens. They continue to introduce charges of illegality, cover-up and misrepresentation against credible people who disagree with them.

State government must always strive for higher levels of accountability, fairness, and efficiency. The concerns brought to light by Mr. Howland and some of his fellow auditors will help accomplish that. Gov. Otter's order for the commission to submit an annual report to the public legislative tax committees is but one of the positive improvements that will result.

But, when it comes to

accusations of illicit, secretive, and corrupt activities by the state Tax Commission, the reports are in, the facts are laid out, the conclusions have been declared. And, as disappointing as it may be to some, the claims that the sky is falling can no longer be heeded.

Brent Hill, a Rexburg Republican, has represented Madison and Fremont counties in the Idaho Senate since 2001. He is chairman of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee. (Editor's note: A certified public accountant, Brent Hill represents clients before the state Tax Commission.)

It's close, but still Obama's race to lose

LYNDEBOROUGH, N.H. Secretary of State Bill Gardner is as much of a New Hampshire tradition as the presidential primary he assiduously protects from all challenges. He may not know every voter in the state, but he knows every vote.

So when I called him two weeks ago and told him I was looking for a place to interview voters who mirrored the outcome of the last two presidential races here and the most recent primary, it wasn't long before he came back with the names of four towns that met my criteria.

I picked Lyndeborough, a tiny crossroads a few miles off Route 101, halfway between Manchester and Keene, because I'd never been there. On Sunday I found a shady parking place outside the Village Store, near the window sign advertising "KC Golden Retrievers. Ready Ship."

When people drove up to replenish their beer supplies



DAVID BRODER

or buy a loaf of bread, as a steady procession did, I delayed them long enough to ask a few questions. In four hours, I completed two dozen interviews — not nearly enough to have any statistical validity but providing lots of insights.

In 2000, President Bush carried New Hampshire by 7,000 votes and in 2004, he lost it by 9,000 — barely 1 percent each time. In Lyndeborough, Bush won by 16 votes, then lost by 7. In last winter's primary,

McCain, who won in New Hampshire, defeated Mitt Romney here by 19 votes, and Hillary Clinton had a 32-vote margin over Barack Obama on the way to her

first victory of the year. Everything I heard here points to another close finish in November.

With one exception, there are few visible scars left from the primary.

Obama has secured most of the Clinton supporters — though not without some doubts. Like most of the others interviewed, Gordon Starweather, the owner-driver of an oil burner company, said the economy is "pretty bad." He backed Clinton because he thought she had the best ideas for improving things, but over time, he has come to think Obama might be the stronger candidate. Still, he wonders if Obama will really do what he promises.

On the Republican side, those who backed Romney and Mike Huckabee earlier this year have accommodated to McCain without anxiety. Kenneth Young, bearded and ponytailed, was a Romney voter. He finds McCain "a lit-

tle liberal for me," but he has no interest in Obama and hopes McCain might choose Romney as his running mate.

The unity among Republicans I talked to was marred by the two voters who backed libertarian Ron Paul when he was running. Brian George, a young laborer, liked what Paul was saying but finds no real appeal in either McCain or Obama. "They're pretty much the same as far as I can see," he said.

But at the end of the day, the negative judgments about the economy and the Bush presidency were unequivocal. That makes it Obama's race to lose.

But there's still a need for reassurance from him.

Washington Post columnist David Broder can be reached at davidbroder@washpost.com

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Now for a bit of good news

Prices of raw materials drop off from July highs

By Neil Irwin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Financial markets are frazzled, and the jobs situation is getting worse. But there is a surprising bit of good news for the economy in the months ahead.

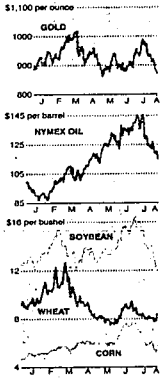
Prices for global commodities — oil, of course, but also a variety of metals, agricultural products, and other raw materials — have been falling steadily since mid-July after reaching record highs. Prices are still elevated, pinching consumers and businesses alike. But these modest declines should offer some relief to stretched American pocketbooks in the months ahead and help reverse some of the steep rise in inflation that occurred in the spring and early summer.

"When the price of oil has fallen by more than 20 percent, and other commodities from steel and aluminum to corn and wheat have all fallen in price significantly, it represents a cushion for the economy," said Sung Won Sohn, an economist at California State University. "It is one of the few supports that we have in the economy right now."

But the commodity drops aren't all good news. Part of the reason for the downward swing is that major world economies such as in Europe and Japan are slowing. So far in 2008, exports have been one of the few

Commodities cool

Prices of energy, grains and precious metals have fallen in recent weeks. Selected futures prices \$1.00 per ounce



SOURCE: Thomson Financial AP

bright spots for the U.S. economy, resulting in ports humming with outbound loads. At the Port of Long Beach, for example, exporters are having to book shipping capacity far in advance, as there is far more demand for containers heading toward Asia than in the past. But if other countries slow down too much, so will their demand

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Leading economic indicators fall sharply in July

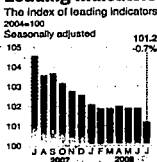
By Ellen Simon
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A private business group's measure of the economy's health showed the largest drop in seven years as stocks fell, new building permits declined and unemployment rose.

The New York-based Conference Board's said Thursday its monthly forecast of future economic activity fell 0.7 percent in July, far more than the consensus estimate of a 0.2 percent decline by Wall Street economists surveyed by Thomson/IFR.

The last time the index showed a drop this great was last August, when it fell by 1 percent.

Leading Indicators



SOURCE: The Conference Board AP

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Oracle's Ellison grabs top spot on best-paid executive list

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Oracle Corp. founder Larry Ellison, a longtime fixture on the list of the world's richest people, is now ensconced atop The Associated Press' rankings of the top-paid chief executives in the United States.

Never shy about flaunting his estimated \$25 billion fortune, Ellison established himself as the best-paid CEO among major U.S. companies by persuading Oracle to award him a fiscal 2008 pay package valued at \$84.6 million under the AP's calculations.

The total compensation, disclosed late Wednesday in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing, catapulted Ellison to the top of the AP's annual analysis of CEO pay.

With a pay package valued at \$83.1 million, Merrill

Top paid CEOs

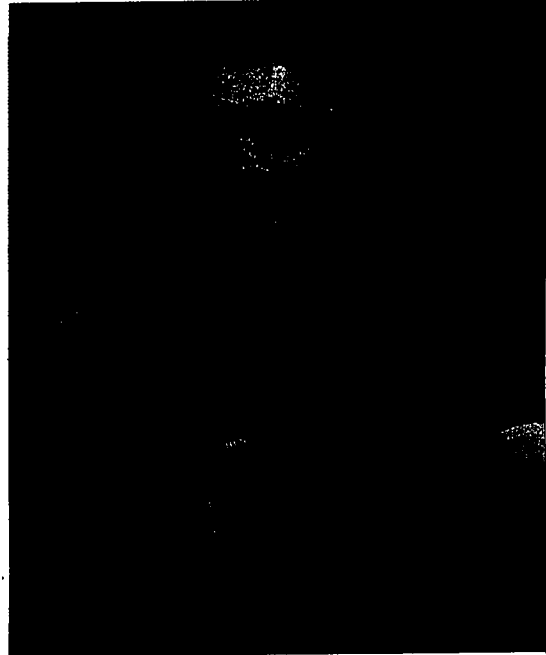
According to Associated Press calculations, Oracle's Larry Ellison is now the highest-paid executive at S&P 500 firms.

S&P 500 highest paid CEOs, compensation in millions

Larry Ellison	Oracle Corp.	\$84.6
J. Thain	MetLife	\$55.7
L. Moonves	COB Corp.	\$54.8
R. Anderson	Freightliner	\$54.8
B. Simpson	K10 Energy	\$54.8
L. Blain	Blain's	\$54.0
G. Scharf	Goldman Sachs	\$54.0
K. Chenault	American Express	\$51.7
G. Murphy	Gap Inc.	\$39.1

NOTE: Pay figures are rounded and based on a formula combining salary, perks, bonuses, above-market interest on debt, and other benefits. AP and company estimates for the value of stock options and stock awards.

Top dollars



AP file photo

Oracle CEO Larry Ellison watches the Stanford and UCLA basketball game in Stanford, Calif. Ellison, long a fixture on the annual lists of the world's richest people, has quickly ensconced himself atop The Associated Press' rankings of the best-paid CEOs. His latest pay package, valued at \$84.6 million, is the highest disclosed so far this year among more than 400 major U.S. companies analyzed by the AP.

Lynch CEO John Thain held that distinction in June when the AP released its 2008 analysis of executive compensation at more than 400 large companies.

The details about Ellison's compensation weren't available at that time because Oracle operates on an unusual fiscal year ending in May. The anomaly lets Oracle wait until late summer to make the SEC-mandated disclo-

tures about Ellison's pay.

The AP's rankings cover disclosures made within the same calendar year, meaning Ellison could be surpassed if an SEC filing during the next four months reveals another CEO received an even bigger pay package.

For now, there are only two changes in the AP's list of the 10 best-paid executives. With Ellison taking over the No. 1 spot, Occidental Petroleum

Corp. CEO Ray Irani fell out of the top 10.

In another revision lower on the pay ladder, News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch now occupies the 14th spot on the AP's list, with a compensation package valued at \$30.1 million. News Corp., which operates on a fiscal year ending in June, also disclosed Murdoch's awards this week.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY

Contractor pleads guilty to violating labor law

Farm labor contractor Hector Hugo Flores pleaded guilty this week to operating without the required state license.

