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Big Sky decision delayed until next week

Officials want time to discuss additional requirements

By Nate Poggio
 Times-News writer

An official decision on the proposed Big Sky feedlot won't come until next week because Jerome County officials want to add several requirements to the document, Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said Friday.

Originally denied late last year, the facility's permit was approved 2-1 by the commissioners Aug. 11 after the issue was remanded back to them by 5th

District Judge G. Richard Bevan. But they still have to sign off on a memorandum decision to make the decision official.

That means it's not too late for the commission to consider adding requirements such as a traffic study for the highway district, Howell said. Commissioners discussed a number of remaining concerns about the feedlot at the Aug. 11 meeting before approving the permit. Both Howell and Commissioner Joe Davidson said they felt the guidelines stated in the judge's decision left them no choice but to allow the facility into the county.

The decision, drafted by County Prosecutor Mike Seib, was originally supposed to be finalized today. But it was rescheduled for

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DEDICATED



Thomas S. Monson, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, waves to people in the crowd Sunday morning after dedicating the Twin Falls Idaho Temple.

Photos by ADRIAN SMITH/Times-News

Starting smoke-free CSI begins smoke-free school year, violating policy won't bring a fine

By Heather Harbaugh
 Times-News correspondent

All the smoking butts on the College of Southern Idaho campus will be snuffed out when the new school year begins.

Starting today, the community college grounds will be smoke-free. At the CSI board meeting Aug. 18, members of the Student Senate and the Tobacco Free Coalition explained how the punishment would pan out.

Initially, there was a suggestion of punishing violators with a fine, which would be reduced if it was paid within a few days and if they took a smoking cessation class.

But after redirection, the final resolution was made that

violating the policy ultimately would be considered the same as breaking any other existing CSI campus rules and treated on an individual basis but could still result in a suspension.

"Enforcement is more about failure to follow the rules than actually smoking the cigarettes," says Graydon Stanley, CSI dean of students.

College officials said if someone is smoking, the students will inform that person of the new policy. If the smoker is resistant, the dean of students would ask the smoker to stop.

Beyond that, it's the responsibility of the smoker to follow the rules of the campus.

Daniel Waitland, 20, a student behind the new policy,

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Idaho mulls state's share of subprime relief bill

By John Miller
 Associated Press writer

HOISE — Idaho's share of federal cash meant to alleviate pain from the nation's subprime mortgage crisis could top \$140 million, with the bulk going to provide funding for low- and moderate-income borrowers or to help rescue those whose interest rates from adjustable-rate mortgages have risen and exceed their budgets.

Congress passed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 in late July, and a month later officials in all 50 states are

assessing just how much money is likely heading their way.

Idaho Housing and Finance Association President Gerald Hunter said this cash infusion could bolster the state's housing and construction economy. Though the subprime malaise hit states including California, Nevada and Florida much harder than it did Idaho, where foreclosure rates have risen but still trail the national average, Hunter said there's always a chance for situation here to intensify.

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Hundreds welcome Monson at Twin Falls temple dedication

By Ariel Hansen
 Times-News writer

It was the day Mormons across south-central Idaho had been waiting for.

The day the leader of their church, the man they recognize as a living prophet, came to Twin Falls to dedicate The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' 128th worldwide temple.

The dedication ceremony began at 9 a.m. Sunday, and was simulcast live to 14 area stake centers, where approved Mormons watched church president Thomas S. Monson transform the Eastland Drive temple from a building into a sacred space.

"He was very relaxed; he relaxes the children and that showed today," said Clark Hirscht, spokesman with the church's Salt Lake City public affairs department. "He enjoys these moments, he loves to be with the members."

As an estimated 700 Mormons and others waited for Monson to emerge from the temple for the outside, public portion of the dedication, children gathered near the steps of the platform where the leader spoke.

Most waited quietly, fidgeting a bit in the hot summer heat, and a few boys curbed their impatience with rounds of rock-paper-scissors.

Just a few feet from the platform — closer than is typical at temple dedications, Hirscht said — Teri Larson of Buhl and her daughter, 9-year-old Courtney, perched on a curb. Larson's mother and grandmother sat nearby, all four generations thrilled to be there.

"It's a miracle. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience for sure, more important than any movie star," Larson said. Her father, who works in the church's Salt Lake City temple department, was onstage, awaiting Monson.

Hearing from her leader

Inside, a witness said, the

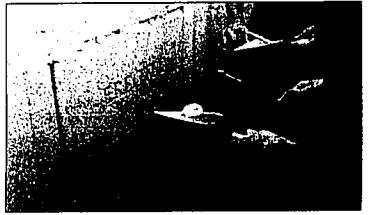
hour-long ceremony got under way with a hymn and the story of a worker who had fallen off of the temple while it was under construction, was told by his doctors he might have permanent brain damage. According to the anecdote, following Monson's visit to the man and his blessing, the worker then began to improve quickly and is now fully recovered.

Monson came out of the temple at about 9:15 a.m., accompanied by Elder Quentin L. Cook, member of the Quorum of Twelve; Elder Claudio R.M. Costa, member of the Presidency of the Seventy; other honored dignitaries; and members of his family, most of whom were dressed in white temple clothing.

In his manner informal, Monson addressed the audience.

"I've never seen so many boys, so closely matched, sitting on a rail together," he said, joking with the youngsters next to the platform. "I hope you'll all be missionaries."

He applied mortar to the temple's cornerstone, then handed the tools to several of those on the platform,



Members of the church apply mortar to the temple cornerstones Sunday morning.



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For temple information — including photos, video, archived stories and comments from readers — visit the *Times-News' Temple* Track site at Magicvalley.com.

including his daughter, Ann Dibbs, Ann's son, Mark Dibbs, and Mark's wife, Kim.

"I'd like to say what an honor it is to be in Idaho," Ann said. Kim followed, not-

ing the importance of the temple for Idahoans. "It's going to be a big blessing for this area," the young woman said.

Then Monson invited a boy and two girls from the audience up onstage. Martin Fallows, 6, of San Francisco, was in Twin Falls with her parents for the dedication and to visit her grandparents, Roger and Susan Cheney of Gooding.

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LDS Church President Thomas S. Monson hands off the tools to apply mortar to the cornerstone to his daughter, Ann Dibbs.



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MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The 9th annual Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival, with **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare**, 6 p.m., Sun Valley, Festival Meadows, Sun Valley Road, ticket information: (208) 726-9124.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Rupert Stryngs Lions Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church meeting room, 605 H St., Rupert, 436-9862.

GOVERNMENT

Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 735-4068.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1439 Overland, Burley, 878-7302.
Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home, 587-2129.
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 524 Main, 324-4844.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. S., 735-7274.
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-7801.
Halley City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 115 Main St. S., 788-4221.
Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 324-9116.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301

Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11.15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 2751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humans insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 737-4294.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m., front lounge, Woodstone Assisted Living Facility, 491 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988.

Choices for Recovery, a non-traditional, 12-step spiritual program open to all faiths, issues and addictions, 4 to 5:30 p.m., west conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 431-3741.

Recovery for Life: "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing" includes Divorce Care, Grief Share, Co-dependency for Women, 12-Step HOPE (addiction recovery) and Financial Peace (debt recovery), 6 to 6:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road, 733-6128.

DivorceCare Support Group Meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Burley United Methodist Church library, 450 E. 27th St., 678-2633.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83420-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.



Pat Marcantonio

Go and do today

• To get another perspective during this election year, head up to the Blaine County Historical Museum for its vast collection of political buttons, some dating back to the days of Lincoln. It's interesting and maybe comforting to know that political battling is nothing new. The museum is located at 218 N. Main St. and admission is free.

• My husband and I like to shoot pool. I'm terrible. My husband is Fast Eddie. I discovered a cheap and fun place to shoot the cue in Nazz Kart, 302 Third Ave. S. in Twin Falls. Not a lot of smoke, but a lot of interesting people. Best part: Pool only costs \$1. That's one dollar for the whole night.

• A reader sent in a suggestion for the board and beleaguered — Geocaching. She

and her family take their GPS system and coordinates of where a cache is hidden for a treasure hunt. She says there are about 100 caches in the Twin Falls area alone, and calls the game addictive.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that's unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at patm@magicvalley.com.



Cortney Larson, 9, sits with her mother Tera Larson, left, and great-grandmother Ella Hancock shortly before the dedication ceremony.

Temple

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"It's really exciting. Not everyone gets the chance to be next to the prophet, to feel his presence," said Jodie Fallows, Martin's mother.

As Monson re-entered the temple for the remainder of the dedication ceremony, he paused to wave and smile at the children lining his route.

Back inside, a witness said, Elder Henry D. Eyring, a First Counselor in the church, spoke for a few moments, then Monson addressed the crowd watching live and via the simulcast, joking a bit before delivering the dedicatory prayer.

"That was followed by a Hosannah Shout, a ceremonial waving of white handkerchiefs and voice-raising that accompanies all temple

dedications and is traced back to biblical descriptions of a welcoming of Jesus. The ceremony ended with a hymn and a closing prayer.

A temple, welcomed

Outside, some Mormons began dispersing, while others gathered in line for either the next dedication session or to apply additional mortar around the cornerstone.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to be a part of the religious community we have here to solidify a sense of belonging to one temple," said T.J. Adams, who moved to Twin Falls with his wife, Lenelle, about a month ago for work. Lenelle said that as she worked the masonry tools she thought to herself she can now say she had a hand

in building the temple.

Several in attendance noted that community support for the temple — a few demonstrators aside — has been overwhelmingly positive.

"It's the respect we really appreciate them having," T.J. said.

"I have watched this community, those of our faith and those not of our faith, receive this temple in a heartfelt way," Hirschi said. "They refer to it as 'our temple,' whether they're of our faith or not."

Reporter Andrew Weeks contributed to this report.

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Relief

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"Since we don't know where markets are going, it makes a lot of sense to try and make some of these stimulus investments today, in hopes of staving off negative market conditions in the future," said Hunter, who oversees the 36-year-old office created by the Idaho Legislature to expand affordable housing. It operated independently from the state.

In March, 16.5 percent of Idaho's subprime adjustable-rate mortgages were past due, while the figure was nearly 20 percent nationwide, according to figures provided by Hunter's agency. By comparison, only 1.6 percent of conventional loans in Idaho were delinquent, lower than the 2.5 percent national average.

Even so, the housing slump has left its mark here, as Idaho unemployment that includes a cut of workers, plumbers, drywallers and masons rose to 4.1 percent in July following 37 months under the 4 percent mark.

"To we need the funding in Idaho? We could certainly use it," Hunter said. "There is some concern about where Idaho is going now."

Across the nation, the housing bill — signed by President Bush into law on July 30 — includes an estimated \$15 billion in housing tax breaks. All homeowners who do not itemize their income taxes can deduct between \$500 and \$1,000 from their 2008 federal taxes. Anyone buying a first home between April 9, 2006, and July 1, 2009, will receive a \$7,500 in federal income tax credits.

In Idaho, the state will receive an allocation of an additional \$180 million so that an additional 750 people will be able to get Idaho Housing and Finance

A quick rundown of Idaho's share of housing relief

By The Associated Press

Idaho's share of federal cash from the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 could total \$140 million. Here's a preliminary estimate about how the state's money could be divided up.

\$100 million will likely allow the Idaho Housing and Finance Association to finance long-term, fixed rate mortgages for an additional 750 low- and moderate-income borrowers. And eligible households facing financial hardship with adjustable-rate mortgages made after Dec. 31, 2001 but before Jan. 1, 2009, may be able to refinance into a fixed mortgage.

Idaho could get between \$20 million and \$38 million in "neighborhood stabilization" money to establish financing mechanisms to purchase

and redevelop foreclosed homes or demolish blighted structures in neighborhoods hardest hit by the subprime crunch.

HEFA will get \$143,000 to expand foreclosure and housing counseling services.

Idaho's share of a "Housing Trust Fund" will be a minimum of \$3 million to grants to produce, preserve, and rehabilitate rental housing or housing for homeownership.

And first-time homebuyers between April 9, 2008 and July 1, 2009 will get a credit equal to 10 percent of the purchase price of a principal residence, not to exceed \$7,500. Taxpayers receiving the credit must repay it over 15 years through a surcharge on their annual income taxes.

HEFA's toll free number for housing counseling is 1-877-988-3135.

hardest-hit communities to buy and fix up already-for-closed property at a discount.

Though the rules are still being hammered out, Hunter said he's confident the cash will be limited to renting neighborhoods that are legitimately in distress, not to save irresponsible speculators who got into financial hot water at the height of the housing boom and now want the government to bail them out.

"The resources are to be targeted to pick up foreclosed properties. In effect, it may be a bank that may own the property," Hunter said. "My understanding is, these dollars aren't being targeted to rescue delinquent borrowers."

Association-financed mortgages. The agency already directs about \$200 million to single family home loans.

The additional cash will be the first time also help homeowners struggling to make payments on high-interest mortgages they got between 2002 and 2008 to transform their loans into government-backed, 30-year fixed-rate mortgages.

In addition, homeowners living in Idaho neighborhoods stricken by foreclosures, where oft-new but vacant properties are overtaken by weeds in overgrown yards, may be able to receive some. Some \$20 million to \$38 million could be headed to the state to benefit the

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Sept. 2 after the commission's decision. Self and could not add the requirements — a new idea, it seems.

"In theory, we've not taken that opportunity," Howell said.

The fee list is planned for just more than one mile west of the Minidoka National Historic Site. The current permit would allow up to 13,000 animals. Other requirements Howell would like to see include wildlife management and wind drift toward the historic site, among others. The commissioners have yet to discuss the matter together, he said.

Attorney John Lothspeich,

who represents the feedlot applicant, was out of the office Friday and could not be reached for comment.

In related news, Rich Carlson, an attorney representing Dean Dimond's family as intervenors in the case, plans to request today a chance for both he and Lothspeich to submit their own sets of "Findings of Fact" for the commission to consider before finalizing its opinion. The proposal, Carlson wrote in an Aug. 14 letter, is intended to correct a "misunderstanding" regarding Bevan's decision and provide a way for the county to reject the permit.

Howell confirmed Carlson

will be on today's agenda. But, he said he doesn't expect the proposal to meet with much more success than a similar one Carlson made during the Aug. 11 meeting. Bevan sent the matter back for the commission to discuss, not for more public hearings, Howell said.

And if commissioners allow Carlson and Lothspeich to say more about it, others might demand their turn. The more new information, he said, "the more holes you put in your case for somebody to come back and sue you."

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Smoke-free

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said because the majority of those surveyed were in support of the rule, he is confident the high road will be taken by smokers.

Another student behind the action, Yesica Flores, 21, agreed with Watland.

"The pressure will encourage Flores, adding that the policy is fair. "Yes, they have a right to smoke, but we have a right to a school that's smoke free."

Faculty members violating the policy will be handled by supervisors and the human

resources department. Necessary punishment will ensue based on violating policy and will follow the school's stated recourse for students not following it.

Smokers reacted to the enforcement policy negatively. But of the three smokers interviewed by the Times-News, including one faculty member, none would speak openly about the issue.

Stanley said the biggest problem with enforcing the policy is dealing with those who are unaware of it. He said that problem should take care of itself within six

months. The college plans to put up signs in numerous locations and send a mass e-mail to students stating the new policy.

"It is the best part of the policy. It is the way of the people." It was a democratic decision initiated by the students.

"I don't think this will stop all the violators, but it will stop most smokers infringing on others' clean air, which is really the point," Stanley said.

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CORRECTIONS

CSI student leaders' names incorrect

In a story published Sunday, the names of student leaders of the new College of Southern Idaho student body president, and Sonia Monreal, the new vice president, were incorrectly reported.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

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T.F. Council to vote on budget tonight

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council is expected to vote tonight on whether to adopt next year's \$50 million budget.

The budget is a 21.6 percent increase from this year's \$41 million budget, one of the largest single-year spikes ever. But city officials have routinely pointed out most spending will come from reserve accounts and grants.

go toward large projects that have been planned for years and have a small impact on taxpayers.

For example, water rate increases are projected at 8.5 percent, and sewer rate increases are projected at 3 percent. And officials have cited that the city's property tax will decrease for taxpayers.

Last week's budget public hearing, three people testified and several more sat in the audience. Mayor Lance

Clow said after it was the largest turnout he'd ever seen.

Last week, efforts by several councilmembers to adopt the budget immediately following the hearing were unsuccessful. Others had wanted to digest the comments and said they were comfortable waiting a week.

The 5 p.m. meeting is at 305 Third Ave. E. in the Council Chambers and open

to the public. Other agenda items include:

- Consideration of using in-lieu park funds to build playground equipment at a park in the Ensign Point subdivision.
- Modifying the city's tree enhancement program to, among other things, expand the boundaries in the city limits.

The tree enhancement program finished its second season earlier this year.

Jerome man hurt Saturday in ATV crash

Staff report

A man from Jerome County was injured Saturday when his all terrain vehicle crashed in the South Hills, police said.

Police were dispatched about 1:30 p.m. to the top of Pike Mountain, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Stephanie Dalrymple.

Michael Howell, of Jerome County, was transported via Air St. Luke's to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise

for injuries sustained in the crash. His condition was unclear Sunday evening.

"We don't know anything about his condition," Dalrymple said.

She said Howell was not on riding alone, but did not know how many people were with him. She couldn't recall Howell's age, but said he was born in 1979.

Dalrymple said no charges are expected to be filed.

Speeding concerns arise as schools open

By Ben Bolkin
Times-News writer

With the school year beginning today in many Magic Valley districts, police and education officials are asking motorists and parents to keep safety at the forefront when driving near schools and buses.

In most school zones, the speed limit is 20 mph and in effect on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., said Capt. Matt Hicks of the Twin Falls Police Department. Patrol officers will be in school zones when they are not responding to other calls, he said, adding that officers are taught to have a zero tolerance for drivers who speed and fail to yield to pedestrians in school zones.

"We have a pretty intensive effort at the police department to help maintain safety in the school zones," Hicks said.

For students who ride the bus, police recommend the following guidelines for parents to teach their children: have children wait a safe distance away from traffic and the street; stay away from the bus until it stops and the driver signals for them to enter; and be aware of vehicles around them.

Hicks said it's possible for people to get in the habit of not observing the speed limits in school zones, said to alert.

State lawmakers passed new legislation last winter to increase fines for speeding in school zones. In Twin Falls, the fine for speeding in a school zone is \$100, plus court costs.

"There's going to be numerous kids," Hicks said. "Drivers really need to slow down and yield."

Parents with children who walk to school should walk

the route with them and teach them how to look for traffic, Hicks said.

Drivers should be careful when driving east in the morning, when the rising sun can hamper visibility, said Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District.

To reduce congestion, parents should drop off their children somewhere that's not right at the school's front door, he said.

Also, students are outside at times other than the start and end of school, such as the lunch period and off-campus classes, Dobbs said.