Flores, 35, of Buhl, will be sentenced Sept. 16 by Twin Falls County Magistrate Roger Harris.

Flores, who entered his plea on Monday, faces a maximum penalty of \$1,000 in fines and 60 days in jail on the misdemeanor charge.

Following an investigation by an Idaho Department of Labor compliance officer,

Flores was cited earlier this month by the Twin Falls County Sheriff for running a crew of farm workers in a bean field near Buhl.

IDAHO

Cascade resident sentenced for fraud

BOISE — Cascade resident Morgan A. Rapp was sentenced this week for one felony count of insurance fraud, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said. Fourth District Judge Michael Wetherell ordered Rapp to serve up to 10 years in prison. The Court retained jurisdiction for 180 days. Rapp was also ordered to pay \$24,789 in restitution.

Rapp, 42, a former resident of Elmore County, pleaded guilty on May 5, 2008, to one count of insurance fraud. As a result of his guilty plea, Rapp had admitted that he falsely stated to Farm Bureau adjusters that he purchased a 1999 Chevy Suburban approximately a week after the alleged theft of his 2003 Ford Excursion from a parking lot in Caldwell and demanded reimbursement for the stolen vehicle.

NATION

30-year mortgages dip slightly to 6.47 percent

WASHINGTON — Rates on 30-year mortgages fell slightly this week to the lowest

level since mid-July.

Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday that 30-year fixed-rate mortgages dipped to 6.47 percent this week, down from 6.52 percent, which had been the rate for the previous three weeks. The new rate was the lowest since the week of July 17 when 30-year mortgages stood at 6.26 percent.

The 30-year mortgage has been above 6 percent since late May as financial markets have become convinced that rising inflation pressures will keep the Federal Reserve from cutting interest rates further even though the economy remains mired in a period of significant weakness.

— staff and wire reports

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Lithia Mo.	5.67	▼ .11	Micron	4.68	▼ .02	Supervalu	24.52	▼ 1.65

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	106.30	▲ \$1.30	Oct. oil	121.64	▲ 6.08
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Today in business

No reports are scheduled for a release today.

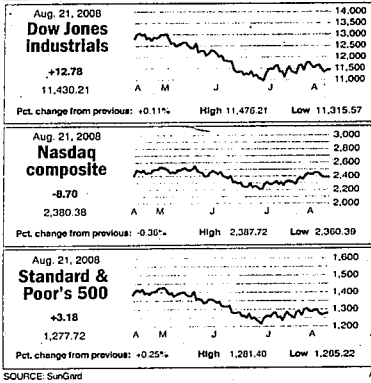
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A DAY ON WALL STREET



By Tim Paradis Associated Press writer. NEW YORK — The partial recovery in financials as well as gains by energy producers themselves helped contain investors' anxiety over a jump in oil of more than \$5 a barrel.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES. Table listing futures prices for various commodities like oil, wheat, and soybeans.

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LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — Major potato markets. F20 shipping points. Western Idaho 800 bushels 70 cent; 100 cent.

Drop

Continued on page B1. for U.S. goods, potentially nipping that source of growth. The price of oil closed at \$114.98 a barrel Wednesday, down from \$145.10 on July 14. That drop is starting to trickle down to the pump.

prices on global commodity markets will sink around. Over the past three years, there have been several periods of retreat that proved only temporary. "The good news is that lower oil prices puts more money in consumer pockets," said David Shultman, senior economist at the UCLA Anderson Forecast.

College of Southern Idaho offers business training opportunities

Classes will be held Thursdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2008 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$75. This class will provide a solid foundation that will help you make the most of this powerful accounting software. The class is targeted for the small business owner or entrepreneur.

Introduction to selling on eBay

Classes will be held Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$62.50. This class is designed to help you share the 'basics' that you'll need to know before getting on eBay from creating your first auction to accepting payments and more as we walk through the actual listing of an auction.

Filer residents fed up with trash collection

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

Filer citizens voiced their displeasure with recent decisions regarding sanitation issues at Tuesday's city council meeting. Earlier this month, council members approved a request from Western Waste Services asking that city residents who receive weekly garbage service be required to move containers from alleys to the street in front of their homes for collection. Marilyn Fisher told the council

and an audience of supporters she feels the change would reduce the quality of life in her neighborhood. "There's a group of us that are not opposed to moving the trash to one side of the alley or the other so they only have to make one trip," she said. "But what you have in alleyways with garbage cans is what you'll have on your main street and I don't think we need to have Filer as an ugly sight." Resident and city employee Debbie Crawford voiced concern that the change would cause needless hardship for elderly citizens.

"Most of these older people take one little bag at a time out to the alley, so they can't drag their garbage cans through the snow and get them back to their homes," Crawford said. "The other thing is the (garbage) rate hasn't gone down but the level of service has gone down dramatically from when we had Parks and Sons." In response to the public outcry, Mayor Bob Templeman assured those present that alley garbage pick-up would not change until he contacted Western Waste and helped them come up with a solu-

tion to satisfy everyone. "The things they talked about at the time — efficiency, safety and reducing damage to personal property — sounded like a good idea," he said. "But we made a mistake by only listening to one side without hearing from you folks. We'll post a notice or have a public hearing on what we come up with." In other action, plans are underway to reestablish a Filer Chamber of Commerce and attract new economic opportunities to the community. Russell Sheridan, who was serv-

ing as mayor at the time, remembers why the original chamber was dissolved in 1999. "At one time, all the businesses in Filer were involved," he said. "But then there were a few less-than-cooperative members, so they just decided to pull the plug and maybe start it up again sometime in the future." A public meeting concerning the chamber's reformation was held Thursday night. John E. Swayze can be reached at 208-326-7212 or swayzej@twi.com.

Burgess awarded Eagle Scout

Steven Burgess received his Eagle Scout Award during a court of honor held Thursday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. Burgess, 18, is the son of Carole Burgess of Twin Falls and a member of Troop 68. He completed 21 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he presented a self-defense seminar for women who are at risk. He is a graduate of Twin Falls High School, where he was involved in drama, computer, water polo and swim team. He also is a third-degree black belt in taekwondo. He will attend Emory University in Atlanta on a full-ride scholarship in the fall.



Burgess

Behnke celebrates 100th birthday

Mildred Behnke of Twin Falls will celebrate her 100th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Great Room on the third floor at Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls. Behnke was born Aug. 26, 1908, daughter of Jacob and Sophie Bruckert in Deshler, Neb. She married Arnold Behnke and together they enjoyed almost 70 years together. She had no children but many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. Arnold passed away in 1999. Mildred recently moved to Twin Falls from Bullhead City, Ariz., to live close to relatives.



Behnke

Exchanging experiences

International exchange students reflect on time spent in the Magic Valley

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

They came from a variety of countries — China, France and the Czech Republic, among others — 25 students with a commonly shared paradigm: Americans are rude. While the international visitors are quick to say that people here have been extremely warm and friendly one stereotype, even in the Magic Valley, appears to be true. Compared to their homelands, the U.S. is a nation of excess. "Americans are a lot more polite than I thought they would be," said Ye Jianxuan, of China. "But everything is bigger, much bigger." The 17-year-old extends his arms out, "The houses are bigger, the cars are bigger, the people are bigger. Everything is bigger in America." Naitan Chang, also from China, said he is surprised by the level of commercialization in the states. "For the Olympics, we have no advertisement on TV during it and here you see more commercials than you do the Olympics," said the 17-year-old. It's all just part of learning



Photo by BLAIR KOCH/Times-News

ASSE Program Coordinator Zach Elkins, far right, chats with a group of exchange students who are taking part in a special one-month program allowing them to visit southern Idaho before heading out to new locations for the school year. American culture, said Zach Elkins, coordinator of the month-long ASSE International program at Twin Falls High School. All of the students will disperse to locations across the country later this month where they will stay throughout the upcoming school year. "Even though some of these Please see EXCHANGE, Page B5

COMMUNITY NEWS

Car wash fundraiser held

S.L. Start and Associates will hold a charitable car wash fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today in the Rite Aid parking lot located at 1139 Addison Ave., Twin Falls. Individuals with special needs and their friends will be washing cars to remind the residents of Idaho that people with special needs can give back to the community and the world. Proceeds from the car wash will be donated to the Free Wheelchair Mission which distributes wheelchairs for individuals with special needs in third world countries. For more information: Andrew Parra at 208-732-0910.

Dam Fools hold celebration

The Dam Fools Club Labor Day celebration and grand opening starting at 3 p.m. Aug. 31 at the West Magic Lake Recreation Club. The event will include barbecue and live music, featuring music by The Dampfools. The cost for the barbecue is \$10, while the admission, which starts at 5:30 p.m. is \$5. Dinner at the barbecue, music and a club membership is \$20. The event will celebrate the open-

ing of the new clubhouse.

Self defense class offered

In response to concerns regarding assaults against women in Twin Falls and to help prepare young women heading off to school, Success Martial Arts Senior Instructor Brian Higgins has partnered with the Twin Falls YMCA to offer a special reduced tuition session called in The Zone at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Canyon Rim YMCA. The program teaches fear management techniques and how to deal with the instinctive fight or flight response and covers the psychological aspects of adrenaline stress, the common characteristic that accompanies emotionally

charged experiences.

Participants will learn how to avoid and prevent a confrontation, use effective conflict de-escalation approaches, and when all else fails, how to defend themselves against an assault. Cost is \$25. For more information: 208-733-8910.