In rural areas, motorists need to keep an eye on driveways along the road where students may be waiting for a bus, said Deputy Ken Baisch of the Twin Falls Sheriff's Office.

To bus's lights are flashing, drivers should not drive around it, even if the vehicle's

stop sign isn't out, Baisch said.

"You never know when a bus is going to stop," he said. Cassia County School District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer recommends that parents dropping off and picking up students should do so with the passenger side of the car facing the school so the children do not need to cross the street.

It may require an extra trip around the block, but the effort is worthwhile, he said. "I know sometimes that's an inconvenience," he said. "It is so much safer if they can do that."

Motorists also need to remember that children can dart out from between cars and appear unexpectedly. "In an instant, you can have a child in front of you," Smyer said.

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Desert tortoises making slow march toward recovery

By Mike Stark
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — It's been 18 years since the federal government decided to protect the shy, slow-moving Mojave desert tortoise.

Despite that step, wildlife officials still don't know if it has done any good to stop the tortoise's widespread decline in the scrubby deserts of California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah.

In some places, biologists went looking for desert tortoises only to come up with empty shells, said Roy Averill-Murray, desert tortoise recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Reno, Nev.

"We know for a fact a lot of localized populations have suffered dramatic declines," Averill-Murray said. "From that, it's probably not too big a leap to think it's probably at least somewhat true across the board."

The long list of established threats to the tortoise, predators, wildfires, disease, human interference and others — isn't letting up. And that says nothing of the predicted shift toward higher temperatures and less precipitation that could threaten the tortoise's food supplies.

"The biggest challenge and unanswered question is the effects of climate change," Averill-Murray said. "That is the wild card for sure."

The agency is now proposing to tweak its plan for recovering tortoises by focusing on a more coordinated approach between dozens of state, federal and local agencies who control land where tortoises live. Wildlife officials are also trying to figure out better ways to monitor recovery progress.

That approach is too weak and vague in the face of ongoing declines, according to Leene Anderson in the Los Angeles office of the Center for Biological Diversity, an environmental group.

She said the new proposal, released as a draft earlier this month, waters down important provisions that were meant to reduce the effect of disruptions like grazing or off-road vehicle use.

"To me it's a plan that says they're going to do more planning," Anderson said. "There's no reason to think this is going to make any difference."

More than \$100 million has been spent since 1990 when some of the tortoises in Utah were listed as threatened. In 1990, Mojave tortoises in all their ranges received that same designation under the Endangered Species Act.

Federal officials predict it'll cost \$159 million to recover the curious creatures. Desert tortoises spend up to 95 percent of their time in underground burrows, can have shells 15 inches across, but their heads oddly during

courship and are capable of noises described as hisses, grunts and whoops.

The population ranges over millions of acres, leaving the tortoise vulnerable to wide variety of threats.

There's no one-size-fits-all solution for nursing the tortoise population back to health.

"I'm the recovery coordinator and it seems like a Herculean task," Averill-Murray said. "But I'm optimistic in our ability to make better progress."

Kristin Berry, a U.S. Geological Survey biologist in California, hasn't seen much sign of success so far in the 15 areas she's tracked tortoises for years.

"My study plots in California at least indicate they've continued to plummet and very seriously so," Berry said.

The 1994 plan took some much-needed steps protect tortoise habitat and curb grazing in certain key areas, but other steps, like providing fencing along highways to keep tortoises out of danger and curbing predators such as ravens and coyotes, have been slow.

"There's a lot of factors that have come into play and have yet to be strongly dealt with," Berry said.

Averill-Murray roughly estimates there are hundreds of thousands of desert tortoises in areas designated for recovery.

He's pinning some of his recovery hopes on teams scattered throughout the tortoise's range that can identify problems and act on them.

That could mean doing a better job of educating people about how to lessen their impact while in tortoise habitat, steps like designing trails and not letting dogs roam in places where they might snatch up a tortoise.

Elsewhere, there's the problem of cheatgrass, a nonnative species that provides fuel for fires to move quickly across the desert. Some tortoises die in the flames or starve after food sources like wildflowers and cactus burn.

Other issues, like an upper respiratory disease, drought and climate change also loom.

One of the population's strongholds has long been the Snake River Basin, a 700-square-mile protected habitat in southern Utah. But earlier this year, a biologist with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources said the population there had taken a significant hit, falling from 3,200 in 2000 to 1,700 last year — the lowest number since monitoring began there in 1993.

The population has also taken a symbolic hit. Mojave Max, the Nevada tortoise whose emergence from a burrow was seen as a harbinger of good news, died from natural causes in late June. His age was estimated at 65.

Slow food nation



Alice Waters, the grand dame of the 'slow food' movement, is seen in her garden in Bolinas, Calif., Aug. 6. Tens of thousands of people are expected to attend Slow Food Nation over Labor Day weekend in San Francisco, a Woodstock-like festival and symposium meant to underscore the connection between planet and plate.

Is the trend finally catching on in the U.S.?

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press writer

BOLINAS, Calif. — Trailing Alice Waters through a Marin County garden, watching her gather fragrant pea blossoms and lemon verbena, it is easy to believe the tide is turning against America's mac-and-cheese culture.

In this wealthy rural enclave, there are no Starbucks or Wal-Mart's. It is home to uber-eco rancher Bill Niman; small farms are nestled into hillsides; the shelves of the co-op are stocked with local, organic greens.

Yet Waters knows that to the east lies a nation starved for time, blighted with fast food and mostly ignorant of her effort to make people think more about where, how and by whom their food is produced.

farmers markets. Bans on trans fats. Greater awareness of food sources, albeit driven by waves of food contamination scares.

All kinds of things are going on that are pushing people into this slow food place," she says. Even, perhaps, slow food itself. After years of forking barely a shadow of its European counterpart, Slow Food USA is about to make its first major foray into the U.S. cultural and political scenes. Tens of thousands of people are expected to attend Slow Food Nation over Labor Day weekend in San Francisco, a Woodstock-like festival and symposium meant to underscore the connection between planet and plate.

It's the first serious test of whether Slow Food — a philosophy born in Europe and often hobbled by a snob factor — can evolve into a movement capable of altering the appetite of the

average American.

"We don't want (the slow food movement) to be about celebrity chefs and fancy restaurants," Waters says. "We want organizers have worked hard to mainstream their message, offering forums highlighting everyday and heirloom foods from the South and Southwest, as well as discussions about eating well on a budget."

There even is a partnership with the Food Network, which is planting a mini-garden for children within a larger "victory garden" on display at San Francisco City Hall for the festival.

The network is using the garden — and the Slow Food event as a whole — to announce the launch of a series of sustainable schoolyard gardens it will build around the nation, an effort first hatched by Waters 14 years ago and carried on today by her Chez

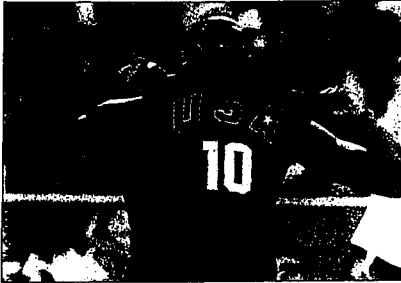
Panisse Foundation.

Slow food is terra nova for the network, and much of the nation, says Carrie Welch, a spokeswoman for the network, which caters to those seeking the fun, fast and entertaining side of food. "This is something very new for a lot of people in the mainstream."

If Slow Food remains just the fascination of the well-to-do gourmet set, it will fail to get the social traction enjoyed by its European counterpart, which was born during the late 1980s out of despair over the fast fooding of Italy.

But if Waters and other organizers can persuade the home cooks who hang on Rachel Ray's every EVOO to care about where and how their food is produced before it becomes a 30-minute meal, the changes could be seismic. Waters knows it's a mountainous if, Americans aren't seeing more for food, even for higher quality, she says.

U.S. hoops back on top, beats Spain for gold medal



By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — Arm-in-arm, they climbed onto the middle of the medals platform, the spot that for so long was U.S. private property.

Some players flushed their Olympic medals to the crowd. One pretended to take a bite, just to make sure it was real.

Yep, it was gold — the color the Americans always used to win but hadn't since 2000.

Culminating a three-year mission to end years of embarrassment, the U.S. team survived a huge challenge from Spain, winning 118-107 in the gold-medal game Sunday.

Order was restored in international basketball. "Much respect to Spain, but the U.S. is back on top again," LeBron James said at a press conference

attended by the entire team.

But not by that much anymore. After overwhelming everyone for seven games, the Americans led by only four points with under 2½ minutes to play. Then they proved they could handle a close game that it seemed would never come in Beijing.

Their prize: the first U.S. gold medal since the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Argentina won the bronze with an 87-75 victory against Lithuania.

Dwyane Wade scored 27 points for the Americans, who found a much-gamier Spanish team than the one they humiliated by 37 points earlier in the tournament. Kobe Bryant added 20 points.

In a game so devoid of defense that it felt more like an NBA All-Star game than one with a title at stake, the Americans had too much offense down the stretch. Bryant converted a

clutch four-point play with 3:10 remaining, holding his finger to his lips to quiet the rowdy Spanish crowd behind the basket.

Wade added another 3-pointer that made it 111-104 with just over 2 minutes left, and only then could the Americans relax a little.

They began to celebrate during a break after some technical fouls on Spain with 26 seconds left, then parted at midcourt when it was over with "Born in the USA" blaring over the arena's speakers.

"We played with great character in one of the great games in international basketball history, I think," U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said.

Nobody else had been close to the Americans in Beijing. This team's only Olympic competition had been history, in a Dream matchup with

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NFL Bills ruin Colts' grand opening

By Michael Marz
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Buffalo Bills ruined Indianapolis' grand opening celebration Sunday night.

Xavier Omon ran for one touchdown. Terrence McGee returned a fumble for another score and Ryan Lindell kicked two field goals, leading the Bills to a 20-7 victory over the mistake-prone Colts in the new Lucas Oil Stadium debut.

Little went right for the Colts after they opened the new roof and the sliding window in the back of the north end zone less than 30 minutes before kickoff.

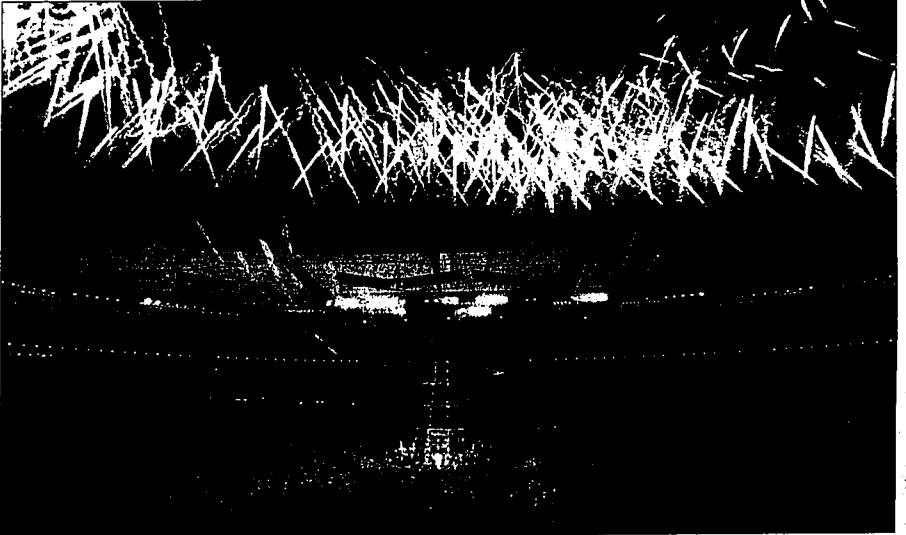
J.P. Losman, who replaced injured Trent Edwards at quarterback, helped the Bills play keep-away in the first half, running more than twice as many plays as the Colts.

Omon scored on a 1-yard run with 5 minutes left in the half to make it 10-0, and McGee ended the half by scooping up Joseph Addai's and sprinting 68 yards for a score to make it 17-0 with 1:43 to go.

The Colts' only decent drive of the half by scooping up Devin Aromashodu late in the third quarter.

Indy played without either of its top quarterbacks, Peyton Manning or Jim Sorgi. Sorgi was a late scratch because of a gimpy knee. Manning hasn't played since having knee surgery in mid-July, and Gray threw four interceptions.

Games over



Fireworks explode over the National Stadium during the performance for the closing ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Sunday.

Mixed legacy likely as China's Olympics conclude

By David Cray
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — China completed its stint as Olympic host Sunday with a superstar-studded closing ceremony that capped a 16-day pageant of state-of-the-art logistics and astounding athletic feats, set out for

a curious world. The games did little, though, to erase concerns about the emerging superpower's approach to human rights.

Tenor Placido Domingo was on hand, joining a Chinese soprano in a lyrical duet. Soccer icon David Beckham and graying Led Zepplin guitarist Jimmy Page were there,

helping London take the reins as host-to-be of the 2012 games.

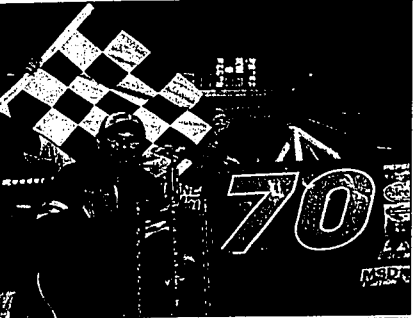
Yet even as the International Olympic Committee was praising itself for awarding Beijing these Olympics, the U.S. Embassy urged China to free foreign activists jailed for protesting at the games. China, the embassy suggested, should have

used its moment in the global spotlight to show "greater tolerance and openness."

China nonetheless achieved its paramount goal: a dominant effort by its athletes to top the gold-medal standings for the first time and

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Greco, Grubbs on top pedestal at Magic Valley Speedway



Miko Greco finally broke through with a win in the Pepsi Premier Series main event race Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway. The victory was a welcome change to an otherwise rough season for the driver of the No. 70 car.

By Linda Brittan
Times-News correspondent

Once again the Pepsi Premier Series has a new points leader to go along with the fourth main event winner in as many races.

Mike Greco was first to the checkered flag Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway after outlasting a lengthy challenge from Dan Pehrson and surviving several cautions to gather up his first win of the season.

Several caution laps found Greco and Pehrson side-by-side for the restarts with Greco opting for the highline. They continued the battle until another yellow was displayed at lap 31 as Daryl Wert and Jonathan Gomez were unsuccessful in avoiding a slowed Steve Fisher.

Rob Vest and Shelby Stroebel moved into the second and third positions late in the race but fortunately for Greco, the pair were fighting their own battle leaving the driver of the No. 70 to cross the

finish line by a comfortable margin.

"When the cautions came out I was really wondering which way to go because I didn't know how the bottom was going to be, so I decided to go to the outside," Greco said. "It was just so smooth. The car was not bobbling or loose or pushing or anything. It was just fantastic."

Stroebel, with the runner-up finish, netted a 29-point lead with two races remaining in the chase to the championship for the series.

Grubbs wins NAPA Pony Stocks

Randy Grubbs rounded up his first win of the season after starting from the pole position for the 20-lap main event race.

Grubbs was able to stay out in front of a pack of cars that included Wayne Bosh, Josh Pitz and Ray Homolka who ganged up behind him in an effort to get a shot at the lead. The race went caution-free despite a spinning Bosh in turn four who went on to add a bonus spin in

turn one at lap 20. Grubbs held on to his momentum long enough to cross the finish line just .023 seconds ahead of Pitz.

Nuthak takes M.V. Pipe Thunder Stocks

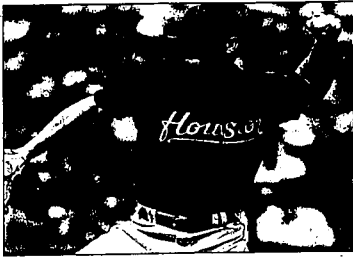
The full-size cars were a tight-knit group for the first laps of the main event race with the No. 24 car of David Andrews leading the way. Rob Roche then led for two laps until Shelia Harms took control for the next 12 rounds. With five to go Craig Nuthak poured it on, passing Harms on the outside with Spencer Meyer soon to follow.

Although Nuthak won the main event race, the real winner was driver of the No. 38 car Jim Shirley, who got down on his knees on the front stretch and proposed marriage to MVS scorekeeper Dani Sue Irish, who eventually accepted his proposal.

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Ausmus, Erstad homer in 10th to lead Astros

NEW YORK — Brad Ausmus led off the 10th inning with his second homer of the season. David Erstad connected for his third three batters later and the Houston Astros rallied against the New York Mets' shaky bullpen for a 6-4 win Sunday.



Houston Astros' Randy Loo delivers to a New York Mets batter during the first inning of their baseball game at Shea Stadium in New York, Sunday.

MARLINS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 2
PHOENIX — Josh Willingham homered and drove in two runs to back Ricky Nolasco's outstanding pitching performance, moving Florida within five games of the first-place Mets.

CARDINALS 6, BRAVES 3
ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols hit a two-run homer, his eighth hit in 10 at-bats, and the Cardinals handed the Braves their 12th loss in 14 games.

CUBS 6, NATIONALS 1
CHICAGO — Rich Harden matched a career-high with 11 strikeouts. Mark DeRosier homered for the fourth straight game and the streaking Cubs took their eighth straight series.

BREWERS 4, PIRATES 3, 12 INNINGS

MILWAUKEE — J.J. Hardy singled in the winning run on his hobblehead day at Miller Park, and the Brewers earned

their 12th straight home win over the Pirates.

ROCKIES 4, REDS 3, 12 INNINGS
DENVER — Omar Quintanilla homered with one out in the 12th inning and the Rockies took advantage of five Cincinnati errors for the victory.

GIANTS 7, PADRES 4
SAN FRANCISCO — Kevin Correia pitched six innings to win for only the second time since April. Bengie Molina homered and drove in five runs and the Giants finished a three-game sweep.

AMERICAN LEAGUE ANGELS 5, TWINS 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Francisco Rodriguez earned his 50th save, and the Los Angeles Angels got RBI triples from Vladimir Guerrero and Gary Matthews Jr. in the eighth inning to rally past the Minnesota Twins 5-3 Sunday for a split of their four-game series.

WHITE SOX 6, RAYS 5, 10 INNINGS

CHICAGO Alexei Ramirez singled home the

winning run in the 10th inning after A.J. Pierzynski's bizarre trip around the bases, and the White Sox rallied to avoid a sweep.

YANKEES 8, ORIOLES 7
BALTIMORE — Robinson Cano hit the tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning after New York blew a five-run lead, and the Yankees hung on to finish off a three-game sweep.

RED SOX 6, BLUE JAYS 5, 11 INNINGS

TORONTO — Jed Lowrie hit a solo homer in the 11th inning. Dustin Pedroia had a three-run shot and the Red Sox won for the 11th time in 16 games on the road.

MARINERS 8, ATHLETICS 4

SEATTLE — Felix Hernandez allowed three runs over six innings to win for the first time in more than a month, and J.J. Putz closed it out for his ninth save of the year.

ROYALS 7, TIGERS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Brandon Duckworth went five shaky innings for his first major league win as a starter in more than two years, helping Kansas City end a seven-game losing streak.

—The Associated Press



Vijay Singh, of Fiji, celebrates his putt on the second playoff hole to win The Barclays golf tournament on Sunday, at Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J.

Singh wins Barclays in dramatic playoff

PARAMUS, N.J. — Vijay Singh won The Barclays for a record fourth time Sunday, matching Sergio Garcia with a record four-hole playoff on the first hole and finishing off the Spaniard with another birdie on the second extra hole.

The 45-year-old Fijian closed with a 1-under 70 to match Garcia (70) and Kevin Sutherland (69) at 8-under 276 on the sun-baked Ridgewood Country Club course, the first-time site after 41 seasons at Westchester Country Club.

Singh, the 1993, 1995 and 2006 winner at Westchester, earned 11,000 FedEx Cup points in the playoff, paired Scott Simpson with three birdies in 5-1, 25 and second-place Garcia. The WGC-Bridgestone Invitational winner three weeks ago at Firestone, Singh also earned \$1.26 million for his 33rd PGA Tour victory.

KERR WINS SAFEWAY IN LPGA TOUR

PORTLAND, Ore. — Cristie Kerr sank a 15-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole, defeating Helen Alfredsson and Sophie Gustafson to win the Safeway Classic at Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

Kerr, Alfredsson and Gustafson finished 54 regulation holes at 13-under par 283. Alfredsson and Gustafson missed slightly longer birdie putts during the playoff before Kerr made hers.

It was Kerr's 11th career victory on the LPGA Tour. Kerr, who last won the title was the 2007 U.S. Women's Open, collected a first prize of \$255,000 from the tournament's \$1.7 million purse. Kerr rallied from four shots down going into Sunday's final round with a 7-under par 65, the lowest score of the tournament.

KITE WINS BOEING CLASSIC TITLE IN CHAMPIONS TOUR

SNQUQUAMIE, Wash. — Jim Kite surged past Scott Simpson with three birdies in four holes to tie the back nine and finished at 14-under to win his second Boeing Classic title.

It's the first victory for Kite since winning the 2006 Boeing Classic in a playoff over Keith Ferguson, and the 10th Champions Tour title in his career. Kite was able to avoid a playoff this time by sinking three birdies inside 10 feet on the backside, then capped his 6-under round of 66 with a birdie on the 10th, finishing two shots ahead of playing partner Simpson.

LEE BECOMES YOUNGEST CHAMPION IN U.S. AMATEURS

PINEHURST, N.C. — Danny Lee became the U.S. Amateur's youngest champion, supplanting Tiger Woods by holding off Drew Kittleson 5 and 4.

The 18-year, 1-month-old Lee frittered away most of a 6-hour lead before regaining control after a second trip around Pinehurst's No. 2 course. He capped his 11th consecutive day of competitive golf by sinking a 30-foot birdie putt on the 14th.

CLARKE CLAIMS SECOND VICTORY ON EUROPEAN TOUR

ZANDVOORT, Netherlands — Darren Clarke claimed his second victory of the season, shooting a 4-under 66 to win the KLM Open by four strokes over Paul McGinley.

Clarke, who is chasing a wild card spot on the European Ryder Cup team, finished at 16-under-264. McGinley shot a 64.

—The Associated Press

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Garibay wins J.R. Stingers

After he fell short of a victory earlier in the season, this night Ty Garibay was able to keep a grip on the lead throughout the 20-lap main for his first win in the division.

Harms crashes school bus

After the kids in the stands got a ride-along in the larger buses at Intermission, Alan Larson and Boyd Harms began the E ticket ride around the one-third mile track for the main event race. With Kris McKean bouncing around in the short bus, Harms got Larson out of the way after pushing him around in turn four. Later Larson returned the favor but Harms' bus ended up rolling over on its side before up righting itself on all six wheels.

Harms was reported to be unharmed in the incident.

Finally, the spectator drag races were a big hit with both the fans and drivers as street cars were invited to test their skills at breaking the lap speed set by Eddy McKean in the Middlekuff pace car.

RESULTS:
Pace: Premier 1, Mike O'Neil, 2, Shelly Stovall, 3, Rob Venz, 4, Kim Korman, 5, Jeff Stovall
NAPA Pro Race: 1, Shelly Stovall, 2, Jan Stovall, 3, Rip Horn, 4, Rip Horn
1000 Thunder Stock: 1, Craig Kuthak, 2, Sanchez Arroyo, 3, Sheila Harris, 4, Jim Stovall, 5, Rip Horn
Sprint: 1, Jason Galt, 2, Steve Anderson, 3, John Quire, 4, Anthony Myers, 5, Steve Ekers
School buses, spectator drag, winners undetermined.

U.S. wins gold medal in men's volleyball

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — When it was all over, Hugh McCutcheon didn't have to tell his wife that his U.S. men's volleyball team had beaten the odds — and overcome tragedy — to win the Olympic gold medal.

"She said it first," the coach recalled. "She said, 'You won, you won, you won!' Nothing else to say there, just listening to each other smile on the phone."

The men's team claimed the gold with a 3-1 victory over defending champion Brazil on Sunday. The victory capped a stunning run by the U.S. team over two weeks after Elisabeth McCutcheon's father was stabbed to death in Beijing.

McCutcheon missed the first three games after Todd Bachman's death, but coached by McCutcheon, the team won all three. Then Elisabeth — a former volleyball Olympian herself, known as "Wiz" — told her husband that if he came to go back to work, while she went home.

Over the course of the games, the underdog Americans were undefeated. On Sunday they beat the Brazilians 20-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23 to earn their third Olympic gold medal in the sport, matching the record set by the Russians. Top-



USA's William Priddy spikes against Brazil's Gilberto Godoy Filho during their men's volleyball gold medal match at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Sunday.

ranked Brazil, a two-time gold medalist, was left with the silver medal, Russia won the bronze earlier in the day with a three-set victory over Italy.

Usually, the Olympic focus is on the athletes. But the tragedy endured by McCutcheon was an integral part of his team's story. Bachman was killed while

spightseeing at the 13th-century Drum Tower in Beijing the day after opening ceremonies. Bachman's wife, Barbara, was badly wounded, though she survived; the assailant jumped to his death from the tower.

The team responded, playing for the coach, for Wiz and for the Bachmans, who were avid volleyball fans.

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near-flawless organizing that showcased world-class venues and smiling volunteers in the largest, most successful influx of foreign visitors.

As a bonus, not just one but two athletes gave arguably the greatest performances in Olympic history — Michael Phelps with his eight gold medals in swimming, Jamaica's effervescent Usain Bolt with three golds and three world records in the sprints.

Delighted with the on-field competition, the IOC insisted its much-debated selection of Beijing back in 2001 had been vindicated.

"Tonight, we come to the end of 16 glorious days which we will cherish forever," IOC President Jacques Rogge told the capacity crowd of 91,000 at the National Outdoor Stadium, and a global TV audience. "Through these games, the

world learned more about China, and China learned more about the world."

"These were truly exceptional games," he said, before declaring them formally closed.

The head of the Beijing organizing committee, Liu Qi, said the games were "testimony to the fact that the world has rested its trust in China." He called them a "grand celebration of sport, of peace and friendship."

Before and during the games, Rogge and the IOC were criticized by human rights groups for their reluctance to publicly challenge the Chinese as various controversies arose over press freedom and detention of dissidents. Athletics shielded away from making political statements, and "protest zones" established in Beijing went unused as the authorities refused to issue permits for them and detained some of the applicants.

Olympic Medals Table

Through 302 medal events

Country	G	S	B	Total
China	51	21	28	100
U.S.	36	28	36	100
Russia	23	21	28	72
Britain	19	13	15	47
Germany	16	10	15	41
Australia	14	15	17	46
S.Korea	13	10	8	31
Italy	9	6	10	25
Japan	8	10	10	28
France	7	16	17	40

But the atmosphere was festive at the stadium as fireworks burst from its top rim — and from locations across the vast capital city — to begin the closing ceremony. After an army band played the Chinese national anthem, swarms of gallily dressed dancers, acrobats and drummers swirled onto the field, then made room for the athletes, strolling in casually and exuberantly from four different entrances.

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gives named Jordan, Magie, Bird and the rest of the U.S. team that dominated the Barcelona Games in 1992.

Forget comparisons to those guys. The Americans were lucky to be better than Spain on Sunday. Rudy Fernandez scored 22 points and Pau Gasol had 21 for the Spanish, the reigning world champions who were hoping to win their first Olympic gold.

U.S. players appreciated the challenge, hugging the Spanish players afterward. Bryant had an especially long embrace for Gasol, patting his Los Angeles Lakers teammate on the back.

"They did what they were supposed to do," Gasol said. "We fought hard all the way."

Seeming to appreciate the moment, after congratulating Spain, the team joined in a circle, jumping

up and down at center court and waving triumphantly to the crowd as Krzyzewski applauded on the sidelines.

"I know that we had a tough road ahead of us. We knew that these guys were going to roll over and give up that easily," U.S. forward Chris Bosh said. "So we had to be men, and that's what it takes to win."

The Americans had won their first seven games by 30.3 points, including a 119-82 rout of Spain. But they never had control of this game, giving up open looks from the perimeter and plenty of points in the paint against the defending world champions, who were playing without injured point guard Jose Calderon.

Bryant, who waited so long to finally wear the red, white and blue, hit two 3-pointers in a big fourth

quarter to add the gold medal to his collection of basketball hardware. The three-time NBA champion and league MVP poured his hands toward the floor in celebration at the end.

James scored 14 points, while Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul had 13 apiece for the Americans, who had won bronze medals in their last two international events, the 2004 Olympics and 2006 world championships.

The U.S. started planning for this game after the Athens Games four years ago, the low point in its hoops history, following sixth-place flop two years earlier in the world championships.

Jerry Colangelo was given control of USA Basketball and constructed a national team program in 2006, requiring those who wanted to play to commit to three years.

EDITORIAL

There's a little less mercury to worry about today

Airborne mercury pollution is a confusing, poorly understood environmental issue, but it's a real issue nonetheless. Especially in south-central Idaho, where mercury levels in lakes and streams is high.

Which is why the closure of Elko County's Jerrit Canyon Gold Mine earlier this month is potentially important to the well-being of folks who live in the Magic and Wood River valleys.

Yukon-Nevada Gold Corp., which owns the mine, reported a loss of \$14.6 million for the first half of 2008, according to the Idaho Statesman. Nevada regulators ordered the mine, located 50 miles north of Elko, to be temporarily shut down in March after an environmental investigation found the company was emitting several times the amount of mercury it reported.

Is the mercury that northern Nevada gold mills spew into the air the source of all that mercury in Idaho waterways? We don't know to a moral certainty, but it certainly qualifies as a smoking gun.

In 2005, tests conducted by the Idaho National Laboratory showed that mercury levels in the air south of Twin Falls rose 30 to 70 percent above normal levels when winds blew from the southwest, where the Nevada gold mines are located.

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir shows consistently elevated levels of mercury, as does Silver Creek in Blaine County.

Jerrit Canyon has had compliance issues with federal and state mercury standards for a couple of years, but as far as we know the other major gold-milling operations upwind of the Magic Valley are operating within the law. Notwithstanding, mercury remains a health risk in southern Idaho.

The significance of Jerrit Canyon's closure is that the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection are likely to keep a closer eye on how much the other mines are emitting.

None of this would have happened without some muckraking by the Idaho Conservation League's Justin Hayes, who since 2004 has been complaining to state and federal regulators that gold mine mercury emissions in the Silver State are dangerously high.

Two years ago, Nevada made its then-voluntary mercury reduction program mandatory and required all mines that emitted mercury above a certain level to use the maximum available technology for cutting mercury emissions.

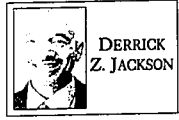
Mercury has been linked to birth defects in children, and because it suppresses the human immune system, to a wide variety of other physiological problems.

Thanks to Hayes, south-central Idaho can breathe a little easier.

Our view: The closure of Elko County's mercury-emitting Jerrit Canyon Gold Mine is a meaningful step toward limiting mercury exposure in the Magic Valley. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The rich get richer, the poor get poorer

Holding one's breath while waiting for presidential candidates to address the gap between rich and poor is a sure way to asphyxiate. Barack Obama and John McCain had a fine opportunity to discuss the issue last weekend, when Rick Warren, the latest heir to Billy Graham's chair as unofficial national pastor, held a one-man inquisition of the two presumptive nominees. To his credit, Warren asked a very important question: "What would be the greatest moral failure of America?"



Obama answered, "We still don't abide by that basic principle in Matthew that whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me..." that basic principle applies to poverty. It applies to racism and sexism. It applies to, you know, not having, not thinking about providing ladders of opportunity for people to get into the middle class. There's a pervasive idea, I think, that this country, as wealthy and powerful as we are, still don't spend enough time thinking about the least of us. McCain answered, "Perhaps we have not devoted ourselves to causes greater than our self-interest... I think after 9/11, my friends, to go shopping or take a trip, we should have told Americans to join the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, the military, expand our vol-



unteers, expand what you're doing." These are not the worst answers in the world, but are far from the best. For years now, every indicator has pointed to a gap that requires the urgency of a Marshall Plan or an Apollo program — or at least the attention we give Michael Phelps's eight gold medals. A spring report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a think tank on fiscal policy for low- and middle-income Americans, found that the incomes of the top fifth of Americans went up 9.1 percent over the last decade, while incomes among the bottom fifth fell by 2.5 percent. But closing the gap is difficult for Obama or McCain to claim as a top priority, because it means directly challenging the top 20 percent to give back to their country. It is clear that

Obama knows intellectually that the gap is growing; he said this month in a speech in St. Petersburg that "people are starting to lose faith in the American dream." He offers all kinds of thoughtful plans on his website to give tax relief to the middle class, job programs to the poor, and billions of dollars of various state and federal stimulus packages. But at the Warren forum, Obama also said, "Under the approach I'm taking, if you make \$150,000 or less, you will see a tax cut. If you're making \$250,000 or more, you're going to see a modest increase. What I am trying to do is create a sense of balance." It is hard to see how Obama will restore balance with such modest expectations. McCain treats the struggles of families more as a blip that would be rectified if he mere-

ly delivers relief on gas and food prices and slashes the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent. Never mind that the Government Accountability Office reported last week that two-thirds of corporations operating in the United States paid no federal income taxes from 1991 to 2005. Americans say repeatedly in surveys that they care about the income and wealth gaps. What they need is a politician who cares. Right now, Obama and McCain treat the gap as a third rail, as if to talk about it invites candidacy-killing charges of socialism. The candidate who touches the rail first just might discover that it delivers the jolt he needs to get to the White House. Derrick Z. Jackson is a columnist for The Boston Globe. Write to him at djackson@globe.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Russia deserves our support

The conflict between Ossetia and Georgia began around 1919. Since then uprisings against Georgia have been continual. About 1991, the South Ossetian Popular Front proclaimed South Ossetia a Democratic Republic and a sovereign state within the USSR. Georgia didn't like that democratic stuff so banned the SOPE. Violence flared and Russia intervened and brought the two warring parties to the bargaining table where South Ossetia and Georgia accepted a ceasefire; the peace was enforced by Ossetian, Georgian and Russian troops. Later, tensions rose. Flightes broke out. Georgia asked for help from the USA; it arrived in the form of heavy artillery and advisors. The price was one brigade of Georgian mercenaries deployed to Iraq. Georgia declared South Ossetia had no status as a sovereign country and told the world this was an internal affair. South Ossetia appealed for aid; her squeak was heard only by Russia. America-like, Georgia attacked the diminutive republic with overwhelming force. Mostly unarmed, Ossetians, Russian citizens and several thousand lightly armed Russian peacekeepers facing tanks, artillery and jet

fighters were caught in a fight for their lives. Sixteen hundred Ossetians and 18 Russian peacekeepers were killed in the initial attacks. This is a clear act of aggression as stipulated by U.N. Resolution, General Assembly, Dec. 14, 1974. Georgians troops were brutal: Even basements were forced to dig out civilians and many were shot for simply hiding. All Eastern Europe knows the ruthlessness of Georgians when they have the scent of blood in their noses. Thank God for technology: The cell-phone saturates the region. Thousands of calls went out from the besieged begging Prime Minister Putin to "send the army." He did. And he didn't pussyfoot around about it. Russia should have our praise not our scorn. MARK SCHUCKERT Twin Falls

Nuclear energy is harmful

Max Covington's recent opinion letter was primarily a collection of fabrications presented as facts, a desperate attempt to defend an indefensible industry. I have never heard in conversation, nor seen in print (before now), Mr. Covington's assertion that the public believes nuclear power is synonymous with nuclear

bombs. While nuclear power and nuclear bombs are inexorably linked in the United States, they have never been cognized synonymous. Covington's mention of "\$4 gas and higher energy prices" is one more red herring promoted by the nuclear power industry. There is virtually no direct connection between oil and the production of electricity. Only 2 percent of the electricity produced in the United States relies on oil. Germany has made a national commitment to wind and solar power and plans on shutting down all 17 of its nuclear power plants by the end of 2020. Germany's commitment to renewable energy will help reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent. Germany's renewable energy sector employs about 170,000 people, 50,000 in photovoltaics. France has had three significant nuclear accidents within the last two months. Residents in the Vendee region of southern France were told by government officials (nervous Nellyes?) not to drink water or eat fish from nearby rivers after a liquid uranium spill on July 7 at the Tihastin nuclear plant. A week later, there was a uranium spill at a plant run by Areva in Romans-sur-Isere. This is the same Areva that plans to build a uranium enrichment plant near Idaho

falls. Mr. Covington discussed risk management. No country in the world has a permit to isolate high-level radioactive waste from human beings for the required 25,000 human generations. This waste is dangerous to all life for 1 million years. Only nuclear energy has this extraordinary level of risk. JIM SYLVA Hansen

Dissent doesn't warrant detention

Parish demolition: China rolls over dissent with tanks. Dictators silence dissent with murder. Hitler burns the books. Today we silence dissent with economics. Talk and lose your job. The Justice Department should administer justice not stifle justice. Alberto Gonzales should have paid heed. Look what happens to whistleblowers. Is honesty the best way to go? The one who should be demoted is our director, Green. Public employees should know that the Otter wolves are at their door; they don't have to huff and puff. Otter will blow your house down. If we don't wake up on dissent, soon we will wonder where democracy went. NICK ROKICH

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How the West is won by Democrats

By Nicholas Riccardi
Los Angeles Times

DENVER — The Democratic national convention hasn't been held in Denver for a century, but when the party nominates Barack Obama here this week it will be returning to a region that is key to its hopes of winning the presidency in November.

Daunted by their success in state and congressional races, Democrats are hoping the Rocky Mountain West can move solidly into their column during this presidential election, making up for the loss of the party's former base in the south to the Republicans.