CSI offers computer class

A basic computer class will be held through the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center in Twin Falls from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, from Sept. 2-23 in Shields 101. The cost of the class is \$59 and the instructor is Nicole Veenendaal. The course number for this class is

XCMP 049 C01.

The class will cover how to recognize the parts of the computer, use the mouse and keyboard, and complete basic computer tasks in a Microsoft Windows platform. It will also cover loading software and troubleshooting techniques as well as e-mail and the internet as well as questions about music files, digital photos and iPods. For more information or to register: 208-732-6442 or register and pay online at www.csi.edu/community.

Castagno graduates from ranger school in Georgia

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Army Spec. Alexander P. Castagno has graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., with authorization to wear the distinctive Ranger Tab. A graduate of the Ranger Course is the epitome of the U.S. infantryman. Castagno, a reconnaissance scout, is assigned to Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii. The specialist has served in the military for more than two years. He is the son of Lynn Rinehart of

Kimberly and is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Machala awarded memorial scholarship

GAMBIER, Ohio — Michael L. Machala, son of Margaret and Thomas Machala of Twin Falls, was awarded the Eppa Ridley III Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to a senior who demonstrates character and integrity. Machala is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a chemical physics major at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. He has made the dean's list six times and is a member of the varsity swim team. The team recently won its 29th consecutive NCAA Division III title.



Machala

CSI holds dog obedience class in September

A dog obedience class will be held through the College of Southern Idaho. Please see COMMUNITY, Page B5

Don't seek help from dark chocolate in pyramid sales method

DEAR DR. GOTT: Would you please comment on the use of Xocol? It is a dark-chocolate product promoted to lower cholesterol and blood pressure, and reduce inflammatory problems such as arthritis, and it is diabetic-friendly. The suggested dose is two pieces per day. Xocol is currently being promoted and sold through



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

pyramid-selling methods, so I question the validity of the claims.

DEAR READER: Generally speaking, dark chocolate has been reported to be more healthful than milk chocolate or other varieties. Because I am familiar with Xocol, I did a little research. Almost every reference stated I could earn money by selling their product. There doesn't appear to be any documentation or research

substantiating their claims that it can lead to better health. In fact, I cannot find an ingredient panel to determine what the product contains. If you are attempting to improve your general health including the topical stated above, you can do so by eating more healthful meals including fresh fruits and vegetables.

Walk, bike, golf or exercise in a way that is appropriate for you. Eliminate chocolate and other sweets except for special occasions. And, most important, stay away from pyramid selling methods. They're almost always scams. Your health is far too important to be left in the hands of dishonest financial entrepreneurs.

To give you related information on one condition you mentioned, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped, No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

Zapped

FDA: Irradiating spinach, lettuce OK to kill germs

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Consumers worried about salad safety may soon be able to buy fresh spinach and iceberg lettuce zapped with just enough radiation to kill E. coli and a few other germs.

The Food and Drug Administration today will issue a regulation allowing spinach and lettuce sellers to take that extra step, a long-awaited move amid increasing outbreaks from raw produce. It doesn't excuse dirty produce, warned Dr. Laura Tarantino, FDA's chief of food additive safety. Farms and processors still must follow standards to keep the greens as clean as possible — and consumers, too, should wash the leaves before eating.

"What this does is give processors and processors one more tool in the toolbox to make these commodities safer and protect public health," Tarantino said.

Irradiated meat has been around for years, particularly ground beef that is a favorite hiding spot for E. coli. Spices also can be irradiated.

But the Grocery Manufacturers Association had petitioned the FDA to allow irradiation of fresh produce, too, starting with leafy greens that have sparked numerous recent outbreaks, including E. coli in spinach that in 2006 killed three people and sickened nearly 200.

The industry group wouldn't name salad suppliers ready to start irradiating, but it expects niche marketing to trickle out first. Bags of spinach and lettuce are targeted to high-risk populations such as people with weak immune systems "who might now may be afraid to eat uncooked produce," said GMA's chief science officer Robert Bruckett.

"It's one big step forward in improving the safety of fresh produce," he added. California-based produce giant Dole Food Company confirmed it is considering irradiated lettuce. "We are currently doing a feasibility study and it looks to be very promising," said spokesman William Goldfield.

A leading food safety expert said irradiation indeed can kill certain bacteria safely — but it doesn't kill viruses that also increasingly contaminate produce, and it isn't as effective as tightening steps to prevent contamination starting at the farm.

"It won't control all hazards on these products," cautioned Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

She questioned why the FDA hasn't addressed her agency's 2006 call to require growers to document such things as how they use manure and ensure the safety of irrigation water. Irrigation is one suspect in this summer's nationwide salmonella outbreak attributed first to tomatoes and then to Mexican hot peppers.

"We are not opposed to the use of irradiation," DeWaal said. But, "it's expensive and it doesn't really address the problem at the source."

Fire claimed building next to twin towers, feds say

By Devlin Barrett
Associated Press writer

GAITHERSBURG, Md. — Federal investigators said Thursday they have solved a mystery of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks: the collapse of World Trade Center building 7, a source of long-running conspiracy theories.

The 47-story trapezoidal-shaped building sat north of the World Trade Center towers, across Vesey Street in lower Manhattan in New York. On Sept. 11, it was set on fire by falling debris from the burning towers, but skeptics long have argued that fire and debris alone should not have brought down such a big steel-and-concrete structure.

Scientists with the National Institute of Standards and Technology say their three-year investigation of the collapse determined the demise of WTC7 was actually the first time in the world a fire caused the total failure of a modern skyscraper.

The reason for the collapse of World Trade Center 7 is no longer a mystery, said Dr. Shyam Sunder, the lead investigator on the NIST team.

Investigators also concluded that the collapse of the nearby towers broke the city water main, leaving the sprinkler system in the bottom half of the building without water.

The building has been the subject of a wide range of conspiracy theories for the last seven years, partly because the collapse occurred about seven hours after the twin towers came down. That fueled suspicion that someone intentionally blew up the building in a controlled demolition.

Critics like Mike Berger of the group 9/11 Truth said he wasn't buying the government's explanation.

"Their explanation simply isn't convincing. We're being led," he said, arguing that there is other evidence suggesting explosives were used on the building.

Sunder said his team investigated the possibility that an explosion inside the building brought it down, but found there was no large boom or other noise that would have occurred with such a detonation. Investigators also created a giant computer model of the collapse, based partly on news footage from CBS News, that they say shows that internal column failure brought down the building.

Investigators also ruled out the possibility that the collapse was caused by fires from a substantial amount of diesel fuel that was stored in the building, most of it for generators for the city's emergency operations command center.

The 77-page report concluded that the fatal blow to the building came when the 13th floor collapsed, weakening a critical steel support column that led to catastrophic failure.

"When this critical column buckled due to lack of floor supports, it was the first domino in the chain," said Sunder.

The NIST investigators issued more than a dozen building recommendations as a result of their inquiry, most of which repeat earlier recommendations from their investigation into the collapse of the two large towers.

In both instances, investigators concluded that extreme heat caused some steel beams to lose strength, causing further failures throughout the buildings until the entire structure succumbed.



A crane looms over the smoldering wreckage of World Trade Center building 7 in New York on Sept. 18, 2001. Federal investigators said Thursday they have solved one of the mysteries of the Sept. 11 attacks: the collapse of World Trade Center building 7, a source of long-running conspiracy theories.

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Jump in U.S. measles cases blamed on vaccine fears

ATLANTA (AP) — Measles cases in the U.S. are at the highest level in more than a decade, with nearly half of those involving children whose parents rejected vaccination, health officials reported Thursday.

Worried doctors are troubled by the trend fueled by unfounded fears that vaccines may cause autism. The number of cases is still small, just 131, but that's only for the first seven months of the year.

There were only 42 cases for all of last year. "We're seeing a lot more spread. That is concerning to us," said Dr. Jane Seward, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pediatricians are frustrated, saying they are having to spend more time convincing parents the shot is safe. "This year we certainly have had parents asking more questions," said Dr. Ari Brown, an Austin, Texas, physician who is a spokes-

woman for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

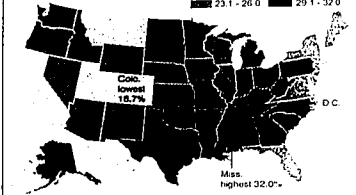
The CDC's review found that a number of cases involved home-school children not required to get the vaccines. Others can avoid vaccination by seeking exemptions, such as for religious reasons.

Measles, best known for a red skin rash, is a potentially deadly, highly infectious virus that spreads through contact with a sneezing, coughing, infected person. It is no longer endemic to the United States, but every year cases enter the country

through foreign visitors or Americans returning from abroad. Measles epidemics have exploded in Israel, Switzerland and some other countries. But high U.S. childhood vaccination rates have prevented major outbreaks here.

In a typical year, only one outbreak occurs in the United States, infecting perhaps 10 to 20 people. So far this year through July 30 the country has seen seven outbreaks, including one in Illinois with 30 cases, said Seward, of the CDC's Division of Viral Diseases.

Obesity more common in the South



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Extra pounds mean insurance penalty for Alabama workers

By Phillip Rawls
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama, pushed to third in national obesity rankings by deep-fried Southern favorites, is cracking down on state workers who are too fat.

The state has given its 37,527 employees a year to start getting fit, or they'll pay \$25 a month for insurance that otherwise is free.

Alabama will be the first state to charge overweight state workers who don't work on slimming down, while a handful of other states reward employees who adopt healthy behaviors.