During the primary sea-

son, the Democrats allowed Nevada to move up its caucus to January, putting its contest in the same month as the traditional kickoff states of Iowa and New Hampshire. They made a point of selecting the city considered the capital of the Rocky Mountain West for their convention to highlight a willingness to expand from their coastal bases. Last week the party held conference calls with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo., to stress the importance of the West and to highlight western officials at convention events.

"The road to the White House runs through the West," said Salazar, who was

elected in 2004.

As recently as 2000, all eight Rocky Mountain states featured Republican governors and their electoral votes usually went to GOP presidential candidates. Now five have Democratic chief executives. Obama has invested significant resources in many of these states and is polling even or ahead of John McCain in Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada, whose total of 19 electoral votes put them on par with battleground states like Ohio.

"There has been a major political realignment in the Rocky Mountain West in the last seven to eight years," said Daniel Kemmis, director of the Center for the

Rocky Mountain West at the University of Montana. "It worked its way up the ballot but has not reached the presidential level."

That's because, for years, Kemmis said, the party was long-winded to sacrifice western votes to rally its supporters elsewhere. For example, in 1996 President Clinton won plaudits from environmental groups when he designated huge swaths of southern Utah as a federally protected national monument. Outraged Utahns, angry at another federal intrusion on land management, ousted the Democratic congressman who represented the region.

Like voters all over the country, Westerners make

their political decisions largely on issues like the economy, the war and energy. But observers agree that Westerners also are a different breed politically. They tend to be more libertarian in their political outlook and suspicious of the federal government, which is the largest landowner in the region and has a long history of battling with locals over cattle grazing, recreation and development.

"No politician of either party is going to come out here and say 'I'm going to raise your taxes and increase social services,'" said Daniel Damore, a political science professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Western liberals focus on

different issues from those of Democrats in the industrial cities that historically have comprised the party's home turf. They are often more concerned about environment and lifestyle issues such as growth and transportation than globalization or racial politics.

"Democrats can't sell New York-style, Massachusetts-style union politics out there," said Tom Schaller, a political science professor at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and author of "Whitened Past Dixie," which advises Democrats to focus on the West. "They can sell a new environmentally-conscious, pragmatic governing style."

McCain ad says Obama snubbed Clinton in VP choice

By Tom Rasm
Associated Press writer

DENVER — John McCain's campaign suggested Sunday that rival Barack Obama snubbed Hillary Clinton as his running mate because of her criticism during the battle for the Democratic nomination. Obama's campaign dismissed the claim as the candidate praised Joe Biden, the man he did choose.

Campaigning in the battleground state of Wisconsin, Obama said he was "absolutely convinced" fellow senator Biden was right for the job.

"He's got the passion to lift up middle-class Americans, he hasn't forgotten his working-class roots, he has the expertise that will make him a great counselor on international crises that might come up," Obama told reporters before boarding his plane in Eau Claire, Wis.

Earlier, speaking at a barbecue at a lakeside gun and rod park in Eau Claire, Obama said both he and Biden had similar roots and predicted the veteran lawmaker from Delaware would be "one of the greatest vice presidents in the history of the United States."

Michelle, a new McCain ad, the second since Obama made his vice presidential choice, challenged Obama's motives in passing over Clinton, his former vice-presidential pick, choosing Biden, who dropped out of the presidential contest after a poor showing in Iowa, the first contest. Chief Obama strategist Steve Schmidt insisted Biden was a "better fit."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Biden "has challenged the status quo. And he's even criticized Senator Obama as it's a tribute to Senator Obama that he's not just choosing a yes man but a person who will speak what he believes."

Obama was also planned to speak at a town hall in Missouri and Montana



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speaks to a crowd at a barbecue at the Rod and Gun Park in Eau Claire, Wis., Sunday.

before the nomination becomes his Thursday in Denver. He spoke in Eau Claire, a city of 50,000 about 85 miles east of St. Paul, Minn., site of the Republican convention the following week.

He said he was looking forward to hearing wife Michelle speak on Monday night. "I'm still toiling around with my speech a little bit. It may not be as good as the other headlines the first three nights, but hopefully it will make clear the choices the American people are going to face in November," Obama said.

Also Sunday, the party's credentials committee voted to restore full voting rights to delegates from Michigan and Florida, despite their holding early primaries against party rules. With his nomination assured, Obama sought a show of unity to shore up support in those two important states. The states had initially been stripped of all their delegates for holding primaries before Feb. 5. The party's rules com-

mittee restored the delegates in May, but gave them only half votes.

Choice Biden's selection on Saturday, the McCain campaign has come out with two campaign ads addressing the Democratic candidate's choice.

The latest, released by the campaign early Sunday, features clips of Clinton during the primary battle saying critical things about Obama, including, "Senator Obama's campaign has become increasingly negative."

A voiceover announcer says, "She won millions of votes but isn't on the ticket. Why? For speaking the truth."

Responding to the ad, Clinton spokeswoman Kathleen Strand said the New York senator's "support of Barack Obama is clear. She has said repeatedly that Barack Obama and she share a commitment to changing the direction of the country, getting us out of Iraq and expanding access to health care. John McCain doesn't. It's interesting how those

remarks didn't make it into his ad."

Obama's potential swing-state governors — Virginia's Tim Kaine and Colorado's Bill Ritter — welcomed Biden's selection.

Kaine, who had been on Obama's list for a running mate, said Obama and Biden were "a good team personally-wise. They complement each other well. I think you're going to see them really enjoying being out on the trail together."

Ritter said Obama and Biden together would help the ticket, particularly with independent voters in the West.

Meanwhile, reflecting Biden's new status, the Delaware delegation on Sunday got a seating upgrade on the convention floor, closer to the podium and close to the Illinois delegation.

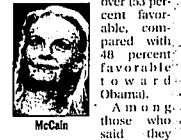
Biden returned to the Delaware after their first joint appearance Saturday in Springfield, Ill., where Obama had begun his campaign in February 2007.

McCain, Obama's wives viewed more favorably than not

By Jennifer Agiesta
and Jon Cohen
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As Michelle Obama and Cindy McCain prepare for prominent appearances at the party's nominating conventions, both are viewed more favorably than not, even though a substantial slice of the electorate has yet to form a firm opinion.

A new Washington Post-ABC News poll finds little change in public perceptions of the two potential first ladies since the primaries ended in early June. About half of all registered voters now view each favorably, with three in 10 holding unfavorable impressions of Obama and two in 10 of McCain. A third expressed no opinion about McCain, and about two in 10 did of Obama. Both women will hit the convention stage with a broadly positive base on which to build.



Obama McCain

Post-convention poll bounces are typically associated with the candidates' names, but in this case have an opportunity to use the conventions to increase support. In 1992, Hillary Rodham Clinton took the stage in New York with a 45 percent favorable rating, according to a Gallup-CNN-USA Today poll conducted the week before that year's Democratic convention. Thirty percent had unfavorable impressions of her. After her speech, that initial 15-point net positive rating increased to a 27-point advantage, mirroring the gains made by her husband against President George H.W. Bush.

Similarly, Elizabeth Dole's 1996 convention speech, delivered in a talk-show style without a podium, boosted her already-positive ratings from 51 percent to 58 percent in post-convention Gallup polling.

Both McCain and Obama have largely been trading war in public opinion this far, but their convention speeches represent an opportunity to notch bigger shifts than they have earned the past two months.

Independents have warmed to both women over the summer. More than half of those in the middle of the political spectrum now hold positive views of Obama and McCain.

By contrast, Republicans have held basically steady in their views of McCain, while Democrats have of Obama, although both have earned more deeply favorable views from their fellow partisans.

Simultaneous June general-election polls of Obama has largely faded, with 53 percent of women and 48 percent of men now holding favorable views of her. McCain remains favored among women, half of whom now have a positive take.

Following patterns set by their husbands, Obama faces

In Denver, police and protesters try to prepare for each other

By Eli Siskow
The Washington Post

DENVER — To the union-buster, it has become difficult to tell whether Denver is preparing for a Democratic National Convention by the institution of martial law. It is preparing to meet with armed commandos swooped over downtown in a training exercise earlier this summer. A warehouse was converted into a temporary jail with chain-link fences and signs threatening the use of electric stun devices. Travel agents sold getaway packages to locals, with one company imploring residents to "escape town while you still can."

Hosting a convention necessitates preparing for the worst, Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper said, and his city has accomplished that with gusto. The possibility of protesters hurling buckets of feces? Denver proposed an ordinance to prevent it. The threat of crowd violence? The threat of \$2.1 million on "personal protection equip-

ment" for police.

More than 50,000 visitors will descend on the Mile High this week, and Denver has spent the past year plotting ways to avoid public embarrassment. The city studied previous convention disturbances and negotiated with several groups that are planning to protest. With an international audience of media members, delegates and the Democratic Party elite expected to arrive this weekend, Denver hopes to capitalize on a chance to re-image itself as "more than a second-tier town," Hickenlooper said.

"The nice thing about hosting one of these conventions is that you can show off," said Hickenlooper, a Democrat who will speak on the opening night of the convention. "We don't want some traffic jam, protest or unfortunate incident to become the big story, because there's too much good stuff going on here. We want the focus of the city to be prepared to handle anything."

Denver worked hard to pro-



A protester and a police officer clash during a protest as the city prepares for Democratic National Convention in Denver, Sunday. The Democratic Convention begins Monday.

vide a visible moment. The city submitted seven bids in 2006 and 2007 but didn't advance deep into the selection process, in part because it lacked enough hotel rooms. After another four years of growth and decline is one of the 10 fastest-growing states in the nation — Denver submitted a bid for the 2008 convention,

in its pitch, Denver highlighted the Rocky Mountain region's potential to include several swing states. Once solidly Republican, Colorado has a Democratic governor and a Democratic majority in the legislature for the first time in half a century. Nevada and New Mexico also could flip from red to blue in the coming election.

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Florida homes evacuated as waters rise in wake of Fay

By Sarah Lainer
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — The remnants of Tropical Storm Fay lingered Sunday, forcing residents in several parts of northern Florida to leave their homes as floodwaters rose.

Officials used boats to ferry people from homes in Delaney, 25 miles north of Orlando, where some streets were under four feet of water, and from several neighborhoods in and around Tallahassee.

“The water is very deep. It’s

already at everybody’s door,” said Debra Galloway, who lives in the Timber Lake subdivision just east of Tallahassee. She was still at home Sunday evening but had no power and said if the rain continued she would join neighbors who had already left by boat.

About 70 homes in DeBary were under an evacuation order after ponds spilled over. A handful of people were taken out by boat, while others were able to leave on their own, county emergency officials said.

Fay made landfall a record four times in Florida before it was downgraded to a tropical depression late Saturday. The storm caused plenty of flooding as it zigzagged across Florida for nearly a week.

The storm has been blamed for 13 deaths in the U.S., 11 in Florida and one each in Alabama and Georgia. A total of 23 died in Haiti and the Dominican Republic from flooding.

Its remnants were forecast to dump several inches of rain across Alabama,

Mississippi, eastern Louisiana and Tennessee on Sunday and today.

Water continued to rise in some parts of Florida Sunday as President Bush declared four hard-hit counties there disaster areas. The declaration makes funds available for emergency work and repairs to governments in Brevard, Monroe, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties. More could be added later.

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, who requested the disaster declaration last week, on

Sunday visited the site of heavy flooding in Wakulla County in the Florida Panhandle.

“I think this storm is close to being over,” Crist told Red Cross volunteers at a church that had housed 18 people Saturday night. “I don’t know of one staying here longer.”

Crist stopped at the Riverside Cafe on the banks of the St. Marks River, where a pole indicates the water level of past storms. While Hurricane Dennis brought four feet of water in 2005, former Stan West said Fay

brought only about six inches.

“God was good to us,” West said as he served fried and raw oysters to Crist and other state officials.

But forecasters said West and others along the St. Marks River and other waterways may not be in the clear.

“This is the rainy season for Florida, so most likely they are going to see rain,” said Todd Hamill, a forecaster at the Southeast River Forecast Center in Georgia. “That will make things a little more volatile.”

FBI: Couple offered sex with girl, 5, for used car

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio couple is accused of trying to trade sex with the woman’s 5-year-old daughter for a used car and child care for her 10-month-old daughter.

Jennifer Richards, 25, and her married boyfriend, Sean Michael Block, 40, appeared in U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Stein Novak on Friday. Richards is charged with using Interstate facilities to transmit information about a minor. Block is charged with distributing child pornography.

Novak ordered Block held. Richards’ detention hearing was delayed until Tuesday, the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday.

According to an affidavit unsealed last Tuesday, the investigation began when an informant told the FBI about a text message allegedly sent by Block reading: “Nice piece 5 yrs old belongs to my gf and she wants to sell it.”

Richards and Block crafted a deal that, in addition to the apartment and used car, included child care for Richards’ 10-month-old daughter, whose sexual serv-

ice the couple intended to sell later, Rex Miller, the FBI’s lead agent on the case, testified.

The couple had also hoped to blackmail the informant, Miller said.

Richards “was of the belief that these sexual interactions would be a positive experience for (her daughter) and that Richards would receive sexual gratification” from watching, according to the affidavit.

Authorities said both children are no longer in Richards’ custody and that neither child was sold for sex.

After reviewing computers the couple used and listening to taped conversations, Miller determined Block and Richards were making further plans to abduct, rape and “give up” a teenage runaway.

Block allegedly sent an e-mail with a link to a Russian child pornography site, according to the affidavit.

Ronald Guyer, Block’s lawyer, acknowledged the severity of the charges. But Guyer told the judge that there was no evidence that the behavior progressed beyond Block’s fantasy.

QinetiQ says it has broken unmanned flight record

By Raphael G. Satter
Associated Press writer

LONDON — An ultralightweight plane built from carbon fiber and powered using paper-thin solar panels has broken the world record for longest-lasting unmanned flight, its manufacturer claimed Sunday.

QinetiQ Group PLC said its propeller-driven “Zeppy” aircraft flew for 83 hours and 37 minutes, more than doubling the official world record set by Northrop Grumman’s “Global Hawk” in 2001.

The flight also went longer than a previous excursion by the Zeppy, which QinetiQ claims clocked an 84 hours of continuous flight last year.

However both the Zeppy’s reported flight times are likely to remain unofficial because they did not meet criteria laid down by the world’s air sports federation, the body responsible for measuring and verifying air

and space records. QinetiQ spokesman Douglas Millard said.

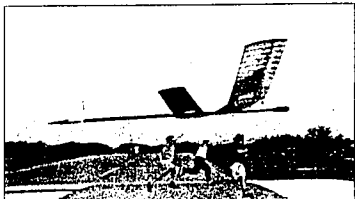
“We were concentrating more on the flight than the record,” he said.

Not one at the Lausanne, Switzerland-based federation could immediately be reached for comment.

The 66-pound plane was launched by hand on July 28 in the Arizona desert in the United States and flown by autopilot and via satellite to an altitude of more 60,000 feet, QinetiQ said.

Drawing on the power of the sun during the day, the plane stayed aloft at night using rechargeable lithium-sulphur batteries. Its more than three-day flight began on July 28 and was witnessed by U.S. and British defense officials, the company said.

QinetiQ said the Zeppy, which is funded by a host of U.S. and British military agencies, had potential in the fields of reconnaissance and communications.



Undated handout photo issued by QinetiQ of Zeppy solar-powered high-altitude long-endurance (HALE) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), taking off in Arizona, U.S., made available Sunday. The ultra-lightweight plane built from carbon fiber and powered using paper-thin solar panels has broken the world record for longest-lasting unmanned flight, its manufacturer claimed Sunday.

“This is going to be catastrophic for millions of people.”
— Farmers’ Almanac Editor Peter Geiger on the predicted cold winter

‘NUMB’S THE WORD’



Copies of the Farmers’ Almanac are displayed at the publisher in Lewiston, Maine, on Aug. 20. The almanac’s 2009 edition, which goes on sale Tuesday, says at least two-thirds of the country can expect colder than average temperatures, with only the Far West and Southeast in line for near-normal readings.

Farmers’ Almanac predicts colder than average temperatures this winter

By Jerry Harkavy
Associated Press writer

LEWISTON, Maine — People worried about the high cost of keeping warm this winter will draw little comfort from the Farmers’ Almanac, which predicts below-average temperatures for most of the U.S.

“Numb’s the word,” says the 192-year-old publication, which claims an accuracy rate of 80 to 85 percent for its forecasts that are prepared two years in advance.

The almanac’s 2009 edition, which goes on sale Tuesday, says at least two-thirds of the country can expect colder-than-average temperatures this winter, with only the Far West and Southeast in line for near-normal readings.

“This is going to be catastrophic for millions of people,” said almanac editor Peter Geiger.

The almanac predicts above-normal snowfall for the Great Lakes and Midwest, especially during January and February, and above-normal precipitation for the Southwest in December and for the Southeast in January and February. The Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions will likely have an unusually wet or snowy

February, the almanac said. Conversely, the usually wet Pacific Northwest could be a bit drier than normal in February.

Looking ahead to summer, the almanac foresees near-normal temperatures in most places. But much of the South will be unusually hot in June and July, while Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas will get oppressive July heat and humidity.

The almanac — not to be confused with the New Hampshire-based Old Farmer’s Almanac which is 26 years older — attributes its forecasts to recursive prognosticator Galea Weatherbee, who uses a secret formula based on sunspots, the position of the planets and the tidal action of the moon.

Weatherbee’s outlook is borne out by e-mails the almanac has received in recent days from readers who have spotted signs of nature they say point to a tough winter, Geiger said. These folklore signs range from an abundance of acorns already on the ground to the frequency of fog in August.

The almanac is at odds with the National Weather Service, whose trends-based outlook calls for warmer than normal weather this winter over



Peter Geiger, editor of the Farmers’ Almanac, poses outside his company in Lewiston, Maine, on Aug. 20.

much of the country, including Alaska, said Ed O’Leary, chief of the operations branch at NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center. The almanac and the weather service are in sync, however, in pointing to a chance of a drier winter in the Northwest.

O’Leary wouldn’t comment specifically on the almanac’s ability to forecast on China to release the protesters and “respect its commitment to freedom of expression.”

China releases eight American protesters from jail

By Jill Drew
The Washington Post

BEIJING — China released eight American protesters from jail and put them on a plane for Los Angeles Sunday night as the Beijing Olympics closed in a rousing ceremony at the Bird’s Nest national stadium, an advocacy group said.

Top diplomats at the U.S. and British embassies earlier in the day had pressed for the immediate release of 10

foreigners, including the eight Americans plus a Briton and a German citizen of Tibetan origin. All had been sentenced to 10 days of detention after police swarmed their unauthorized pro-Tibet demonstrations last week. Forty-eight other foreign protesters detained by Chinese authorities during the Games were immediately deported.

The Briton was still being held, but was expected to be

deported Monday morning, a source said. The fate of the German was unclear, but he was also expected to be released.

Before Sunday, the United States had made few public statements while China rounded up and deported foreigners who participated in unauthorized demonstrations. But a statement issued by the U.S. Embassy on Sunday morning called for the early release of the Americans, saying “we are

disappointed that China has not used the occasion of the Olympics to demonstrate greater tolerance and openness.” U.S. Ambassador Clark T. Randt Jr. met with the Americans on Friday and none complained of maltreatment, the statement said.

Britain’s Foreign Office also issued a statement calling on China to release the protesters and “respect its commitment to freedom of expression.”

Facing shattered lives

Mexican deportees face uncertain futures

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Associated Press sent a week at the Tijuana gate watching busloads after busloads of deportees arrive, as the U.S. cracks down on illegal immigration.

By Julie Watson
Associated Press writer

TIJUANA, Mexico — The towering black gate opens silently to an alley with walls of corrugated metal. Scrawled in large white letters on one wall is: "The End."

For those deported from the United States, the words are an unnecessary reminder. Nearly every hour of the day, guards unlock the gate that leads back into Mexico, clicking open the padlocks hung on each side, in each nation.

Every time the gate slams shut, it wipes away a life, divides a family, ends a life lived in the shadows of the law.

On average, 700 Mexicans expelled from the United States walk through this gate daily, according to Mexican government figures. They include farmers, construction workers, prisoners, nannies, children, entire families.

A few steps from the gate, American tourists pose for photos in front of a stone relief. They are oblivious to the men, women and children sadly shuffling into a homeland many risked their lives to leave.

U.S. deportations have jumped by more than 60 percent over the past five years. Mexicans accounted for nearly two-thirds of those deportees, helping to roll back one of the biggest migrations of recent history.

All along the border, shelters once full of people trying to cross into the United States are now home to thousands of deportees who sleep on mattresses strewn inches apart on cement floors.

In a week spent at the Tijuana gate, The Associated Press watched busloads of deportees arrive, some in a daze, still stunned over their sudden expulsion.

Many stumbled over the Mexican official's question, "Where are you from?" after spending decades in the United States.

The faces of those who stream through reflect how tough and far-reaching the U.S. crackdown on illegal immigration has become.

Among them are young people. There were more than 18,000 repatriations of children under 18 in 2007, and in more than 10,000 cases they were alone, according to the Mexican government.

There are also criminals. The U.S. does not break down figures by country, but it has deported about 55,000 prisoners so far this year.

And there are women, with more than 40,000 repatriations since January, about 13 percent of all cases, according to the Mexican government.

Mexico must now deal with a population that it has long ignored. Many of those returning must deal with Mexico, a land that for many now seems foreign. The challenge starts the day they walk through the gate: the U.S. Border Patrol calls Whiskey II, military code for west of the port of entry.

Tuesday morning

At 11:03 a.m., six teenagers — three girls, three boys — line up at the gate, accompanied by a Mexican Consulate official.



A migrant who was deported from the United States to Mexico stands next to a window at the migrant shelter Casa del Migrante, or Migrants Home, in Tijuana, Mexico, May 29. U.S. deportations have jumped by more than 60 percent over the past five years, with Mexicans accounting for nearly two-thirds of those deported.

"Where are you from?" the Mexican immigration official asks each one after calling off their names.

Paola Riveras' face is puffy and red from crying.

Three hours ago, the 16-year-old had jumped into the long line of Mexicans waiting to go to school, work or shop in California.

When it was her turn to step before the U.S. immigration agent, she panicked and kept walking.

She says she only wanted to see her mom, who went illegally to Los Angeles when Riveras was 8 and left her with her father in Chimalhuacan, a slum outside Mexico City.

In the first six months of this year, 18,249 youths under 18 were sent back to Mexico by the U.S. according to the Mexican government. Those numbers may include youths detained more than once.

U.S. immigration authorities say they do not keep figures on minors.

The teens are escorted to a Mexican government trailer where a psychologist and social worker help them call relatives. Some nap on bunk beds covered in Porky Pig and Donald Duck sheets. Others watch "Ice Age" on the TV.

After calling her aunt in Tijuana, Riveras wipes her nose and dries her tears with a tissue. She says she can't go back to Chimalhuacan.

Wednesday morning

The prisoners arrive at the gate chained together in 104s in gray prison pants and black slippers. Once released, they scramble for the pile of paper bags on the ground that contain their few belongings — a belt, diabetes medicine, a few coins.

Almost a third of the 278,000 people deported in 2007 are prisoners. Last year, the U.S. started speeding up the removal of prisoners and deported a record 95,000 after they served their sentences. The U.S. also has detained or deported 10,000 gang members since 2005.

Alejandro Fonseca was convicted on drug charges and deported last year. He now lives in Tijuana with his American wife and three U.S.-born children.

They have survived by entering at the Salvation Army shelter in a rough

Tijuana neighborhood near the border. But his 13-year-old daughter has missed a year of school. She cannot go to school in Mexico because she does not speak Spanish.

Fonseca is searching for work in the impoverished city, but even filling out an application is difficult.

Fonseca has spent 30 of his 31 years in the United States, so English is his main language.

Thursday morning

Battling with crutches, Nestor Ortiz struggles to line up at the gate at 11:30 a.m. after being returned for the third time in 10 days.

Ortiz worked in the U.S. for a decade. Then a police officer pulled him over and found out he had no driver's license, which he couldn't get because he was illegal. The life he had created suddenly ended.

Desperate to be with his family again, he first walked across the desert in Arizona after paying a smuggler \$3,000. The next time, he went in a car driven by an American resident. And then he scaled a 20-foot-high corrugated metal wall marking the border between Tijuana and San Ysidro and jumped from it.

Mexican immigration officials help the cabinet finisher from La Habra, Calif., into the back room of their office.

He still has not had a chance to take off his bracelet from Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, where he woke up this morning, three days after doctors put in a metal plate that runs from his hip to his ankle.

An ambulance pulls up to the Mexican Migration Institute's office. Paramedics warn if he does not keep the swelling down, he risks losing his foot.

"I'm not coming back," he says, choked up as he talks to his 17-year-old son by phone from Tijuana's Salvation Army shelter. "I can't walk. Both my feet are in bad shape."

Ortiz breathes in deeply, holds his brow and reels in his overwhelming grief.

He tells his other son, 23-year-old Nestor, to cancel his father's gym membership, put the Chevrolet Suburban in his name and take him to live with him.

Around 9:30 p.m.

Thursday six women and a 7-year-old girl arrive at the gate. Migrant activists have repeatedly urged the United States not to deport women and children at night along the violent Mexican border.

Dominga Bejar, 37, stops after walking through the gate blasted by floodlights. She needs a place to stay and is nervous about grabbing a taxi by herself.

Bianca Villasenor, who runs a Mexican border shelter, says women are continually dropped off after 9 p.m.

Friday morning

Ten-year-old Edgar from the Pacific coast state of Michoacan stands at the gate and stares ahead with big brown, panic-stricken eyes.

Clutching a Sponge Bob Square Pants comic book — a gift from the Mexican consulate official — he tries to fight back tears.

He wants to know where his mum is.

Edgar hasn't seen her since she dropped him off the previous day at a female smuggler's house in Tijuana. They spent the night practicing saying his fake name and answering other basic questions in English.

They got in line at the port of entry around 8 a.m. The smuggler told U.S. officials she was his mom and was taking him to school in San Ysidro.

They showed a real visa with Edgar's photo on it.

Edgar didn't flinch and said his name perfectly: Manuel Flores. But then the official asked for his teacher's name and his grandmother's.

Edgar stammered. The official asked them to step aside, and then he detained them.

María Guadalupe Rios, coordinator of child protection services in Baja California, says parents no longer want to return to Mexico to visit their children for fear they will not be able to get back across the fortified border. So they are increasingly forcing their children to come live with them illegally in the United States.

If a child is returned to Mexico several times, child protection services take the child into custody temporarily and talks to the family.

Iraq: suicide bomber kills 25 west of Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up Sunday in the midst of a celebration to welcome home an Iraqi detainee released by U.S. custody, killing at least 25 people, Iraqi officials said.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, announced the arrest of an al-Qaida in Iraq figure who allegedly planned the 2006 kidnapping of American journalist Jill Carroll — one of the highest-profile attacks against Westerners in Iraq.

The suicide attack occurred inside one of several tents set up outside a house in the Abu Ghraib area on Baghdad's western outskirts, according to residents and police. It was unclear if the former detainee was among the casualties.

A woman who was wounded but declined to give her name for security reasons said she was preparing food behind the tents when the blast occurred at about 9 p.m., knocking her and her three young children off their feet.

Residents and police said Ayid Salim al-Zubai, a local sheik in the mainly Sunni area, had invited dozens of guests to a banquet in honor of his son, who was released earlier in the day from Camp Bucca in southern Iraq.

Residents said the detainee-son had quarreled with al-Qaida members while in detention and may

have been the target of the attack.

The guests also included several members of the local awqaf, or council, a U.S.-allied group that has turned against al-Qaida.

Yassir al-Jumaili, a doctor at the hospital in nearby Fallujah where most of the wounded were taken, gave the death toll as 25 and said at least 29 other people were wounded.

The blast was a grim reminder of the dangers still facing Iraqis despite a sharp decrease in violence after the 2007 U.S. troop buildup, a Sunni decision to join forces with the Americans against al-Qaida and a Shiite militia cease-fire.

The announcement of the arrest of Satim Abdullah Ashur al-Shujayri, also known as Abu Chaman, was a major breakthrough in a series of kidnappings.

He was captured Aug. 11 in Baghdad and accused of being "the planner behind the kidnapping of Carroll, a Christian Science Monitor reporter who was seized Jan. 7, 2006 and released three months later, according to the militia."

The statement also said al-Shujayri's associates were involved in the kidnappings of Christian peace activists and British aid worker Margaret Hassan, but did not elaborate.

U.S. warship carrying aid reaches Georgia

By David Rising
Associated Press writer

ABOARD THE U.S.S. McFARLANE — A U.S. Navy destroyer loaded with humanitarian aid reached Georgia's Black Sea port of Batumi on Sunday, bringing baby food, bottled water and a message of support for an embattled ally.

Before the warship arrived, a Russian general suggested U.S. ships moving across the Black Sea would worsen tensions already driven to a post-Cold War high by a short but intense war between Russia and Georgia.

"The population of Georgia will feel more safe from today from the Russian aggression," Georgian Defense Minister David Kezerashvili told The Associated Press on the aft missile deck of the McFarlane after greeting U.S. Navy officers in crisp white uniforms on shore.

"They will feel safe not because the destroyer is here but because they will feel they are not alone facing the Russian aggression," he added.

Local children offered the Americans wine and flowers. In Europe, French President Nicolas Sarkozy

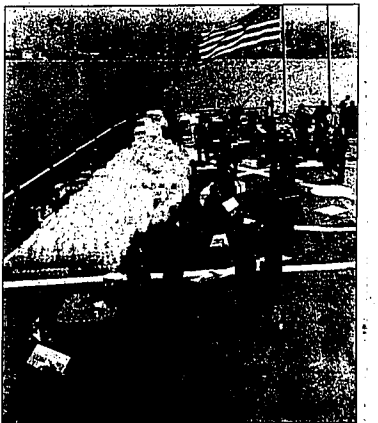
said he would convene a special meeting of European Union leaders over the crisis as Russia ignored Western accusations it has fallen short of its commitment to withdraw forces from its smaller neighbor.

The war erupted Aug. 7 as Georgia launched a massive artillery barrage targeting the Russian-backed separatist province of South Ossetia. Russian forces repelled the offensive and drove deep into Georgia, taking crucial positions across the small former Soviet republic.

Russia pulled the bulk of its troops and tanks out Friday under a cease-fire brokered by Sarkozy, but built up its forces in and around South Ossetia and Abkhazia, another separatist region. They also left other military posts at locations inside Georgia proper.

The U.S. and EU say both those moves violated Russia's commitments.

NATO halted the operations of its vehicles for interaction with Russia, demanding a fuller withdrawal, and Moscow responded by freezing military contacts with the alliance — its Cold War-era cease-arms expansion has angered a resurgent Russia.



U.S. sailors load humanitarian boxes on the deck of guided-missile destroyer USS McFarlane anchored in the harbor of Batumi, western Georgia, Sunday. The USS McFarlane is the first of U.S. warships carrying humanitarian aid to Georgia to help the country following its war with Russia over the breakaway republic of South Ossetia.

Homeland Security comes to Vermont

By Keith B. Richburg
The Washington Post

DERBY LINE, Vt. — The changes started coming slowly to this small town where the U.S. border with Canada runs across sleepy streets, through houses and families, and snack down the middle of the shared local library.

First was the white, painted lettering on the pavement on three little side streets — "Canada" on one side, "U.S.A." on the other. Then came the white pylons denoting which side of the border was which. After that, signboards were erected on some streets, ordering drivers to turn back and use an officially designated entry point.

And along with the signposts came an influx of American Border Patrol agents, cruising through the town in their green-and-white sport-utility vehicles with sirens, chasing down cars and mopeds that ignored the posted warnings.

For longtime residents accustomed to a simpler life that flowed freely across a largely invisible border, the final shock — and what made most people really take notice — was a proposal by the border agents last year to erect fences on the small streets to officially barricade the United States from Canada and neighbor from neighbor.

"They're stirring up a little hate and discontent with that deal," said Claire Currier, who grew up in this town area and works at Brown's Drug Store, which has operated on the same spot since 1884. "It's like putting up a barrier. We've all intermingled for years."

For the Department of Homeland Security, the changes are part of a gradual fortification of America's northern border that began shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and has accelerated in recent years.

The hardening of the northern frontier is funneling a lot of money in the small towns along the border. For as long as most of these people can remember, the line between the United States and Canada has been a curiosity, rather than the hard and fast demarcation that is America's southern border.

Named the Secure Border Initiative, the project calls for more than tripling the number of agents along the northern border, adding boats and helicopters, and deploying sophisticated new technology including hundreds of millions of dollars in new communications equipment, radiation detectors and three different types of camera-mounted sensors in the uninhabited wooded areas.

"It was freer before, but we

live in a different world now," said agent Mark Henry, the operations officer at the Border Patrol's Swanton Sector, headquartered in Swanton, Vt. The sector encompasses about 24,000 square miles, extending from the town of Champlain, in Upstate New York, on the east all the way across to the border with Maine. The sector now has 250 agents, up from 180 three years ago, and the number is scheduled to reach 400 next year.

In 2001, there were 340 agents along the entire border with Canada.

"We're more visible," Henry said. "We've gotten more aircraft, more vehicles, more boats, more ATVs — pretty much everything, we've got more. And we've got more people to man them."

"9-11 changed everything," said Border Patrol agent Fernando Beltran, the operations chief for Swanton Sector's Newport station, which includes Derby Line. "This may have been Mayberry before, but it's not anymore."

Residents of this town of 776 enhanced the need for homeland security. They also wistfully remember a time when neighbors easily crossed into another country to visit neighbors. People went to church and to school on either side of the line. Members of the same family lived on either side. Some streets, an old factory, the local library and open houses straddle the line.

"I have one brother — he's American. He was born on the U.S. side. I was born on the Canadian side," said Arthur Brewer, who is 76. "I was like there was no border — people back and forth."

"Actually, we're like one people," he added, "like two brothers, one family."

Brewer said he doesn't have a passport but knows he will have to get one soon, because rule changes next year will require it to cross the border. "We're living in a different world now," Brewer added. "It's too bad."

Townsfolk are concerned about practical issues with fences. The two sides share a water system, a sewer system and snow-removal services. For years, the fire departments of both sides have helped each other without regard to a border, and fences, they fear, might disrupt travel routes for emergency vehicles.

"It hasn't been an easy issue for either side to digest," said lifelong resident Karen Jenne, the Derby Line town clerk and treasurer. "But we understand that



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The U.S. Border Patrol's Cathy Edwards patrols Lake Champlain in her unit's speedboat.

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Claire Currier, Derby Line, Vt. resident

Border Patrol and Homeland Security have a job to do. ... The general public doesn't understand what's crossing that border, whether it's drugs or illegals."

"The new vigilance has led to more arrests of people crossing illegally and interdiction of contraband, mostly drugs. Border agents in this sector said that last year they arrested people from 117 different countries trying to enter the United States illegally. Among the drugs, agents say, they have confiscated large shipments of ecstasy pills being smuggled in, as well as shipments of extra-potent hydroponic marijuana.

The resources here are still a small fraction of what is deployed on the southern border with Mexico. But with the increased Border Patrol presence, the North is starting to look more like what border residents of Texas, California and Arizona have been seeing for years.

As that presence has increased, so has the risk of violence. Agents in the Swanton sector recall three relatively recent incidents when agents fired their weapons — most recently when an agent was being beaten by a man he stopped. The agent fell over a guardrail, lost his glasses and fired to chase the suspect away.

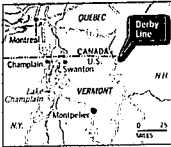
"There's a lot of violence on the southern border, so some of that's going to transfer up here," said Norman Laque, the patrol agent in charge of the Champlain station. The northern border, some agents say, presents more complex problems. Besides the few border towns such as Derby Line and nearby Beebe Plain, much of the border consists of forests, woods, cornfields, lakes and rivers.

"You can see the challenges we're faced with patrolling," Laque said, as he

steered his SUV through the trees down one of the now barricaded forest roads. "To protect this area, it's enormous. It's huge. It's wide open. You've got to know what you're doing to be an agent up here."

Laque is a 13-year veteran agent, who spent most of his time patrolling the area around Derby Line, where he grew up, before spending five years on the border with Mexico. One difference, he said, is that "there's a delineated line with Mexico. ... Here, if you were to walk around this town, you would probably walk into Canada and not even know it."

A large part of the job, Laque and the others said, is community outreach and educating border residents that the way of life they have



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known for generations has profoundly changed.

"We interact with the public," Laque said, "so they understand we're not doing this stuff because of them; we're doing it to protect them."

"The patrol work may vary from our southern border," Laque added, "but our strategy is the same throughout: we're doing it to protect them."

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Burned wreckage of a small plane lies on a hillside Saturday, northwest of Moab, Utah. The pilot and all 9 passengers died when the aircraft went down Friday night after taking off from a nearby airport.

Investigators examine Utah plane crash wreckage

By Mike Stark
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Investigators had little more than ash and blackened shards of metal to sift through on Sunday as they tried to figure out what caused a twin-engine plane to crash shortly after taking off, killing all 10 people on board.

"The aircraft was pretty much consumed by fire," said Keith Holloway, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board. "When there aren't identifiable pieces, sometimes we don't know right away what was working and what wasn't working."

An NTSB crew planned to move what was left of the wreckage to a place where it could be laid out and closely examined. A preliminary crash report could be finished late this week or early next, Holloway said Sunday, two days after nine

members of a dermatology clinic and the pilot who was flying them died in eastern Utah.