Alabama already charges workers who smoke — and has seen some success in getting them to quit — but now has turned its attention to a problem that plagues many in the Deep South: obesity.

The State Employees' Insurance Board this week approved a plan to charge state workers starting in January 2010 if they don't have free health screenings.

If the screenings turn up serious problems with blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose or obesity, employees will have a year to see a doctor at no cost, enroll in a wellness program, or take steps on their own to

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny and dry. Highs low 80s. Tonight: Clear and comfortable. Lows low 50s. Tomorrow: Warmup nicely. Highs low 90s.

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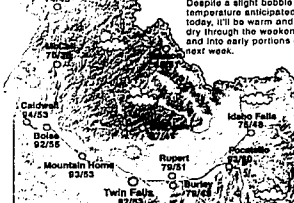
Today: Sunny, comfortable and breezy at times. Highs up to 70s, low to 60s. Tonight: Clear and comfortable nighttime weather. Great for sleep. Lows up to 40s. Tomorrow: Warmup and mostly sunny. Highs middle to upper 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. High pressure aloft will result in mostly dry and warming weather for the area today through the weekend. Get outside and enjoy the weather if you can.

Today Highs 65 to 74. Tonight Lows 31 to 42. BOISE A warming and drying trend will commence today and continue uninterrupted through the weekend. On last weekend to hit the pool before they close.

Today Highs/Lows 80 to 85 / 48 to 53. NORTHERN UTAH Outlook: A slight bubble in temperature anticipated today. Will be warm and dry through the weekend and into early portions of next week.



Yesterday's State Estimate: 85 in Mountain Home. High: Low: 44 at Olathe. Weather key: H: Heavy rain; R: Heavy rain; S: Heavy snow; H: Heavy snow; M: Mostly cloudy; W: Partly sunny; P: Partly cloudy; F: Partly sunny; S: Partly cloudy; N: No sun; B: Partly cloudy.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "I don't blame others for your failure to be fully accountable for your own life. If others are to blame you have given them control."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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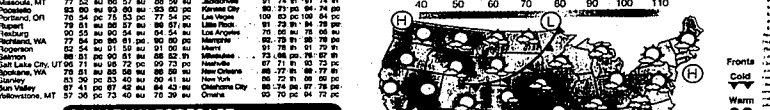
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REGIONAL FORECAST NATIONAL FORECAST

Large table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, City. Lists weather forecasts for various cities across the region and nationally.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, City. Lists weather forecasts for major Canadian cities.

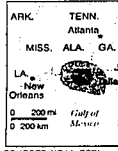
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Florida gators among those fleeing Tropical Storm Fay's deluge

By Brian Skoloff Associated Press writer

Fay's rainfall

Tropical Storm Fay is expected to pour many more inches of rain onto parts of the Southeast over the next two days.



SOURCES: NOAA; ESRI AP

MELBOURNE, Fla. — As if a fourth straight day of rain from Tropical Storm Fay wasn't enough, weary residents are now dealing with quintessentially Floridian fallouts: alligators, snakes and other critters driven from their swampy lairs into flooded streets, backyards and doorsteps.

National Guardsman Steve Johnson was wading through tip-deep water Wednesday night when his flashlight revealed an alligator drifting through a neighborhood of flooded mobile homes.

"I said, 'The heck is that' and there was an alligator floating by," Johnson said. "I took my flashlight and was like, 'You've got to be kidding me, a big old alligator swimming around here.'"

The erratic and stubborn storm has dumped more than 2 feet of rain along parts of Florida's low-lying central Atlantic coast this week. The system continued its slow, westward march Thursday by curving back from the ocean to hit the

state for a third time.

Alligators live in all 67 Florida counties, and state officials say they receive more than 18,000 alligator-related complaints each year. But the floodwaters heighten the risk of an encounter with people because the creatures search for a safe place to wait out the storm.

"They are trying to find dry land, something to hide," said officer Lenny Solberg of the

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The threat of alligators, snakes and other creatures is one more problem confronting weary residents as they clean up their waterlogged homes. At least two alligators were captured in residential neighborhoods, and several others were spotted near homes.

In Carla Viotas backyard in Indiantonic, outside of

Melbourne, snakes were swimming around in 4 inches of water. "It looked just like a junk yard," she said.

Flooding was especially acute along the Atlantic coast from Fort St. Little to Cape Canaveral, with water reaching depths of 5 feet in some neighborhoods. Gov. Charlie Crist visited the area Thursday and President Bush issued a federal disaster declaration for the affected parts of

Florida to help with the storm's costs.

Brevard County officials estimated building damage would cost \$12 million, mostly from flooding and \$2.6 million in damage from beach erosion.

"This is the worst I've absolutely ever seen it," said Mike White, 57, who was rescued by the National Guard as water crept up to the door of his mobile home.

Advertisement for Hertz car rental. Features a list of car models and prices, such as '83 Mercury Topaz =134H, '93 Ford F150 ExCab =995, etc.

Advertisement for Hertz car rental. Large text: 'Hertz On Addison Ave. Across From Rock Creek'. Includes a list of car models and prices, and a large phone number: 733-4007.

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Dancing across the world

 By Ariel Hansen
 Times-News writer

Burley ensemble returns from Polish tour

BURLEY — It's mid-August, and the daily mercury has been rising to near 100 degrees. But for a half-dozen Mini-Casita teens, the heat doesn't mean it's time to lounge around in the pool or head for the hills for cool camping. Instead, they gather on a wide expanse of lawn and start moving.

Knees rise, arms swoop, feet pound. The music cuts off; the routine needs adjustment.

Members of the Idaho Rocky Mountain Express American Folk Ensemble are rehearsing for a performance of their American Indian dance piece, which they will perform Saturday at the youth cultural celebration for the Twin Falls temple dedication of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the full troupe, ages 13-18, includes members of many faiths).

As the teens make adjustments to the routine, other members of the troupe gather around a laptop, watching a photo slideshow of their July 1-22 trip to Poland, where at several dance festivals they performed a 65-minute show crammed with swing, pioneer square dances, hula, clogging and Southern waltz, among others. The routines represent the American experience, but many owe their roots to other cultures.

"People are the same all over the world," said Seth Koyle, a dancer, reflecting on the Polish journey. "I learned a better appreciation for my own country, how restricted they are in many ways and how many freedoms we have here."

During the trip, the troupe performed with teams from Ukraine,



Courtesy photo

Members of the Idaho Rocky Mountain Express American Folk Ensemble perform a swing dance in Poland.

WATCH THEM LIVE

Visit YouTube.com and search "Idaho Rocky Mountain Express," or go to your nearest Mormon stake center at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 to watch a live simulcast of the LDS youth cultural celebration, which will include dancers from the troupe.

THIS YEAR'S TROUPE:

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| Anna Hansen | Kolby Beck |
| Brooklynn Gunnell | Korbyn Karlson |
| Camille Gunnell | Scott Harris |
| Diana Blauer | Seth Koyle |
| Hayley Wattersson | Taylor Whitehead |
| Jessica Page | Samuel Handy |
| Cara Hansen | |

And band members:

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| Emily Silva | Clay Handy |
| Kyra Burch | Scott Fillmore |
| Nicole Mabey | Kristine Handy |
| Nikkelle Bair | leader |
| Stacy Tarbet | Jacque Lee |
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| Alex Larson | McFadden |
| Bill Blauer | Lindsey Turner |
| Branson Handy | Cheryl Fillmore |
| Brawn Baker | Kathleen Child |
| Brent Lee | Janet Hansen |
| Christian Hansen | |

Spain, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Serbia, Russia, Israel and Ireland, among others, for a total audience that topped 5,000. Three Polish towns hosted international dance festivals, but the team also performed at a

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LAURIE WELCH/Times-News

Christian Hansen, 13, demonstrates the American Indian dance that he and other members of the Idaho Rocky Mountain Express American Folk Ensemble will perform as part of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' temple cultural celebration on Saturday. The troupe returned from a dance tour of Poland a month ago.

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... photo slideshow of the Express team's Polish experience, accompanied by music from the troupe's band.

A long way from Sydney Australian band comes to T.F.

 By Melissa Davlin
 Times-News writer

Shimon Moore doesn't know a whole lot about Twin Falls.

Idaho, after all, is a long way from Sydney, Australia — Moore's hometown and the birthplace of his alternative rock band, Sick Puppies.

But this weekend, he and his band mates, Emma Anzal and Mark Goodwin, will learn what kind of crowd Twin Falls can produce.

The Sick Puppies are per-

forming the final summer concert at Kruezer's Night Life on Saturday night. It's not the first time they've been to Idaho — they opened for rock band Evanescence at Boise's Qwest Arena in November — but this time, they're looking forward to headlining for a smaller crowd.

"You know what, man, all I know about Idaho is the crowds," Moore said. "Between traveling, sound checks and shows, we kind of live in a bubble. I know the

SICK PUPPIES

... Puppies with Army of Freshmen store open at 8 p.m. Saturday for the all-ages opening starts at 7 p.m. ... Night 1 live, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls ... \$20 at door; tickets available at twinfallsconcerts.com and Twin Stop Chevron or at twinfallsconcerts.com. ... tickets will be available for those with ID. ... twinfallsconcerts.com, sickpuppies.net or 733-

(Boise) crowd was huge and awesome and that's all we really remember."