Moab was one of nine regular stops for the team from Southwest Skin and Cancer/Red Canyon Aesthetics & Medical Spa in Cedar City, a rapidly growing city of 28,000 in southwestern Utah. The company had satellite offices in Utah, northern Arizona and Nevada, providing skin treatment in small, remote communities.

"Our hearts are broken," said Dana Levitt, a friend of many on the trip and CEO of the company that owned the plane.

Two of the victims were adult children traveling with their fathers. Another was a 20-year-old woman who got engaged to be married the night before. By Sunday morning, a blog set up for the families had dozens of comments offering condolences.

Darrell Eugene Brownlee

JEROME — Darrell Eugene Brownlee, 90, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, returned to his Heavenly Father and those who passed away before him. He passed peacefully at his home in Riverton, Utah on Aug. 23, 2008 after taking farewell of his family and friends who gathered in the last week of his life.



Darrell was born Feb. 11, 1918 in Fort Hill Idaho, the third child of Myron Alonzo Brownlee and Margaret Hattacker Brownlee. After several moves the family settled in Jerome, Idaho. He attended public school in Falls City and attended Jerome High School. He then began helping his dad on the farm. Several years later he met his sweetheart, Grace Williams, at a dance. They were married May 4, 1940 and were blessed with six children. They stayed in Jerome to farm and raise their children. One of the hardest times Darrell and Grace ever did was leave their beloved Jerome in the fall of 2004 when failing health required them to move to Riverton, Utah to be near their children.

Darrell was a self-made man whose life was no harder than the next man. He set a high standard of fortitude, integrity, love of family and country. He kept up on current events and always began helping his dad on the farm. He enjoyed working with horses, tractors, combines and harvesters. He could fix most anything that broke down because of his understanding how that was used. He was fond of the way to deal with problems was to "get the shovel and go to work."

As hard as he worked he knew how to play. He loved fishing and traveling with his wife, Grace. Some of his favorite times were camping with the family at Alturas Lake and hosting and

attending family reunions. He loved nice cars and seeing his family and friends.

Darrell was a member to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a writer, a scoutmaster and a scout leader. He was preceded in death by his parents; a foster brother, George Hattacker Brownlee, who died in WWII; two sisters, Mildred and Sibylle; brother, Milton (Doc); son, Darrell Jr.; wife, Grace who preceded him 15 months ago; and a great-granddaughter.

He is survived by five children, Anita (John) Cushing of Bonifield, Utah; Willis M. (Anne) Brownlee of Hayden, Idaho; Dana (Glen) LeVitt of West Bonifield, Utah; Mary (Dan) Deans of Riverton, Utah; Ruth Brownlee of Post Falls, Idaho; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren, with one more coming in December; and many extended family members.

Darrell's family would like to thank the staff of Sankin Hospice — Salt Lake City for their loving care these past three months.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28 at the Jerome LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 50 East 100 South, Jerome, Idaho with Bishop Robert Kinghorn officiating. A viewing will be held Wednesday evening, Aug. 27 at the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho 83438, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., and again one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Interment will follow the service in the Jerome City Cemetery.

Marvin Ray Bronson

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, cousin and friend, Marvin (Marv) Ray Bronson passed away Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008, surrounded by his loving family.

Marv was born Jan. 19, 1931 in Almo, Idaho to Wesley Reed and Margery Taylor Bronson. He graduated from Burley High School in Almo, Idaho in 1950. He served a mission in the Central Atlantic States LDS Mission. He served mostly in Virginia and was a missionary his whole life. After his return he spent 18 months teaching in the Salt Lake City LDS Mission, and later taught religion classes at the Utah State Prison.

He met his wife, Sonja Lee Menimott (formerly of Scipio, Utah) at an M-Men and Cleaners Gold and Green Ball in 1956 and they were married Oct. 11, 1956 in the Logan LDS Temple.

Marv was blgger than life, making a difference in the life of everyone he met. He loved spending time with his family, coaching his sons in baseball; teaching his daughters to drive stick-shifts and teasing and tickling his grandchildren. He spent many hours waterskiing with his friends and family, taking them horseback riding, camping and hunting. He was a true cowboy with a love of horses which he shared with his children in the beautiful cabin at Ferns Haven where they spent their summers growing up.

Marv was a master salesman, a lifelong missionary, and a friend to everyone. One of his loves for people young and old, his greatest satisfaction was when he witnessed the success and accomplishments of those he may have had an influence upon.

Marv was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He and his beautiful wife served in whatever capacity they

were called and have had a diverse and powerful influence in their circle of friends and family.

Marv's stories, jokes and sayings will be greatly missed by all of us who have heard them a hundred times and would gladly have heard them a hundred more. He was a tremendous man with a generous heart and a wise countenance. He was like a brilliant streak of light across our sky and, while he will be sorely missed here in mortality, we are so happy for the reunion he must be having through the thin veil that separates worlds. If we listen close we're sure we can hear the strains of "Beautiful, Beautiful Brown Eyes," "You Are My Sunshine" and "Sweet Violets" accompanied by his father's piano, as that Silver-haired Daddy of Ours joins in harmony with the music of those celebrating his arrival in the halls of Heaven.

Marv is survived by his wife, Sonja; children: Shirley (Lloyd) Westenskow, Connie (Lester) Dales, Dana (Donna) Bronson, Kelly (Tracy) Bronson, Darin (Katherine) Bronson, Mitch (Patricia) Bronson, Travis Bronson, Jason (Jessica) Bronson, 57 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren and four foster great-grandchildren; sister Ilda Hutchison, brothers RGA Bronson and Herman Bronson; sisters-in-law Mary Bronson and Gwen Bronson.

Preceded in death by parents; brothers Owen and Jerry; sister Doris Ann; daughter, Rosemary Lee; daughter-in-law, Karen Lynn Remigi; Bronson and foster-great-grandson Corwin Kenneth Gurvey, Funeral Services will be held Thursday, Aug. 28 at 11 a.m. in The Crescent 11th Ward Chapel. A viewing will be held 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. that morning in the Crescent 11th ward building, 89 East 11000 South in Sandy, Utah.

Kidnap suspect calls days with daughter 'glorious'

BOSTON (AP) — The man who calls himself Clark Rockefeller and is accused of kidnapping his young daughter says she spent "six glorious and wonderful days" with the girl while evading authorities, but he still isn't talking about his life before 1985.

Police say Rockefeller is really a German immigrant named Christian Gerhartsreiter. California authorities want to question him about a couple who disappeared in 1985.

Gerhartsreiter has plead-

ed not guilty to charges of kidnapping his daughter,leigh Boss, on a Boston street during a supervised visit in July after losing custody of her to his ex-wife, Sandra Boss.

In a jail interview with the Boston Globe, Gerhartsreiter said he decided to take Leigh the day before the supervised visit, but police say he spent months planning the alleged kidnapping. He was captured in early August in Baltimore, where police said he was hoping to start a new life.

James W. Stone dies, was language training specialist at State Department

By Yvonne Shinbost Lamb
The Washington Post

James W. Stone, 74, who drowned July 27 in a boating accident on the Chesapeake Bay, spent 25 years as a linguistic linguist and language training specialist at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute.

He oversaw all training in Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, Nepali, Sinhala and other languages of South Asia as well as Amharic and Persian, including Farsi and Dari.

Stone, who was a resident of Arlington County, Va., was especially interested in teaching students to read writing systems derived from Sanskrit and Arabic.

He retired from the Foreign Service Institute in 1989 and was director of translation services at the Center for Applied Linguistics from 1991 to 2002.

Stone, who was known as Jim, was fascinated with languages, ancient and modern, and their alphabets. He possessed a deep love for sailing and the Chesapeake Bay and was also a pianist who played piano and organ.

For 30 years, he was a member of the Cathedral Choral Society and, more recently, the New Dominion Choral.

Mr. Stone was born in Chicago and moved with his family to the Washington area when he was 2. He grew up in Silver Spring, Md.

"His fascination with languages began when he was growing up," said his wife, Crawford Peagin "Corky" Stone, to whom he was mar-

ried for 39 years. As a boy, he had a stamp collection, and a family friend was an Armenian refugee and a linguist. Also, his mother was of Welsh descent and often sang in Welsh.

At 15, he was a Sea Scout at the Corinthian and Capital yacht clubs. After the deadly North Sea floods of 1953, he volunteered with the American Friends Service Committee to help rebuild dikes in the Netherlands.

He graduated in 1955 from St. John's College in Annapolis, where he was a member of the boat club. After college, he spent a year as a chaplain's assistant in the Army. He began his career as a linguist and an editorial assistant at the Center for Applied Linguistics in 1958 and then taught English for the U.S. Information Center in Libya.

In the 1960s, he worked with the Peace Corps's language testing program to examine the proficiency of the volunteers in South Asia and Afghanistan. He also served a year on a committee on linguistic information which included the study of early automatic language translation.

He received a doctorate in linguistics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1971.

From 1989 to 1992, he compiled a textbook, "Hindi Newspaper Reader" (1989), and edited publications for Dunwoody Press in Kensington, Md. He also co-wrote "An Active Introduction to Hindi" (1970).

Stone traveled extensively for work and pleasure. He and his wife had been planning a two-week trip to Yellowstone National Park to celebrate his 75th birthday on Aug. 10.

On July 26, he and a younger cousin, Jeffrey G. Peagin, went sailing on the Chesapeake. His 16-foot catamaran sailboat capsized in a brisk wind from the south.

DEATH NOTICES

Dick Broadhead
RUPERT — Richard Lee "Dick" Broadhead, 69, of Rupert, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2008.

A memorial service and potluck lunch will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the Broadhead home, 802 E. 300 N. in Rupert.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Hansen Funeral Home of Burley.

Levelia Parr
Levelia Parr, 89, died Aug. 24, 2008 at her residence in Wendell.

Services are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service Wendell Chapel.

Manuel Romero of Jerome, rosary at 9:30 a.m. with Mass following at 10 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Kathlyn Ellen "Willie" Taylor of Kimberly, celebration of life at 10:30 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2468 Addington Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Pearl Marjorie Schenk Amen of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Christian Church (Rupert Chapel, 110 Eighth St. in Rupert) visitation one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

John Mark Conrad of Carey, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Carey LDS Chapel (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Walter Jay Tranner of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 2680 Elizabeth Blvd.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at 11 a.m.

Edward A. Reynolds

SHOSHONE — Edward A. Reynolds, 76, of Shoshone, Idaho died early Saturday morning, Aug. 23, 2008 at the Shoshone Living Center in Shoshone.

A celebration of Edward's life will be held as a graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the Shoshone Living Center with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating.

A reception will follow at the Shoshone City Park. At Edward's request there will be no public viewing. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

A full obituary will appear in tomorrow's edition of the Times-News.

Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

William Keith "Bill" Mensenhall of Albin, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Deco LDS State Center, 213 W. Main St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church (Hansen Funeral Home in Burley).

Cleo Burgess of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, graveside committal service Church (Rupert Chapel, 110 Eighth St. in Rupert) visitation one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Leroy J. Kohl of Buhl, visit his memorial from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1129 Poplar St. in Buhl.

Lols Ann Lattin Hall of Hemet, Calif., and formerly of Kimberly, memorial service at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 3 at the Hermet First Christian Church.

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Woman trying to prove family link to a noted founding father

By Jonathan Mumolo
The Washington Post

It's been four years since Betty Kearsse set out to prove a story that has been handed down through generations of her family: that she, an African American, is a direct descendant of founding father James Madison.

But after a prolonged attempt to arrange DNA testing with Madison family descendants in the United States, the two sides have been unable to agree on how to do it. And as Madison's sprawling Virginia estate, Montpelier, prepares to celebrate the completion of a \$24 million restoration next month, aimed at shedding light on the former president's private life, Kearsse could still be years from answers.

According to stories told by Kearsse's family, Madison fathered a child named Betty with her great-great-great-grandmother, a slave cook named Coreen, Kearsse, 65, has no claim, so in 2004, she enlisted the help of geneticist Bruce Jackson to investigate.

Jackson, co-director of the Toons Project at the University of Michigan, in Lowell, which helps African Americans trace their genetic histories, said the Madison family has been uncooperative with Kearsse's efforts, imposing undue preconditions before they would allow a test. He likened the situation to the now-infamous controversy surrounding Thomas Jefferson and his slave, Sally Hemings, in which Jefferson's white descendants resisted claims that they were related to Hemings's family.

"Madison's DNA is neither sincere nor forthcoming in this effort, so we're not going to bother with them anymore," Jackson said. "If Betty Kearsse is white and wealthy, they would have no problem with this. But she's not. ... She's a prominent physician ... but she happens to be the wrong hue. It's the same thing as the Jeffersons."

Kearsse, a Massachusetts pediatrician who is trying to publish a book on her family history, is reluctant to criti-



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cize the Madisons. She said she is not angry at the family, just disappointed, and can even empathize with their position.

"I can understand why his recognized descendants, i.e. white descendants, could have ... resistance to becoming involved in a kind of contentious debate," Kearsse said. "And, I also understand they would want to protect his legacy, his image, throughout history."

Frederick M. Smith, president of the National Society of Madison Family Descendants and a descendant of Madison's great-grandparents, declined to comment on Kearsse's case, citing confidentiality concerns.

"It would be inappropriate for me to make any comment on any individual case or claim," Smith said. "We wanted to keep it absolutely confidential. We don't want to influence the outcome of any result."

The said his society has received several claims of family ties to the president over the years and those wishing to test their DNA against that of a Madison family descendant can do so through an online genetic testing service, a method he called objective and without racial bias. Jackson said that approach is scientifically flawed.

The case illustrates the

tensions that can develop over issues of ancestry, especially when a prominent figure's reputation is at stake. In the case of Jefferson, rumors of his affair with Hemings swirled even during his lifetime. Despite genetic evidence that has linked Hemings's line to Jefferson's family, and documentary evidence that historians say points to Jefferson as the father, there are still some who deny the link.

Madison never had children with his wife, Dolley, so Jackson's plan is to compare the Y chromosomes, which are identical across generations, of male descendants in Madison's family to those of some of Kearsse's male cousins. If the samples match, it would still be necessary to supplement the test with historical evidence to show that Madison was the father, Jackson said.

Jackson's partner in the search, geneticist Jamie Wilson, said the Madison society told Kearsse that no

suitable descendants were willing to come forward for a test. They eventually suggested that a third party, FamilyTreeDNA, be used to compare Kearsse's family's DNA to DNA that an anonymous Madison descendant submitted to the company, Wilson said.

But Jackson said that without full access to the participants on both sides, there was no way to verify, genetically or historically, whether the so-called Madison DNA being used for the test would be valid. If the test came back negative, he said, it would prove nothing, but Kearsse's claim might still be dismissed as false.

"You can't get a DNA profile from Joe Schmo, and say he may be a Madison," Jackson said. "We owe it to Betty Kearsse to be more cautious than that."

Smith said a descendant of Madison's younger brother, William, had submitted DNA to the company's database, but he declined to disclose the man's name.

Universal health care for Calif. kids is a fading goal

By Jordan Rau
Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California's promising strides toward extending medical coverage to all its children, a longtime goal of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and one advocate believed was in reach by decade's end, has stalled — and thousands of kids are in danger of losing insurance.

The trend is likely to further destabilize California's already shaky health-care system. Studies have found that children without insurance are less likely to go to the doctor for routine visits that allow early diagnoses and treatment for diabetes, obesity and other increasingly common ailments.

Uninsured children are more likely to end up in the hospital or in the state's clogged emergency rooms, where much of the cost of their care is passed along to their insured people through higher premiums. Uninsured children tend to perform worse in school and miss more classes than those with coverage, several studies have found.

Between 2001 and 2005, the number of Californians younger than 19 who were uninsured at any given time decreased 25 percent to about 763,000, according to the University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Health Policy Research. Most of the drop came through aggressive enrollment efforts in state and private health-care programs and despite the erosion of employer-based insurance, which was leaving more adults without coverage.

But legislative budget negotiators this year have decided to increase premiums to the state's Healthy Families program, which pays for medical care for more than 850,000 children of low-income workers who are above the federal poverty line.

The state estimates that the parents of 19,000 children will end up dropping out of the program by next July because of the \$2 or \$3 monthly increases. A family with three or more children, earning between 90 and 1 1/2 times the federal poverty level of \$24,800 a year, would see the monthly premium rise to \$51.

Lawmakers also have decided to require the parents of 3.4 million Californians who are below the federal poverty line to renew their Medi-Cal health coverage every six months. The Schwarzenegger administration expects that rule will pare Medi-Cal rolls by about 190,000 children over the next two years.

State officials say some of those families would leave the program anyway, because they moved or found jobs, but advocates believe many who are entitled to the program will fail to file the paperwork and will fall off the rolls.

The changes to the subsidized or free health programs come as private health initiatives that pay for the care of children are running out of money, causing them to limit the number they cover.

Altogether, "thousands of California children are likely to lose health insurance coverage they now have," said E. Richard Brown, the director of UCI's research center.

These privately run initiatives exist in 30 counties, arranging medical care for children who either are not legal residents or whose families earn slightly more than the threshold for public programs. Enrollment in the initiatives has dropped by 8,000 in the last two years, to 40,000, according to Wendy Lazarus, co-president of the Children's Partnership, a nonprofit advocacy group.

Gas prices nationally drop 15 cents in 2 weeks

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — A national survey shows gas prices have dropped 15 cents a gallon in the last two weeks.

The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline at self-serve stations was \$3.70 Friday. Mid-grade was at \$3.83 and premium was at \$3.95.

That's according to the Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations nationwide, released Sunday.

Diesel was at \$3.82. The California average was \$3.94, down 16 cents from two weeks ago.

Gas was cheapest in St. Louis, Mo., at \$3.37 for a gallon of regular. It was most expensive in Anchorage, Alaska, at \$4.34.

Despite the drop, gas nationally was almost 95 cents higher than a year ago. Prices so far this summer peaked July 11 at \$4.11 for a gallon of regular.

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Deb Holcomb is a busy working mother of five who for many years struggled with severe back pain, arthritis, and high blood pressure due to obesity. When she decided to undergo weight loss surgery, she made a commitment to completely change her life.

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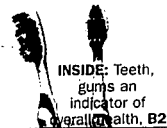
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FITNESS



Janel Dobbs of Twin Falls works out during her water aerobics class at the YMCA pool. Women in the class say the strong social bond motivates them to get to the pool. Photos by ADRIEL DRETTIN/Times-News

FRIENDS

The gab that keeps them going

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Over the blaring "Grease" soundtrack and rippling water rose laughter and gossip. More than 20 women moved in the pool at the Twin Falls YMCA, chatting and giggling as they lifted water weights over their heads and slowly walked in circles through the churning water.

Some of them have attended the water aerobics class for 20 years. The women all came for the fitness benefits, they said, but stayed for the friendships they forged.

Georgia Blastock, who has taught the class for 26 years, said the class is great for those with physical ailments like arthritis and fibromyalgia.

"It's not hard on your body" student Julia Sullivan said. "That's why most of us are here."

Because the low-impact exercise gets participants moving without hurting their joints, seniors are most attracted to the class. Many

are widows, and most have had hip or knee replacements. There are four breast cancer survivors and three living with diabetes. All are coping with the physical changes that come with getting older.

"If I didn't exercise like this, I'd be in a wheelchair by now," said Emma Koffer, who has rheumatoid arthritis. And because the students have so much in common, their bond extends beyond the swimming pool.

During the class, the chattiest women stay on the opposite end of the pool, away from Blastock so they

can get away with talking.

"This is the fun end," Evelyn Barth said. The 87-year-old has been taking the classes for "20-something years" and is the oldest in the class.

The strong social bond motivates the women to get up and go to class. While they appreciate the physical benefits — less pain, more flexibility — they all said they wouldn't come as often if it weren't for their friends.

Blastock doesn't mind their babbling during class, although she never misses an opportunity to give them a hard time about it.

"A lot of times, they don't



Leslie Marcellus, left, looks on as Evelyn Barth and June Florence joke with each other Friday morning at the Burger Stop in Twin Falls, after their water aerobics class.

exercise," she teased. "They just talk!"

Socializing at the pool isn't enough for the ladies, who meet for coffee after every class. Some participate in Bible studies and sewing classes together. When someone becomes ill, the other ladies encourage their

friend. Every week, they exchange recipes along with their stories.

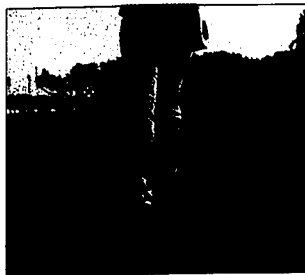
"We've got some awfully good cooks in this group, too," said June Florence.

Exercising their jaws while gabbing may not benefit their physical health as much as aerobic exercise,

but it helps their morale.

And anyone who has tried to start an exercise regimen knows that having fun is just as important as the workout itself.

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Learning from Olympians: Alan Webb knows how to run

By Vicky Hallett
and Howard Schneider
The Washington Post

To most of us, a seven-minute mile is a flat-out sprint. Or just plain impossible. To Alan Webb, it's an easy jog — in fact, it seems downright sluggish for a guy who holds the American record in the mile (3:46.91). "It's really the slowest I ever run," says the 25-year-old Reston, Va., resident.

But that's the pace Webb

chooses to start every workout, and he keeps it up for at least 12 minutes. When he's done with that, there's an hour of drills and stretches before Webb kicks it into high gear. "If you did just try to go out there raw, you'd hurt yourself. You have to learn how to take care of your body," Webb says.

There are, of course, other ways to hurt yourself. And one of the biggies — overtraining — is the suspected culprit for Webb's less-than-stellar per-

formances this year. Although he came in first at the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2004 in the 1,500 meters (and had the top spot at Nationals in 2007), at this year's trials in July, he placed a disappointing fifth, which is why he's not in Beijing.

But he's still quicker than all but a handful of people in the world, so, recreational runners, take note of rule No. 1: Slow down to speed up.

Jeanette Bolden, head coach for the U.S. women's Olympic

track and field team, seconds the motion: "It's kind of tedious, but you have to go through a proper warm-up, and that can mean at least an hour."

In that time, elite runners tweak their form by working drills, like the A-skip and B-skip. The former is basically what most people call a plain old "skip," while the latter involves kicking out the top leg so it's straight and then planting it

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You

Clues to good health

Gums, teeth are indicators about what's going on inside your body

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E. The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. Free: 324-6133.

Childbirth refresher

Childbirth refresher course, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's downtown campus, 600 Shoshone St. E., in Twin Falls.

Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required: 732-3148.

About C-sections

Cesarean class of St. Benedict's prepared childbirth series, 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Jerome Audiance Building, 240 E. Main.

Topics: Cesarean birth, pain management, hospital procedures and nonconforming labors. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person.

Cost is \$55. Register: 324-6133.

Happy babies

"The Happiest Baby on the Block" class, 6:30-9 p.m. Sept. 2, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., in Twin Falls.

Topics: helping babies sleep longer and soothing fussy infants.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required: 732-3148.

Learn parkour

The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the class "Meet Up With Parkour," 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 2 through Oct. 21, in the lobby at the CSI gymnasium. Chris Larson will instruct.

The class is for both the beginner and the experienced. Beginners will learn how to combine the natural skills of the human body (running, jumping and crawling) in an athletic discipline and art that increases strength, endurance, agility and critical thinking while conditioning the body and mind to overcome any obstacle. Those familiar with parkour will enhance their skills.

Students should bring a water bottle and a good pair of running shoes, and wear comfortable jogging pants and T-shirt.

Cost is \$60. Register: 732-6142 or www.csi.edu/communityed.

Belly dancing

The Community Education Center at CSI will offer the class "Beginning Middle Eastern Belly Dance," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 3 through Oct. 8, in Room 236 at the CSI gymnasium. Cyndie Woods will instruct.

Belly dance can help develop postural alignment, core strength and flexibility, organizers said. The class will help students discover their grace and develop poise at any age or weight, and give a foundation of isolated dance movements.

Students should wear comfortable exercise clothing, bring a scarf to tie around the hips and wear socks or non-slip dance shoes.

Cost is \$65. Register: 732-6142 or www.csi.edu/communityed.

Line dancing

The Community Education Center at CSI will offer the class "Kick It Up With Line Dancing," 6-7:30 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 5 through Oct. 10, in Room 236 at the CSI gymnasium. Gaden Slatter will instruct.

One of the joys of line dancing is not only a way for groups to have fun, but it's also an easy form of healthy exercise. No experience is necessary, wear comfortable, non-marking shoes.

Cost is \$42. Register: 732-6142 or www.csi.edu/communityed.

Learn CPR

American Red Cross of Greater Idaho's cardiopulmonary and first-aid instructor certification class, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 5, at the Twin Falls Red Cross office, 253 Fourth Ave. N.

The class is for anyone interested in becoming a CPR and first aid instructor. Cost is \$165 (includes materials). Full scholarships are available for community instructors. Register: Jennifer Eubank at (800) 853-2570, ext. 302, or 280-2315.

About power of thought

"The Power of Thought" four-week program, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 9 to Sept. 30, at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

Sarah Hope, former registered nurse and health educator, will discuss why we think what we think, gratitude, and healing the body through thought.

Cost is \$15. Register: 324-3389.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and activities. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's *Healthy & Fit* section. E-mail notices to namon@magickelly.com.

By Rank Mishor Special to The Washington Post

The way to a person's heart is through his stomach, the adage goes. But researchers now think the way to a healthy heart might be through your gums and teeth.

Evidence suggests that the healthier they are, the stronger are less disease-prone the heart is. If you don't floss or brush, you might be setting yourself up not just for gum disease but also for heart disease.

The link between what's happening in your mouth and in the rest of your body goes further still: Gum disease might be a kind of early warning system with potential health linked to diabetes, kidney disease, preterm labor, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's disease and even certain types of cancer.

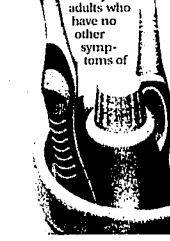
"A lot of research studies are coming out that seem to suggest some possible link or associations" between oral infection and systemic disorders, says Sally Gram, a periodontist in the District of Columbia and consumer adviser for the American Dental Association.

There's a certain logic, of course, to the idea that your mouth — your body's key opening to the outside — would be a harbinger of bodily health. Yet the connection is one that many people, even medical professionals, often overlook.

Patients tend to minimize oral health, treating mouth issues as merely "dental." Professionals echo this artificial dichotomy: Dentists and doctors don't really talk to each other; they don't attend the same conferences; they don't read the same journals.

But recent research indicating a link between their disciplines is attracting attention from both doctors and dentists. Several studies show a startling correlation between gum health and atherosclerosis, a condition underlying much heart disease. The closer the connection is, the narrower that person's arteries due to a buildup of plaque.

This holds even for young, healthy adults who have no other symptoms of



Brushing up on oral hygiene

Here are a few ways to prevent tooth decay and gum disease:

- **Do not smoke.**
- **Limit alcohol** to one to two drinks a day.
- **Brush teeth** twice a day.
- **Replace your toothbrush** every three or four months (sooner if the bristles are worn out).
- **Floss daily** (or use an inter-dental cleaner) to remove bacteria, plaque and food particles from between the teeth and under the gum line.
- **Go to a dentist** regularly for oral exams and cleanings. Adults should see a dentist every six to 12 months, depending on their oral health status. The American Association of Pediatric Dentistry recommends all children have their first visit at the time of the eruption of the first tooth and no later than 12 months of age.
- **Eat a balanced diet**; limit snacking, especially of sticky or high-sugar foods.
- **Give supplemental fluoride** to preschool children more than 6 months old whose primary water source is deficient in fluoride.

Resources: www.cdc.gov/oralhealth, www.ada.org/



heart disease.

Many questions remain about the nature of the body-mouth connection.

In gum disease (called gingivitis in the early stages), bacteria that seep into full-blown periodontal disease, the tissue that surrounds the bones supporting the teeth become inflamed or infected. Often this leads to the accumulation of bacteria in the plaque under the tissue holding the teeth. The bacteria release toxins and other chemicals that begin to destroy the bone. Scientists believe they circulate and cause damage elsewhere in the body; exactly how remains unclear.

"It is like setting up a garbage dump on the edge of a river. You wouldn't be surprised if the lake downstream ended up polluted with the garbage from the dump," Vincent I. Iacono said in 2005, when he was president of the American Academy of Periodontology.

When Maurizio Tonetti, chair of the University of Connecticut's Division of Periodontology, conducted a study looking into whether reversing the production of bacteria and toxins in the mouth would benefit patients who had atherosclerosis, the results were encouraging. He reported in the *British Medical Journal* last year that patients who underwent an intensive, six-month program of treatment for gum disease emerged not only with healthier gums but also with improved endothelial function — that is, better function of the lining of the blood vessels. No, this does not necessarily mean better vascular function overall, but the experts say that these findings merit further study.

As does a possible link between gum infections and preterm labor. Nearly 13 percent of births in the U.S.

are considered preterm (occurring before 37 weeks of gestation), and of these, almost half occur without explanation. This has prompted researchers to look at the role of gum disease.

Observational studies show rates of preterm birth are higher for women with severe gum disease than those with milder or no such disease. A recent review in the journal *American Family Physician* noted that studies of nearly 150,000 women in "identified 24 studies demonstrating a positive relationship between periodontitis and preterm birth, low birth weight, or both."

Regular visits to a dentist can make the mouth an early warning system for a variety of problems. Sores or fungus in the mouth, for example, are often the very first indications of infection by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, or of cancer. Osteoporosis, a disease of the bones, could show up in a routine dental X-ray before you notice its impact on your hips or spine.

So, take care of your mouth. Your heart, your brain and your kidneys may thank you for it.

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Quick Study

The topic: Chickenpox

Even after the fact, vaccination may help.

THE QUESTION
Once a child has been exposed to chickenpox, is there any benefit to vaccinating the child against the disease?

usually stays in the body forever, can cause shingles later.

CAVEATS
Vaccine formulas varied among the studies. Information was not available on whether participants experienced any adverse reactions after vaccination. Most children were vaccinated within three days of exposure. The children were randomly assigned to get a varicella vaccine or a fake vaccine shortly after exposure. About 18 percent of the children given the varicella vaccine contracted chickenpox, compared with 78 percent of the others. Those who developed chickenpox despite the vaccine had milder cases, with far fewer skin lesions.

THIS STUDY
The study analyzed data from three studies involving 110 healthy children who had been exposed to the varicella zoster virus (chickenpox) when a sibling contracted the illness. The children were randomly assigned to get a varicella vaccine or a fake vaccine shortly after exposure. About 18 percent of the children given the varicella vaccine contracted chickenpox, compared with 78 percent of the others. Those who developed chickenpox despite the vaccine had milder cases, with far fewer skin lesions.

FIND THIS STUDY
2008 Issue 3 of the Cochrane Library.

LEARN MORE
See more about chickenpox at www.cdc.gov and www.kidshhealth.org.

The research described in Quick Study comes from credible, peer-reviewed journals. Nonetheless, conclusive evidence about a treatment's effectiveness is rarely found in a single study. Anyone considering changing or ongoing treatment of any kind should consult with a physician.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?

Children exposed to chickenpox, which is highly contagious and occurs mostly in the 12 and younger. Symptoms include an itchy rash, blisterlike spots, often accompanied by fever and headache. The virus, which

By Carolyn O'Neil
Cook News Service

ATLANTA — It turns out that a pinch of this and a dash of that not only boosts flavor in foods, it can add a heap of health benefits to recipes, too.

Nutrition research supports new reasons to season dishes with commonly used culinary herbs and spices including cinnamon, ginger, oregano, red pepper and yellow curry powder. Blueberries, pomegranates and other deeply colored fruits may be famous for their high antioxidant content, but it turns out that some spices rank really well, too.

One teaspoon of cinnamon has the disease-fighting antioxidant power of a full cup of pomegranate juice or a half cup of blueberries. The specific kind of antioxidant compounds found in cinnamon called polyphenols have been shown to help regulate blood sugar levels and fight inflammation that can increase risk for heart disease and diabetes. Food even better about the cinnamon sprinkled on your oatmeal?

Just don't use this spicy

news to help justify downing one of those huge cinnamon buns at the mall. Controlling total fat and calories in your diet still reigns



supreme as the most important rule in good nutrition.

With that in mind, it's interesting to note that spices might come to the rescue here, too. Other studies suggest some seasonings such as cayenne pepper, chili powder and paprika may help curb hunger pangs and boost the metabolism, making it a bit easier to stick to a weight control diet.

Ginger has long been used as a natural remedy to soothe stomach upset. Now research focusing on one of its active ingredients called gingerol suggests it may work like anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin or ibuprofen. Is your mouth burning from the wasabi served with sushi? Pick up that piece of fresh ginger on the plate.

Oregano has the highest antioxidant levels of the dried herbs because of its rosmarinic acid content. Used heavily in Mediterranean cuisines, oregano has antimicrobial powers that can help fight bacterial growth and may help inhibit the bacteria associated with ulcers.

Red peppers get their heat from a powerful antioxidant compound called capsaicin. Spicing up your meal also may help increase satiety so you eat less and other studies found red peppers — even milder sweet red peppers — boost your metabolism so you burn more calories.

Yellow curry powder is a blend of turmeric and other spices. Curcumin, the bright yellow pigment in turmeric helps fight heart disease and may boost brain health, possibly protecting against

Alzheimer's disease. Of course, one of the best ways to reap the benefits of a healthy diet is by taking the place of other seasonings that are high in fat, sugar or salt.

The coriander in Southeast Asian foods, oregano in Greek dishes, cinnamon in the recipes of Morocco and turmeric in the curries of India and Thailand not only enhance the fragrance and flavor of foods, these seasonings are playing a small and potentially important role in the overall nutrition of your meals.

Carolyn O'Neil is a registered dietitian and co-author of "The Dish on Eating Healthy and Being Fabulous!"

Important facts about prostate cancer

The Washington Post

What to know about prostate cancer:
• Early detection, through a yearly blood test and digital rectal exam, can increase survival rates.

Men with a family history (a father, brother or uncle with the disease) are more than twice as likely to contract it than men without a family history.

• Black men are at highest risk for prostate cancer.
• A high-fat diet and obesity can increase your risk.
• More than three-quarters of prostate cancers are found

in men aged 65 and older.
• Many more men get a diagnosis of prostate cancer than die from it.

Source: National Cancer Institute

Running

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directly into the ground. They do do butt kicks (which are exactly what you might imagine) and leg swings (ditto). The idea behind these lengthy warm-ups is that they prevent injury and improve times, which is something every runner wants, although an hour of preparation to train for your first 5K is probably overkill. "We're practicing foot pain and fatigue. We're heating our bodies down," explains Webb's training partner, Nikoya Green, who runs the 600 meters and says that she gets to a point in training where "I'd rather be hit by a bus."

Not going for the gold? Fifteen minutes of warm-up might be plenty. That's how much time Bolden, who won one of those shiny first-place medals in 1984, devotes to her stretch sessions these days. "Now that I'm one of the mere mortals, I walk on the treadmill for seven to 10 minutes doing an easy walk. Then I stretch. Then I do a 30-

to 40-minute run on the treadmill."

Like Webb, she spends a lot of time on her hamstrings — inner, outer and middle — holding each stretch for 20 seconds. She devotes a few minutes to her back and quads, and does opposite hamstring or opposite leg drills. "Stretching is designed for relaxation. I think of it as my 'me time,'" Bolden says.

Athletes such as Webb don't get much me time. An intense day can require as much as five hours of exercise. But he realizes that the consistency of his stretching and running regimen is just as important as how fast he's going. "If someone hasn't run forever and then runs an hour, no matter who they are, they get hurt," Webb says.

Another way he prevents pain is by heading from the track to the gym. Strength training might not seem critical to a runner, but muscles matter, too — ever seen just a pair of lungs cross the finish line?

When younger athletes ask Webb to divulge his secret

tricks for getting faster, he doesn't mention legs. Instead, he instructs them to do 20 push-ups, 20 sit-ups and 20 supermans. "Across the board, anyone who does that improves their running," he says. Webb, of course, does a lot more — for days a week of "general fitness" and two days of the serious stuff. That's when he performs push-ups with a clap, straight-leg deadlifts, squats, bench presses, military presses and power cleans. "My motto is higher reps, heavier weights," he brags.

Lifting moves, in particular, boost power, which is key for holding onto a lead in those last seconds of a race. But all of the muscle work helps runners keep proper form for longer. Since women tend to be weaker in the hips, Green makes sure bridges are part of her routine, and that keeps her midsection steady.

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I HOPE YOU DON'T HATE ME COOLING OFF IN YOUR YARD. H.C. B.

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I DON'T WANT TO WASH MY HAIR! I WANT TO WASH YOUR HAIR!

TOOK! THEY'VE ALL GOT TO GO!

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I NOTICE THE NETWORKS DON'T COVER POLITICAL CONVENTIONS AS MUCH AS THEY USED TO. THEY'RE CUTTING BACK ON SCRIPTED PROGRAMMING.

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HURRY, AGN! NIGHT FALLS QUICKLY UP HERE!

WE HAVE TO GET OFF THIS MOUNTAIN SOON!

ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO SLEEP RIGHT HERE!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

HOW CAN YOU TYPE, TALK AND LISTEN ALL AT THE SAME TIME?

IT'S CALLED "MULTITASKING," MOM!

DADDY CAN SLEEP, SNORE AND DREAM.

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I GOTTA TELL YA, YOUN! WATCHING YOU PUT OUT A FIRE KINDA STRAYS ANOTHER ONE.

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I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED HOW YOU DECIDED TO BECOME A DOG.

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

I REMEMBER GOING DOWN THE LIST...