Guitarist and lead singer Moore and bassist Anzal founded the Sick Puppies in

1997 and released their first EP in 1999. Their latest album, "Dressed Up As Life," features their popular song

... Please see **PUPPIES**, Page C2



Drummer Mark Goodwin, vocalist and guitarist Shimon Moore and bassist Emma Anzal make up alternative rock group Sick Puppies, which will perform on Saturday at Kruezer's in Twin Falls.

Photo courtesy Sick Puppies

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See the stars, launch a rocket

Pomerelle hosts rocket launching, star gazing party

Get in touch with your inner bard

Abbreviated Shakespeare and renaissance faire in Sun Valley. Page C2



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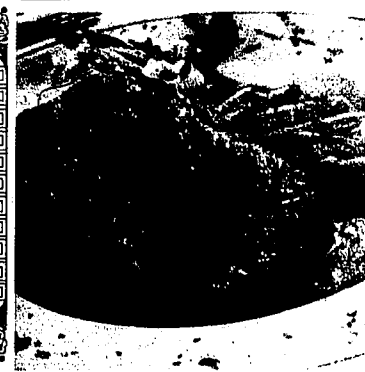
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ARIEL HANSEN



The editor's picks

Embrace the fun

Who doesn't like a hug?

So it might be a little weird to be offered one on the street from a stranger, but that was just the ticket for Sick Puppies, an Australian band that speed up the alternative rock charts after their music accompanied a 2006 video advocating Free Hugs (search YouTube.com for "free hugs" to find the video).

The campaign has since migrated from the Sydney mall where it first began across the globe — there have even been sightings in Idaho, if google.com's image search is to be

trusted. Sick Puppies are coming to Twin Falls this weekend, where they'll likely play their hit song "All the Same," so don't be surprised if you see someone advertising Free Hugs downtown near Kruger's. Take them up on it. Pass it on. Free hugs for everyone!

More than faire

If you're more into warfare, Sun Valley's got your number.

Bring your armor, peace-tied weapons and Renaissance garb, and join other anachronism lovers at the Sun Valley Renaissance Faire, which will fea-

ture jousting tournaments and pirates with cannons and cutlasses.

Two plays — including one in which the complete works of Shakespeare are performed in 97 minutes — round out the region's festival in honor of the bard.

Our new look

By now you'll have noticed that you're getting your local arts and entertainment news rather differently than you used to. The first Friday issue on a full-sized page is in your hands. What do you think? Let me know at ariel.hansen@lee.net or 735-3376.



The music of Sick Puppies, playing this weekend at Kruger's, has become associated with the Free Hugs campaign, pictured here.

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Dance

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 children's hospital, at a prison and in small towns where it was easier to meet the locals.

"The kids are quick to recall Polish phrases — "Siema!" they all hollered in unison: "It's the Polish word for 'yo' or 'dude' that young Poles use to greet each other — and culinary oddities. "We ate sandwich stuff for breakfast and dinner every day," Koyle said.

Kristine Handy, the team leader, provided a list of the ingredients of a typical Polish breakfast: bread, cucumbers, tomatoes, red peppers, butter, fruit jam and a hot drink.

"The similarities? Global brands like McDonald's, of course. And kids are kids everywhere. "They just like to play around, just like us," said Branson Handy. Polish youth are taught English in school, so the Idaho teens rarely had trouble communicating.

They even saw on a Clark's T-shirt commemorating an Idaho International Dance & Music Festival in Rexburg. The clerk didn't know much about the shirt though: it was a gift from a friend.

"That is the neatest thing these kids learned, to love all the kids from these countries," Kristine Handy said. "It's really want to build ties and connections with other cultures."

A few of the cultural differences were a bit difficult, though.

"I've had dances after our performances and a lot of the younger teens, they'd be out dancing and partying until 2 in the morning, and for us here that's really unexcused," said Stacy Tarbet. With an example like that set for them, the Americans had to find their own balance between fun and their performance schedule.

Difficult in a different way was the troupe's visits to two World War II concentration camps, including one at which the memoir was set. It was a huge, open-sided dome, with a gigantic pile of human ashes mounded beneath the roof. "They teach about it in school, but you don't understand until you see it," Tarbet said. "The whole time we were there we were in silence; it was kind of a reverent place to be."

"This year the troupe included 26 dancers and eight band members, and though the festivals paid for their accommodations in Poland, the dancers were responsible for raising about \$1,600 each for transportation. To earn it, they sold potatoes and held dinner dances.

"These kinds of experiences don't come easy. It takes a ton of work and dedication and money, but it builds community and it builds individuals," Kristine Handy said. She recalled how close the troupe got after a month of daily rehearsals plus a month of international travel. "It was hard to come home because we basically lived together for two months."

The members of this year's troupe are scattering, some back to high school and others off to college. A new crew will begin gathering next spring, rehearsing weekly until school lets out and then daily until the next big performance. The time and place haven't been scheduled yet, but the kids can look forward to another international locale, as well as next year's Idaho International Dance & Music Festival, held in Burley and Rexburg.

Pomerelle hosts rocket launching, star viewing

By Heather Harbaugh
 Times-News correspondent

Looking at the stars from our valley's altitude is like bird watching from underwater.

This analogy has been passed among stargazers for years. Its solution? A Star Party, hosted by the Herrett Center for Arts and Science and the Magic Valley Astronomical Society at Pomerelle Ski Mountain.

The event will start 3-6 p.m. at the ski lodge with water bottle rocket building and launching, along with specially equipped telescopes for solar viewing.

Bottle rocket launching is available to anyone while supplies last. To ensure you can take part, the Herrett Center asks you to bring a clean, 2-liter green soda bottle.

"You can imagine how high these rockets go if we

are asking you to bring green bottles," says Chris Anderson, the Herrett observatory coordinator. Clear bottles just can't be seen at the heights these bottles will travel.

Anderson will present a free astronomy talk, "Idaho Summer Skies," 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the lodge after the rocket launching. Dinner will be available to purchase from the lodge, with kids' meals starting at \$2.

Beginning at 8:30 p.m., the Pomerelle chairlift will begin taking people to the top of the mountain where a free telescope will be available until midnight. The cost of the lift ticket is \$5 for people 7 and older — children under 6 can ride free with an adult.

Last year, attendance was more than 200 people, and this year's Star Party is planned to bring in even more.

SEE THE STARS

Pomerelle Mountain Park. The first event starts 3 p.m. Saturday, star parties at midnight. Pomerelle Ski Mountain in Abalon, Idaho. Bring a 2-liter soda bottle for rocket launching if you want to see a chance to see: warm clothes; fireproof flashlight; and binoculars.

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Bad day for U.S. in softball, track

By Jaime Arcs
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — Crystl Bustos rocked slowly from side to side, kicked away some dirt, then started rocking again. As she and her U.S. softball teammates waited to receive their silver medals — yes, silver — the slugger clearly wanted to get this over with. Instead of capping their sport's fourth and possibly final Olympic appearance with a fourth gold medal, the Americans lost 3-1 to Japan in a game they never led.

"You train your whole life and you want to win," Bustos

Today's TV highlights

- Track & field, decathlon final, 8 a.m., NBC
- Track & field, various finals, 6 p.m., NBC
- Women's volleyball, bronze medal match, 10:35 p.m., NBC

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said. "It hurts a lot."

What was supposed to be a coronation turned into humiliation.

The softball girls weren't the only Americans feeling that way Thursday, a rainy day that was practically a washout for the U.S. delegation.

Start at the track, where the chances for a 16th gold in the men's 400-meter relay came to an end — not by getting beat, but by dropping the baton on the final exchange. In a first-round heat, of all things.

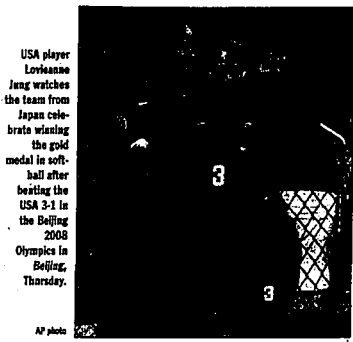
"I take full blame for it," Tyson Gay said of his bad exchange with Darvis Tatton. "I kind of feel I let them down."

The drop means Gay, the

defending world champion in the 100 and 200, will leave Beijing not just empty-handed, but without even running in a final.

About a half-hour later, the women made the same mistake, when U.S. women's relay anchor Lauryn Williams couldn't get her hand around the baton Torri Edwards was trying to pass. It was eerily reminiscent of the 2004 Athens Games, where Williams' faulty exchange with Marion Jones cost the U.S. a medal.

"If people want to assess Please see **BAD DAY**, Page D2



AP photo

CSI VOLLEYBALL: SEASON PREVIEW, PART II



College of Southern Idaho head coach Heidi Cartisser, right, instructs freshman Brianna Cox during practice this week at CSI Gymnasium. The Golden Eagles open their season today by hosting the two-day Outback Invitational.

DIFFERENT FOR THE BETTER

By David Basbore
Times-News writer

A new era in the storied history of the College of Southern Idaho's volleyball program kicks off today. It's neither because of the chance to return to the national tournament, nor the fact that CSI is ranked No. 3 in the preseason polls and tipped as a favorite to win the Region 18 title.

Simply, it's because this is finally Heidi Cartisser's team.

For the first time, the third-year coach has 100 percent of her roster comprised of players she recruited, and those players have been pushing hard for almost three weeks via retreats and two-a-day practices to get ready to live up to lofty preseason expectations.

Though the season starts today, the team is

still a work in progress. Early tournaments will help decide starting roles that haven't been cemented as yet, and the CSI Invitational will serve as the springboard toward region play.