EVERYTHING ELSE WAS TAKEN.

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THEY CARRY EXCESS RAINWATER TO THE OCEAN.

Dey not secret pathway into mebbe you house?

NO.

Bad news, Bob.

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HOW OLD ARE YOU, GRAMMA?

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OH HUH.

WHISPER, WHISPER!

WOW! DID YOU START AT ONE?

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WANG! IT'LL HELP TO TALK ABOUT IT.

OK... WHY DON'T YOU TRY AND UNRAIT? HAVE AN UNRAIT?

WUN DO I BITE TALKING TO BOSH?

OK, GREAT. ANOTHER ONE TO CERTAIN PLATE.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

HE'S JUST WARMIN' IT UP FOR ME, MOM.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

YOUR MONEY OR A KISS?

I HAVE NO MONEY, SWEETIE.

MASTERCARD VISA. ANYTHING?

Zits By Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

I HATE MY ALARM CLOCK.

ARE YOU UP?

Syria shift on Lebanon suggests hard-liner softens

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Syria's diplomatic recognition of Lebanon marks a symbolic turning point in the two neighbors' often turbulent history, and may have bigger significance for the Middle East and the chances of an overall peace deal with Israel.

By doing something Damascus has resisted for decades, Syrian President Bashar Assad is seen as being ready to make concessions and boost stability in the region, provided he remains a force in Lebanese politics.

At the same time, Syria and Israel are in indirect peace

negotiations — another apparent sign that Syria is rethinking its approach to the big Middle East issues.

Lebanese have lived for much of the past 30 years under Syrian military and political domination. Just three years ago, the country was in turmoil over the assassination of a prominent former prime minister and the suspicion Syria was behind it. So Lebanese tend to be skeptical about the motivations behind Assad's newfound willingness to exchange ambassadors and demarcate the ill-defined border

between the two countries.

But Edmond Saaly, executive editor of *Al-Nahar*, a leading daily which is seen as anti-Syrian, reads a positive message in Assad's move — "that he desires peace and that Syria is a factor of stability and not a threat. It is a country that knows what it wants and goes for it."

What Syria wanted was assurance that it will still have influence in Lebanon through its allies and that its back will remain relatively secure — the Lebanon border is only a 20-mile drive from Damascus. It got all that with the cre-

ation last month of a new government in Beirut that gives Syrian and Iranian-backed Hezbollah significant power.

The new president, Michel Suleiman, is also considered relatively friendly to Syria, having been army chief for 10 years when Damascus controlled Lebanon.

Once those changes were in place, Damascus was open to a historic turnaround.

Ever since Lebanon was created by the region's French rulers in 1920, Syria had refused to acknowledge its sovereignty, leaving the Lebanese with a permanent

feeling of living on borrowed time. The new Syria has agreed to recognize that sovereignty.

"It's a win-win situation," said Patrick Scalet, a British expert on Syria. "The Lebanese get diplomatic recognition and the Syrians get recognition of vital interests in Lebanon."

The move also suggests Assad is stepping out of the shadow of his late father, a man whom he inherited the presidency in 2000. Besides the new approach to Lebanon, Syria, long regarded as the most implacable of Israel's foes, is taking peace.

Shlomo Brum, senior researcher at the Jaffee Center at Tel Aviv University in Israel, says Assad's Lebanon gambit "indicates that Assad can be trusted more in negotiating, because he is willing to make positive and far reaching changes."

Not all in Israel are convinced. Turkish lawmaker Yasar Steiner says Israel should stop negotiating with Damascus because Lebanon is still not independent. It is, under the Syrian-Iranian occupation via the Hezbollah power, over the Lebanese government.

Sewage + sunshine = SUCCESS



School children from the Makina Self Help School in the Kibera slums of Nairobi, Kenya, walk with filled plastic water bottles to place them in sun, July 15. Some residents in Kenya's biggest slum are exploiting the sunshine and sewage to help them curbing rising food and fuel prices. One group of enterprising residents has built a tank that runs off of human waste to provide biogas for cooking, generating electricity and lighting. Others are fighting waterborne diseases that kill 5,000 children every day by harnessing the sun's radioactive rays to purify their drinking water.

Kenya slum harnesses power of two things they have a lot of

By Katherine Hourel
Associated Press writer

NAIROBI, Kenya — The stench rising from a fly infested sewage ditch is worsened by the scorching sun. But for some enterprising residents, it's the smell of progress.

People in Nairobi's Kibera slum are surviving soaring food and fuel prices and poor sanitation by harnessing the power of two things they have in plenty: sewage and sunshine.

Some have helped construct a network of public latrines that recycle human waste into gas for cooking and light. Others, assisted by a Swiss aid organization, use sunlight to purify drinking water, dramatically slashing cases of waterborne disease.

There's an urgent need for projects like these.

For up to a million residents in Kibera, it's harder than ever to scrape together a dollar for cornflour and wilted cabbage for one meal a day. Staple food prices in the capital have doubled in six months. And the price of coal for cooking has increased by a quarter.

The "bio-latrines" are built next to a school for orphans. Around 600 people use them, generating enough gas to cook for 68 orphans next door and provide hot water for a shower block serving hundreds of people.

"Before the biogas came, the kids were just having cold washes in the winter and now they have hot water at school they don't have so many colds," said Bernard Asanya, the school director.

The money the school saved on cooking charcoal

has paid for the salaries of two extra teachers. Asanya said, watching dozens of grubby, bright eyed toddlers chase each other around the bare dirt yard.

The project, adapted from a design produced in Tanzania, is funded by an alliance of international donors and run by the communities themselves.

Residents pay three cents to use one of eight drop toilets installed around a buried tank. The waste goes into an airtight "biogas digester," where methane gas filters into an upper tank. The gas can be used to light stoves, turn on lamps, or heat water, although it is not yet pumped to individual homes.

Solid waste is treated and filtered through red beds before being collected to be sold as fertilizer.

The trickle of coins pays cleaners and a caretaker and funds other bio-gas projects. The first center built four years ago in Kibera proved so successful that there are now 34 other biogas projects in various stages of completion around Kenya.

"You know fuel is expensive, that's why we came up with the idea of generating energy from human waste," said community outreach worker Stephen Otondo.

If another 200 people a day came to spend a few pennies, there would be enough gas to light a street lamp in this slum where there has never been electricity. That would mean safer streets in a part of town where glowing gangsters lurk in the alleys after dark.

One big benefit of the bio-latrines is the fall in what residents call "flying toilets"



A school child from the Makina Self Help School in the Kibera slums of Nairobi, Kenya drinks water partially purified by the sun on July 18.

— plastic bags that slum residents sometimes use to relieve themselves and then fling out of shack doors into alleys, occasionally catching unwary passers-by.

But not everyone in the slums has a bio-latrine nearby. Often, trickles of sewage in the streets become streams choked with garbage, used condoms and rotting food. Bedraggled puppies splash in the waste.

These rivers of disease often run parallel with cracked, corroded pipes bringing water to communal taps. Germs enter the water supply through the leaks, sickening children whose parents cannot afford doctor fees.

That's where Kaitouma Tubir and her water purification project come in.

The 52-year-old mother of six still remembers watching her neighbor's 3-year-old son Gilbert get sick and die after contracting diarrhea from drinking dirty water seven years ago.

Shortly afterward, she helped start a pilot project run by the Swiss aid organization that purifies water using the sun's ultraviolet

rays. Now she shows each neighbor how to place clear plastic bottles with the coning out of shack doors into corrugated metal roofs.

They call her Mama Sodis, after the organization's name — shortened from Solar Water Disinfection. The one liter bottles only cost a few cents each and are reusable.

Tests conducted in Swiss labs showed six hours in the sunshine or two days if it's overcast is enough light to kill off almost all germs that cause diseases, including cholera, typhoid, dysentery, polio and hepatitis.

Kenyan chemist David Kariki says that in areas where the project has taken off, local clinics have seen a 90 percent reduction in the number of patients with waterborne diseases. Children don't miss school and parents don't miss work. Savings that would have gone to medicine are spent on school books or extra food instead.

The Kenya water project has grown from three staff members to 24, reaching 65,000 households and 15 schools in Kibera.

Taliban turns lethal: 101 U.S. deaths in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban insurgents once derided as a ragtag rabble unable to match U.S. troops have transformed into a fighting force — advanced enough to mount massive conventional attacks and claim American lives at a record pace.

The U.S. military suffered its 101st death of the year in Afghanistan last week when Sgt. 1st Class David J. Todd Jr., a 36-year-old from Marrero, La., died of gunfire wounds while helping train Afghan police in the northwest. The total number of U.S. dead last year — 111 — was a record itself and is likely to be surpassed.

Top U.S. generals, European presidents and analysts say the blame lies to the east, in militant sanctuaries in neighboring Pakistan. As long as these areas remain havens where fighters arm, train, recruit and plot increasingly sophisticated ambushes, the Afghan war will continue to sour.

"The U.S. is now losing the war against the Taliban," Anthony Cordesman, of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote in a report Thursday. A resurgence at Qaida, which was harbored by the Taliban in the years before the Sept. 11 attacks, could soon follow.

Cordesman called for the U.S. to treat Pakistani territory as a combat zone if Pakistan does not act.

"Pakistan may officially be an ally, but much of its conduct has effectively made it a major threat to U.S. strategic interests."

An influx of Chechen, Turkish, Uzbek and Arab fighters have helped increase the Taliban's military precision, including an ambush by 100 fighters last week that killed 10 French soldiers, and a rush on a U.S. outpost last month by 200 militants that killed nine Americans.

Multi-directional attacks, flawlessly executed ambushes and increasingly powerful roadside and suicide bombs mean the U.S. and 40-nation NATO-led force will in all likelihood suffer its deadliest year in Afghanistan since the 2001 invasion.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, on a visit to Kabul last week, said he knew that something must "be raised with Pakistan's government, and I will continue to do so," French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who rushed to Afghanistan after the French attack, warned Thursday that "terrorism is winning."

"Military sanctuaries are expanding in the (Pakistani) tribal areas," Gen. David McKiernan, the American four-star general in charge of the 50,000-strong NATO-led force here, told The Associated Press last week. McKiernan has called for another three brigades of U.S. forces — roughly 10,000 troops — to bolster the 33,000 strong U.S. force here.

Eight climbers feared dead after Mont Blanc avalanche

By Thierry Boinet
Associated Press writer

CHAMONIX, France — Eight climbers were missing and presumed dead Sunday after an avalanche swamped a commonly used hiking trail near Mont Blanc, western Europe's highest peak.

The avalanche, triggered when a chunk of ice as wide as two football fields broke off a mountain face, appeared to be the deadliest this year in the French, Swiss or Italian Alps, and the worst in the French Alps in more than a decade, officials said.

"There's no chance of anyone being alive," French Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said while visiting the region. Five Austrians and three Swiss were injured. Seven other people were hospitalized with injuries.

The avalanche began about 3 a.m. after a massive block of ice known as a serac, a French word for a snow tower, cracked off a side of the Mont Blanc du Tacul, one of the peaks in the Mont Blanc range, at an altitude of some 11,800 feet. The Haute-Savoie regional government office said in a statement.

Authorities deployed a vast search mission, involving four helicopters, dozens of rescue workers, dogs, avalanche guides and sniffer dogs, French officials and the government statement said.

"It's an area known for avalanches — it (the ice) regularly breaks off here," Marka Zimmermann, an

"The guide shouted, 'Run fast! Run fast!' It didn't make any noise. It really was impressive."

— survivor Nicolas Duquesne, a 30-year-old from Nice, France

Alpine climber, said on France-2 television. "They were in the trail, but problem was that the avalanche swept away the trail."

The regional government at first said that four were believed missing, but that figure was lowered to eight after two Italians thought to be among them were found already back in their tents.

Seven people were hospitalized — not eight as originally indicated — and of those, only three were staying overnight. Most suffered broken bones or sprains, and a guide who was injured was treated for a broken vertebra but has no risk of paralysis, rescue team leader Jean-Yves Morin said.

"The guide shouted, 'Run fast! Run fast!' It didn't make any noise. It really was impressive," said survivor Nicolas Duquesne, a 30-year-old from the town of Nice, France, from his hospital bed where he was being treated for a broken ankle and some bruising. "We had just enough time to move away to the right before getting hit ... We were really lucky."

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IDAHO POWER COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs JASON LAWRENCE Defendant.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within twenty (20) days after service of this summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That declarations of candidacy for the office of DISTRICT SUPERVISOR of the WOOD RIVER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT must be filed with district clerk/secretary whose address is 215 WEST F STREET PO BOX 398 SHOSHONE, IDAHO no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 2ND day of SEPTEMBER, 2008.

PUBLISH: August 18 and 25, 2008

1. INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the office of the Deputy City Clerk until 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2008...

PUBLISH: August 25, 2008 and September 1, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF HEYBURN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Heyburn Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the following zoning matter: A Rezoning from Residential Medium to Commercial Local...

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the office of the Deputy City Clerk until 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2008...

PUBLISH: August 25, 2008 and September 1, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF SAUL MARTINEZ Case No. CV-2008-759

THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETING TO: YOLANDA MARTINEZ

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT

A petition has been filed in the above-named matter in the Magistrate Division of District Court of Jerome County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging that the above-named child comes within the purview of the Child Protection Act...

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Heyburn City Planning & Zoning Commission and the Heyburn City Council will hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the following zoning matter: Preliminary Planned Unit Development Application for the proposed Elk Meadows Park Unit Development...

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE Case No. CV-08-3543

A Petition to change the name of Alexia Anne Martinez, born 7-26-04 in Twin Falls, ID residing at 1637 11th Ave E, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Alexia Anne Quaintance, because it is her mother's maiden name.

PUBLISH: August 25, September 1, 8, and 15, 2008

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE Case No. CV 08-3479

A Petition to change the name of Tom Logan Bousman born July 22, 1982 in Homestead, ID has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Tom Logan Bousman, a clerical error made by the USAF in the early 60s caused all his legal documents after his birth certificate to list his name as Tom Logan Bousman. The petitioner's father is living and his address is 3365 N 3000 E, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

PUBLISH: August 18, 25, Sept 1 and 8, 2008

1. INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the office of the Deputy City Clerk until 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2008, at which time they will be opened publicly and read in the Conference Room of City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

PUBLISH: August 25, 2008 and September 1, 2008

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING & ZONING CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Heyburn City Planning & Zoning Commission and the Heyburn City Council will hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the following zoning matter: Preliminary Planned Unit Development Application for the proposed Elk Meadows Park Unit Development...

This property is more specifically known as the parcel located at the intersection of 19th and 20th Streets, Heyburn, Idaho. This property is more specifically known as the parcel located at the intersection of 19th and 20th Streets, Heyburn, Idaho.

213 Professional

Idaho Central Asst. in managing all areas of the store... PROFESSIONAL Full-time and part-time Juvenile Detention Officers...

PROFESSIONAL Idaho Department of Environmental Quality THE DEO Twin Falls Regional Office...

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OUTSIDE SALES Complete Agency looking for a Outside Sales Rep... TRADES HVAC & Hydronics...

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302 Homes For Sale

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502 Homes For Sale

TWIN FALLS 1 bdm, 1 bath, new siding, carpet, vinyl fence, 2 sheds. \$88,900... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 5 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, 1 1/2 car garage... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout...

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V. EASY #70 Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page B13.

601 Income Property

TWIN FALLS 6plex Downtown 1 bdm office, many upgrades, new appliances, pool, covered patio, big lot, mature landscaping... TWIN FALLS 2 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout, vinyl fence, 2 sheds. \$88,900... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... TWIN FALLS 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout...

602 Unfurnished Homes

FILER Large 1 bdm condo with aprn. no pool. \$95,000. \$650/mo. 809-881-2045... HEYBURN 3 bdm 2 bath, Snake River front, great lighting and water sports. Pets not allowed. \$120,000... HOLLISTER 2 bdm, 1 bath, kitchen appliances, no smoking... HOLLESTER 4 bdm, 2 bath, kitchen appliances, no smoking... JEROME 2 bdm, 1 bath, refrig, stove included. \$475,000... JEROME 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout, vinyl fence, 2 sheds. \$88,900... JEROME 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... JEROME 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... JEROME 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... JEROME 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... JEROME 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... JEROME 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... JEROME 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout... JEROME 3 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, open layout...

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5 Nonreigning capital
9 Bloodheads
14 City on the Brazos River
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21 Bit of dialog
22 Become rigid, in a way
24 Mullates
27 On the line
29 Pravaricate
30 Thatcher's successor
34 ETO leader
35 Verdi opera
36 Ripened
37 Aquatic mammal

39 Tabloid couple
40 Renown
41 Iron Man
42 Ripken
43 Abrasive cloth
44 Anger
45 River of "My Own Private Idaho"
47 Wax lights
49 Correction spot
54 Equipment
55 Curved sword
56 In a chilling manner
58 Flon pads
59 City slicker
60 "Divine Comedy" poet
61 Scottish hillside
62 Guitarist
63 Clapton
64 Pledge
64 Broadcasts
65 Agitated slale

DOWN

1 Gulliver's creator
2 Birch-bark craft

3 Do something about
4 Holey book
5 Decide to pass
6 Drinks nothing
7 Solitary
8 Be in debt
9 Switzerland, generally
10 Pop talk
11 Earth-orbiting device
12 Frazer's
13 Express in words
14 Burn slightly
15 L.A. hoopster
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17 Downy duck
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23 Lyric poem
24 Purpose
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LOFT BED Full size, mattress included, built in computer desk & drawer underneath. Excellent condition. \$325. 208-436-9087 or 208-431-2867

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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BURLEVE/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: High temperatures and increasing afternoon winds. Highs lower 90s. Tonight: Partly cloudy and breezy to windy conditions. Lows in the lower 50s, winds: 15 to 30 mph. Tomorrow: Much cooler and breezy with mostly sunny skies. Highs lower 70s, lows middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Winds will be quite strong today and a thermal will be turning cooler from west to east. A handful of showers and thunderstorms are also possible. Tonight and Tuesday will be much cooler and not as windy.

Today High: 74 to 84. Tonight's Lows: 28 to 44. Strong in the afternoon and evening. Breezy to windy and cool tonight. Mostly sunny and very nice on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Today High: 80s to 95 to 100 to 81. Northern Utah: Hot today with winds becoming increasing afternoon and evening winds. Cooler and breezy to windy today. Mostly sunny and mild Wednesday.



Yesterday's Weather: 101 at Mountain Home AFD, Low: 31 at Stanley. Windy, clear, 82-92, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Large table listing weather forecasts for various cities in the region, including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

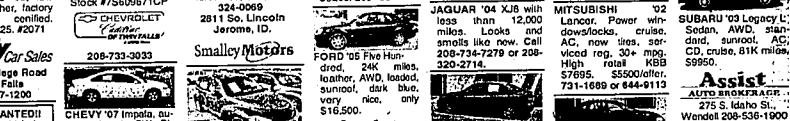
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