Cartisser expects this team to be different, for the better, three weeks from now and said that the team is anxious to get started with the new year.

Here's more of what the third-year coach told the *Times-News* about the upcoming season.

Q: You return four starters and brought in a good recruiting class to push those returners for starting spots. How do you feel about the squad as the season is about to start?

A: All the freshmen are picking things up and they're pushing the sophomores hard for start-

ing spots all across the floor. They're all working really hard and they're excited to get a chance to actually play, rather than primarily getting instruction in practice.

Q: What needs to happen for CSI to better its 10th-place showing at last season's national tournament?

A: I think we've gotten some consistency in the serve-receive, getting down a really consistent pass (to the setter). Last year, when our passing was on, we were on, but when it wasn't we weren't very good. This year it's important to keep that consistency so that we can consistently run the offense we want to run.

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ISU offense torches D in final fall scrimmage

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — Now it's for real. It's not that the Idaho State football team wasn't taking things seriously the past three weeks of fall practice, but after Thursday's final tune-up scrimmage the realization came that there is nothing left to do but put in the game plan and head to Boise State to open the season on Aug. 30.

If this scrimmage is a practical indication of things to come, the Broncos' defense may have to be a little concerned, as the ISU offense scored seven touchdowns and kicked a field goal in nine possessions. Bengal quarterbacks were in a zone, going 18-for-25 for 275 yards and three touchdowns.

Starting quarterback Russel Hill went 11 of 15 for 159 yards and two scores by himself. The offensive firework came off last Saturday's defensively dominated second scrimmage at Holt Arena. Another big positive for the offense Thursday was the zero turnovers compared with four in the previous scrimmage.

One of Hill's touchdown throws was to Eddie Thompson, considered his primary receiver. Hill hit Thompson in stride on a 50-yard toss early in the scrimmage. Angelo Magee led all receivers with 90 yards on six catches.

As far as rushing, ISU divided up the carries and picked up 93 yards with four touchdowns. Two of those came courtesy of Idaho transfer Jayson Bird, who had 45 yards on the afternoon.

The Bengals will try to put up a better showing Aug. 30 than the last time they played Boise State in 2003. The Broncos hammered ISU 62-0 at that meeting.

Kickoff next Saturday is set for 6 p.m.

Last call for high school football information

Today is the deadline for area high school football coaches to send in completed questionnaires and schedules for inclusion the *Magic Valley Prep Football* magazine. Coaches who have not sent in information should do so by noon today. E-mail information to sports@magicvalley.com or fax it to 734-5538. Call sports editor Mike Christensen at 735-3239 with any questions.



Outback Invitational to provide solid opener for Golden Eagles

By David Basbore
Times-News writer

Think about a quality litmus test. For the College of Southern Idaho and eight other NJCAA volleyball programs, the season starts today with a testing opener at the CSI Outback Invitational.

The Golden Eagles and two other clubs that made the national tournament last season — Region 18 rival Salt Lake Community College and Casper College (Wyo.) — will join two other national tournament contenders in North Idaho College and Northwest (Wyo.) Community

College and four other schools in a three-court, nine-team volleyball extravaganza to kick off the new season.

It may not count for much in the grand scheme of things but, for his part, CSI head coach Heidi Cartisser is stressing about the opener against Northwest as if it was a crunch-time showdown with Salt Lake in Scenic West Athletic Conference play.

"I just try to take it game by game," she said. "I worry about all of them, so it's just one at a time."

Cartisser said the team is ready to

see where it stacks up against some of the best teams in the country right out of the gates, but added that win or lose, may not mean all that much in the end.

"I expect that we'll be a different team three weeks from now," she said. "We're going to have some (first-game) issues, but we're excited to get out and play someone, see something new. After a while you get to know your teammates pretty well."

Each team will play seven best-of-three matches over two days, avoiding one of the nine teams

apiece. CSI won't face Salt Lake in this weekend's action.

Inside Five of the six SWAC teams are participating in the event: CSI, Snow College, Salt Lake, North Idaho and Colorado Northwestern Community College. Only the College of Eastern Utah is not at the event, meaning that the Outback Invitational is not only a chance to get some matches in, but also an

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GOLF ROUNDUP

Mahan shoots 62 to take early lead in The Barclays

PARAMUS, N.J. — With two perfect shots, Hunter Mahan put a terrible week at the PGA Championship behind him at The Barclays.



Hunter Mahan looks at his putt on the 18th hole during first round golf in The Barclays tournament, Thursday at Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J. Mahan finished the round 9 under.

Playing in calm morning conditions at demanding Ridgewood Country Club, Mahan split the fairway with his opening drive, then watched his 98-yard sand wedge stop spin back into the hole for an unlikely eagle.

He dominated Clemson freshman Jacob Burger 5 and 4 in the second round, then defeated Wichita State's Connor McHenry 7 and 6 in the round of 16.

Derek Fathauer needed extra holes in both of his matches, including 22 to outlast Kevin Tway. He sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the fourth hole to advance to the quarterfinals for the second straight year.

Also advancing to Saturday's quarterfinals were Drew Kittleson, Morgan Hoffman, Adam Mitchell, Charlie Holland, Patrick Reed and Graham Hill.

Mahan, 31st in the FedEx Cup standings, established the course record in the first PGA Tour round on the A.W. Tillinghast-designed layout — a composite of Ridgewood's three nine-hole courses.

"I thought the scores weren't going to be as low," Phil Mickelson said after his morning 70. "Hunter had such a great round and there were some 4- or 5-under par rounds. So my 1-under par round is not as good as I thought it would be, but I thought I played well and I'll take it."

With the groupings based on FedEx Cup points, Mickelson played alongside British Open and PGA winner Padraig Harrington (72) and Kenny Perry (69), effectively the points leader with top-ranked Tiger Woods sidelined by a knee injury.

"The rough here is terrible," said Perry returning from an eye injury that forced him to withdraw after the first round of the PGA.

LEE IN FRONT AT U.S. AMATEUR PINEHURST, N.C. Danny Lee, the world's top-ranked amateur at 18, cruised past both of his opponents in match play and moved within three wins of supplanting Tiger Woods as the youngest champion in U.S. Amateur history.

"I was surprised to shoot so low," Mahan said. "I didn't know what was going to be a good score out here. ... It's definitely not that easy. It's perfect conditions. You've got great weather. The course is the perfect shape right now. Playing in the morning helped a lot. The greens were a little bit more receptive."

Two weeks ago in the PGA at Oakland Hills, the 26-year-old former Oklahoma State player shot 81-79 to miss the cut, and made news with critical remarks about the Ryder Cup in a Golf magazine interview.

66, and Bo Van Pelt, Kevin Streelman, Matthew Goggin, Charley Hoffman and afternoon starter Dudley Hart had 67s. Steve Stricker, the winner last year at Westchester Country Club, topped the group at 68.

Trying to earn a spot on the Ryder Cup team as one of Paul Azinger's four captains picks, Mahan hit 11 of 14 fairways, 15 greens in regulation

No. 10 and added a 14-footer on 12.

On the 615-yard, par-5 13th, he hammered a 332-yard drive, hit a 3-wood 265 yards to just short of the green and chipped to 4 feet to set up another birdie. He followed that with a curving 40-foot par-3 14th, and capped the round on the par 418th with a 180-yard shot to 3 feet for his eighth birdie.

Delgado's five hits lead Mets to win over Braves

NEW YORK — Carlos Delgado tied his career high with five hits, the last a run-scoring single in the bottom of the ninth that gave New York a 5-4 victory over Atlanta on Thursday night.



New York Mets first baseman Carlos Delgado celebrates with teammates after hitting a single to drive in the winning run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves on Thursday in New York.

The Rockies scored their run in the first on Matt Holliday's sacrifice fly.

GIANTS 4, MARLINIS 3 SAN FRANCISCO — Emmanuel Burriss scored the winning run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the ninth inning for San Francisco.

AMERICAN LEAGUE BLUE JAYS 1, YANKEES 3 TORONTO — Roy Halladay beat the Yankees for the third straight time.

INDIANS 10, ROYALS 3 CLEVELAND — Cliff Lee won his AL-leading 18th victory and Grady Sizemore had a career-high seven RBIs for Cleveland.

NATIONALS 4, PHILLIES 3 PHILADELPHIA — Austin Kearns hit his breaking RBI single in the eighth and Washington snapped a 12-game losing streak.

CUBS 3, REDS 2 CHICAGO — Carlos Zambrano earned his 13th victory on the fourth try and homered to lift Chicago.

LOS ANGELES — Derek Lowe allowed one run in 1 1/3 innings, and James Loney homered and has two RBIs as Los Angeles salvaged the finale of a three-game series.

LOS ANGELES — Cliff Lee won his AL-leading 18th victory and Grady Sizemore had a career-high seven RBIs for Cleveland.

U.S. OPEN DRAW Williams sisters could meet in quarters

NEW YORK (AP) — The Williams sisters would meet in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open, a bit earlier than their matchup in the final of the last Grand Slam, Wimbledon.



Gold medalists Venus, left, and Serena Williams hold bands during the medal ceremony in women's doubles tennis during the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Sunday.

Venus and Serena, coming off a doubles gold medal together at the Olympics, found themselves in the same part of the bracket when the Open held its draw Thursday night.

On the men's side, struggling four-time defending champ Roger Federer might have to get through No. 3 Novak Djokovic to reach the final.

NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL New coach brings aggressive mind-set SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame linebacker Brian Smith looks walking into the meeting room and hearing defensive coordinator Corwin Brown and Jon Tenuta, assistant head coach for defense, talk football.

Gold medalists Venus, left, and Serena Williams hold bands during the medal ceremony in women's doubles tennis during the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Sunday.

"In football you've got to play fast. My philosophy defensively has always been, you think, you stink."

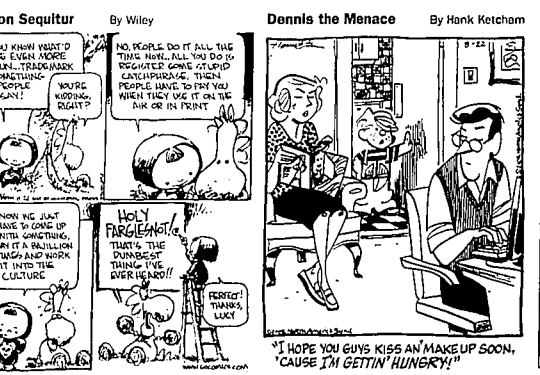
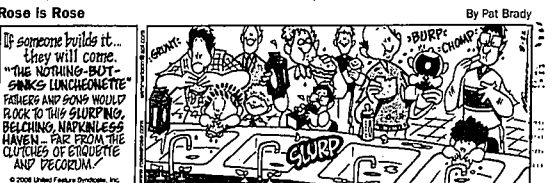
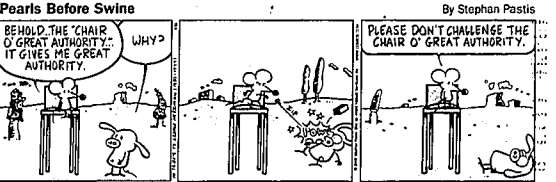
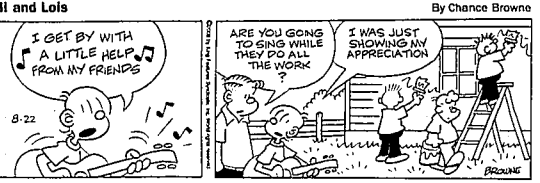
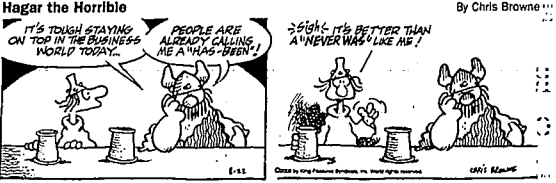
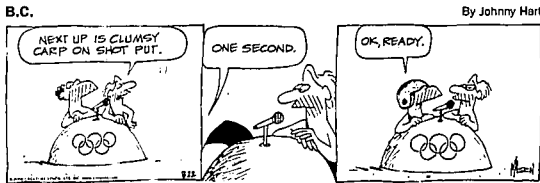
Just like last year, the Irish are using a 3-4 scheme that calls for an outside linebacker to sometimes line up as a down lineman who might rush the passer or drop back on coverage.

— Notre Dame assistant head coach Jon Tenuta

Defense is not something the Irish have been known for recently. They haven't ranked in the top 30 in total defense or the top 40 in scoring defense since 2002.

The past two seasons calling plays against him while he was Georgia Tech's defensive coordinator — especially last year when the Yellow Jackets held Notre Dame to minus-8 yards rushing and had nine sacks in an embarrassing 33-3 loss for the Irish. Both games the Irish were perplexed by his blitzing defense.

"We can't make a lot of plays, help our offense a lot, help our team a lot," safety David Brison said.



Julia Flores Barrera



Julia Flores Barrera, 74, of Twin Falls, Idaho, was escorted by angels into the arms of her Lord and savior...

PAUL — Our sweet pre-cious mother, Julia Flores Barrera, 74, of Twin Falls, Idaho...

She was very proud of her children and great-grandchildren who are actively serving the armed forces of the United States of America.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Apostolic Church on Ninth Street and Miller in Burley, with Pastor Juan Flores officiating.

Tubbs Jones

Rep. Tubbs Jones' death called 'incalculable loss' EAST CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — Tributes from political allies and even one-time enemies came pouring in for Democratic U.S. Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones...

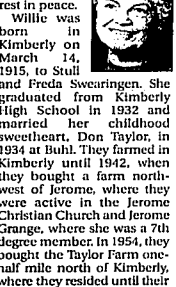
Frances 'Frankie' Blesner

'JEROME — Frances "Frankie" Blesner, 76, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

She was born Sept. 15, 1931, at Twin Falls, the daughter of Harold and Vera Clark Blesner. Frankie was a graduate of Eden High School in 1949, obtaining her Bachelor of Arts degree from Idaho State University in 1953.

Kathryn Ellen 'Willie' Taylor

KIMBERLY — On Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008, at the tender age of 93, God gently took Willie by the hand and led her to her new heavenly home...



Willie was preceded in death by her husband, Don; her parents; and two sisters, Adelaide Swearingen and June Trohm.

Grand jury issues 3 indictments in polygamist case

The indictments allege or who the accused are. The indictments, which followed a day of women in prairie dresses again filling in and out of the grand jury meeting room, were the second ones issued since the grand jury began meeting in June on the case.

She was an accomplished cook who loved preparing meals for her family and many friends. Frankie could be found enjoying her garden, reading, the book and sewing, whether it be a costume for a play or another project.

She is survived by her brother, Bill (Margaret) Blesner; one sister, Kottie Mothers; and brother, Richard (Gall) of Bend, Ore.; nieces and nephews, Mark Blesner, Peggy Lamb, Doug Mothers, Jeanne Lapping, David Blesner, Karen Montgomery, Roger Blesner, Jill Burns and many great nieces and nephews.

A gravesite service will be conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Twin Falls Cemetery, with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating.

Manuel Romeo

'JEROME — Manuel Romeo, 95, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008, at his daughter's home.

A rosary will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church; Mass will follow at 10 a.m.; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at Haven-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication.

SERVICES

Wendell Leo Scott of Rupert, funeral at 9 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS 2nd Ward Church; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Jack B. Hurd of Murtaugh, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at the Murtaugh LDS Church, 23709 Highway 30; visitation from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Lila Rachel Hale Gorringe of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

James Matthew 'Jimmy' Kenneth of Richfield, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Richfield High School, 555 N. Tiger Drive in Richfield; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Michael (Mickey) Squires of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2521 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Martin Lejardi of Gooding, rite of Christian burial celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding; visitation from 4

to 7 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel; rosary recited at 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Ernestine Wiloy Roch of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith's Funeral Chapel in Billings, Mont. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls)

Henry Ross "Hank" Snoderly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Patricia "Pat" Lallute Main of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation one hour before the funeral Saturday at the mortuary.

Daviña Nutsch Benson of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome High School auditorium, 04 N. Tiger Drive in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation one hour before the funeral Saturday at the mortuary.

Michael K. Cross of San Marcos, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 10 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Cove Lounge, 496 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Pearl M. Amen

RUPERT — Pearl M. Amen, 77, of Rupert, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008, at her home.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at the First Christian Church Praise Chapel in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

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Patient Spotlight

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Mom of missing girl released on \$500,000 bail

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The mother of a missing Florida girl has been released from jail on \$500,000 bail. Andrew County Clerk Peggy Williams confirmed the grand jury issued indictments against three individuals. She would not say who was indicted or what the indictments charge.

On Thursday, Fundamentalists Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints members Willie Jessop, who has become the sect's spokesman since the raid, testified before the grand jury for the first time. By law, he could not disclose what was discussed, but he said the process has been painful for

investigators she gave her daughter to a baby sitter but they don't believe her. Attorney Jose Diaz, escorted her out of the jail under a black umbrella. Diaz got into a scuffle with a journalist, pushing him out of the way.

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Young Christian missionaries visit the Olympic green outside the National stadium, also known as 'Bird's nest' in Beijing, China, Wednesday. As the Olympics end, Christian groups are calling their quiet evangelizing throughout the country during the games a success. AP photo

Christian missionaries defy ban on evangelizing in China

By Cara Anna
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING — Christian groups who flouted a Chinese ban on foreign missionaries are calling their underground evangelizing during the Olympic Games a success.

Drawn to a nation of 1.3 billion people under atheist rule, the groups prepared for years for what the Southern Baptists once called "a spiritual harvest unlike any other."

"We did see some conversions," said Christian missionary Mark Taylor of Pensacola, Fla.

For Taylor, planning began four years ago with a lunch at the Athens Games among his Florida-based Awaken Generation ministry and ones from other countries. In the ensuing years, they came to China as tourists, making contacts among local Christians.

Taylor — who leaves China

on Friday — said 115 people from 12 countries gathered in Thailand for orientation before scattering throughout China, from Tibet through the far northeast. Two groups worked in Beijing, he said, though he would not give details.

Other larger efforts were carried out by the U.S.-based Southern Baptist Convention and the International Ministry Youth With A Mission, Christian groups told The Associated Press. Neither ministry could say how many people were sent in.

China tried to keep out foreign missionaries before the Olympics. It kicked out more than 100 suspected missionaries last summer, according to a U.S. monitoring group, the China Aid Association. China's intelligence services made lists of potentially troublesome evangelical Christians, and authorities tightened visa measures ahead of the games.

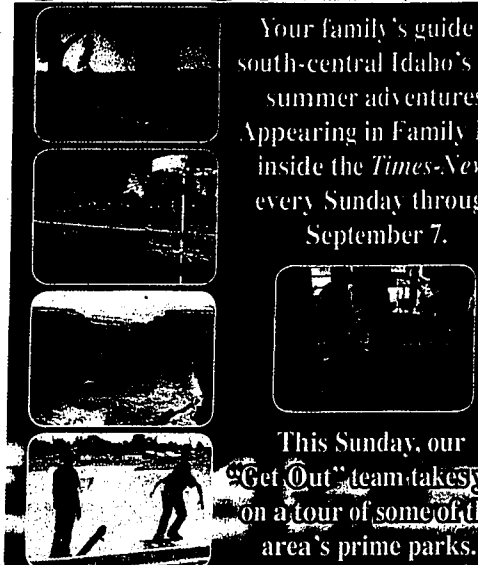
Even the Rev. Franklin Graham, son of the evangelist Billy Graham, said during a visit to China this year that he did not support illegal missionary work during the Olympics.

Taylor and other groups know the risks. "It's very difficult," said the 27-year-old Taylor, who on Wednesday explored the Olympic Green with six other team members, one as young as 15, after finishing their mission. "It's got to be through relationships. Handing out (religious) tracts would not go over well at all. That would be like me walking around with a 'Free Tibet' flag."

Instead, the Christians came in on tourist visas and said they were involved in sports or cultural activities, which China allows. Taylor's group renovated a school in Yunnan province. Members then reached out to Chinese in one-on-one conversations.

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Suicide bombers hit Pakistan munitions complex

By Laura King
Los Angeles Times

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — In a strike that signals this week's departure of President Pervez Musharraf will bring no lull in his bloody campaign, Islamic militants took aim Thursday at a highly symbolic target: the country's main weapons-building complex.

At least 60 people were killed and about 100 injured when two suicide bombers blew themselves up at the gates of the munitions complex at Wash, about 20 miles northwest of Pakistan's capital, Islamabad.

It was mid-afternoon, most of those hurt or killed were workers finishing a shift at one of the many factories within or arriving for the next. Officials said they believed that the attackers' hope had been to penetrate the heavily fortified arms complex, which had been considered by security forces to be all but impregnable.

Like the suicide bombers have been able to force their way inside and set off any of the stockpiles of explosives and ordnance, the death toll and damage would have been far higher.

The plan, while not wholly successful, struck a powerful blow against Pakistan's arms industry and military, explicitly warning all civilians associated with weapons production that as far as the militants are concerned, they are combatants like any soldier.

In claiming responsibility, Pakistan's Taliban movement pressed its demand that government forces halt an offensive in the largely Taliban regions adjoining Afghanistan. For more than a week, helicopter gunships have been blasting suspected militant hideouts in the Bajur tribal agency, a mountainous region where both Taliban and al-Qaida figures are thought to shelter.

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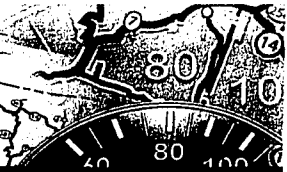
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2008 CADILLAC STS SEDAN UPDATED & IMPROVED:

RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

Stylish, roomy, powerful and intelligent... Cadillac brings it all together with the STS sedan.

Based on the automaker's global Sigma rear-wheel-drive platform architecture, the STS was designed to compete with world-renowned prestige sedans.

For 2008, Cadillac took the STS into the shop for an extensive laundry list of new, improved and updated items. The long list of upgrades begins with its refreshed signature styling, which includes a new dual-textured multi-faceted front grill, lower front fascia with new intake, narrower side marker bumps and side air extractors, chrome plated door handles, new lower rocker moldings, new body-color rear fascia, polished aluminum three-inch exhaust tips and IntelliBeam headlights.

Cadillac also introduces a Platinum Edition for the 2008 STS sedan. The new model is distinguished from the standard STS by 18-inch chrome-finish wheels, a brighter chrome-finish grille, a Glacier Gold exterior finish, bright chrome inserts on the exterior door handles and exclusive Platinum badging.

A new Performance Handling package for V6 RWD and all V8 models also debuted this year. This package includes StabiliTrak for active steering is available with V8 AWD, Brembo brakes with four-piston callipers, 18-inch aluminum alloy, chrome-plated wheels and Michelin Pilot Sport summer-only tires.



Powertrain needs were also addressed for the new model year, with new base power in the form of a direct-injected 3.6L V6 prime mover. V8 power continues to be generated by the proven 4.6L Nordstar V8 engine. Both powertrains are mated to a fully electric Hydra-Matic 6L50 six-speed automatic transmission. Safety in the STS is also

improved this year with the availability of both a Lane Departure Warning/Alert system and Side Blind Zone Alert system.

Upgrades and refinements to the STS interior for 2008 include a new steering wheel with available Sapele Pommele wood trim. A heated steering wheel is also available. The center stack of the instrument panel was upgraded

to include wood trim with new metallic surroundings.

The new Platinum Edition builds on the luxuriosity of the STS interior featuring a hand-cut, seven-seamed instrument panel, door trim and center console accents. The seats are fully leather, a semi-aniline variety called Tuscan. Luxury touches include chrome accents

on the instrument panel and doors, a leather-wrapped and heated steering wheel, olive ash burl wood accents with a saddle-stained shade, premium floor mats and a Platinum badge on the door sill. The STS Platinum Edition comes in either a Cocoa or Cashmere or an Ebony interior color scheme.

2008 Cadillac STS By The Numbers

PRICING
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Cadillac STS sedan starts from \$43,215 for the V6 and \$52,715 for the V8. Destination charges add \$775.
Wheelbase:

116.4; overall length: 196.7; width: 72.6; height: 57.6 - all vehicle measurements are in inches.

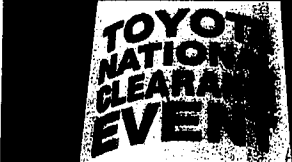
Engines:
3.6L V6 - 302 hp at 6,300 rpm and 272 lb-ft of torque at 5,200 rpm
4.6L V8 - 320 hp at 6,400 rpm and 315 lb-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
3.6L V6 - 17 city/26 hwy; 4.6L V8 (RWD) - 15 city/24 hwy; (AWD) - 14 city/21 hwy.

SAFETY FEATURES
Dual front airbags, front/rear head curtain airbags and front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, brake assist, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, OnStar communications system, automatic power door locks, remote control engine start, remote keyless entry system, fog lights, daytime running lights, rear parking sensors, StabiliTrak vehicle stability system, tire monitoring system, traction control and automatic headlamp control. V8 adds active door opener and rain-sensing windshield wipers.

Optional safety features include a limited slip rear axle, high-intensity discharge headlamps, head-up instrument display and navigation system.

WARRANTY
Basic: 4-year/50,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper.
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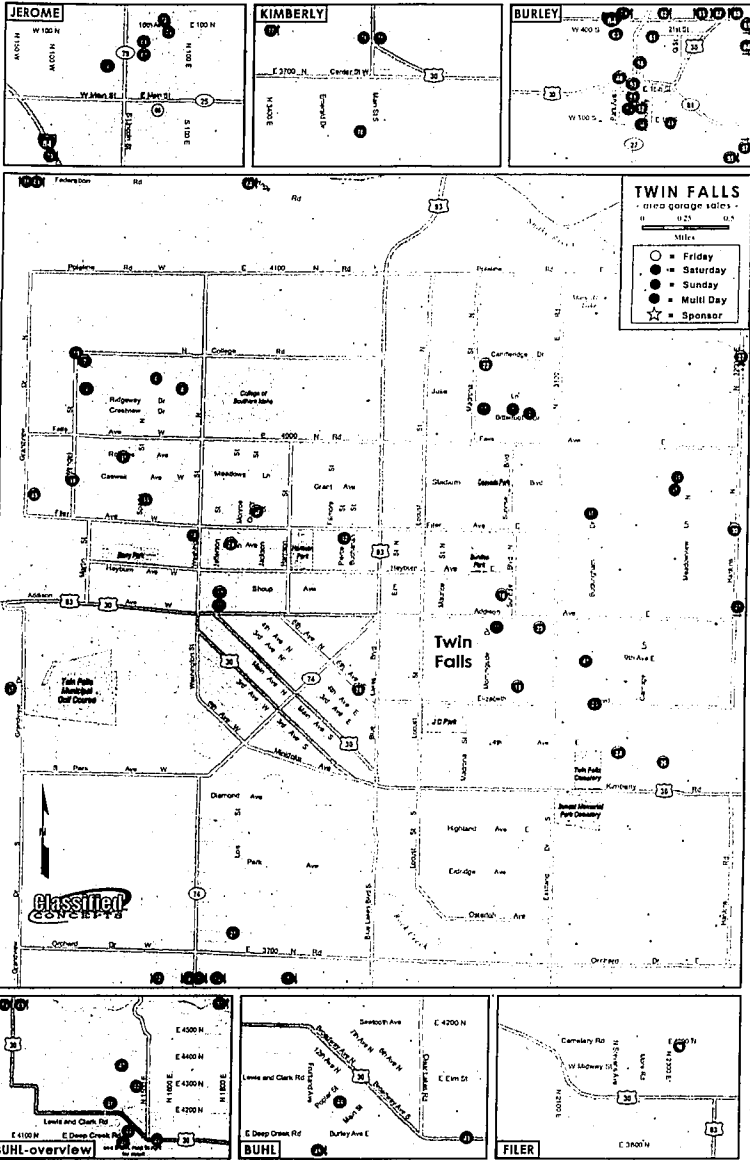
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