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# TIMES-NEWS

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## Kimberly officials cut rate increase

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

After hearing almost two hours of public testimony in opposition, the Kimberly City Council unanimously agreed Wednesday to raise monthly utility rates by a combined 50 percent, a drop from the original proposal of more than 100 percent.

Nearly 300 residents turned out at Kimberly High

School's gymnasium to protest the rate hikes, arguing they were too high as the nation's economy sours. None of the nearly 40 people who spoke — some young, some old and many citing friendships with the council — were in favor of the increases and almost all said they'd be comfortable with a smaller increase.

"Your increase is out of the world," said Paul Eacker, 61.

"No matter what you tell me, you can't justify it. You're telling us what we need to hear, because you want to tell us this."

The original proposal was to increase monthly utility rates, which are not metered, from \$50 to more than \$100.

Wednesday's vote sets the new rate at \$75.

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Nearly 300 Kimberly residents attended a meeting Thursday night regarding proposed utility rate increases.  
ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

## Shooting case takes odd twist Woman shot was actually a man

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

A person shot on Monday looked like a woman but sounded like a man, neighbors said.

### BREAKING NEWS

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And on Wednesday authorities confirmed one of two people shot near the 400 block of Fifth Avenue East isn't a "she" as they originally contended.

The shooting involved an unidentified 29-year-old man who died. Another person — previously described by authorities as a 42-year-old

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## Duncan receives death sentence

Jury only out for three hours in murder case

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A longtime sex offender was sentenced to death Wednesday for the 2005 kidnapping, torture and murder of a 9-year-old northern Idaho boy after federal jurors who watched video of some of the brutality deliberated just three hours.

The jurors' recommendation was binding on U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge, who thanked them, dismissed them and then sentenced Joseph Edward Duncan III.

Relatives of the victim, Dylan Greene, remained somber as the jury's decision was announced. Duncan murdered Dylan's mother, older brother and his mother's fiancé to kidnap him and his younger sister, who was sexually abused along with her brother but survived.

Duncan showed no reaction other than smiling as the verdict was passed to the judge.

"The jury speaks the mind of the community," U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said. "By the verdict today, they have given voice to the victims."

He took Dylan and the boy's then-8-year-old sister, Shasta, to a remote western Montana campsite where he raped, tortured and threatened them before shooting Dylan in the head and burning his body. Jurors viewed horrifying video Duncan made of him sexually abusing and hanging Dylan until the boy lost consciousness.

"This defendant is dangerous. He is a predator who takes pride in his work," prosecutor Tracy Whelan said. "He earned this. His actions ... call out for the death penalty."

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## And the games begin



Kara Dickey, 12, of Oregon hangs on as she spins through the air on a carnival ride Wednesday on the opening day of the Twin Falls County Fair in Filer. To order photo reprints, go to magicvalley.com and click on the Pictopia button.

## Food and fun at county fair

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

At any other time, they could have been behind the counter of their uncle's food booth, helping serve funnel cakes and other sweets.

But kids gotta play — especially when they're on a playground like the Twin

Falls County Fair. So Kara and Bryce Dickey and Tyler Penman, ages 12, 10 and 9 respectively, hit the carnival Wednesday morning, the first day of the fair's 92nd year.

Organizers expected between 12,000 and 14,000 people to pass through the fairground gates by the end

of Wednesday, Fair Manager John Pitg said. Highlights included dog tricks, a 4-II alpaca show and an evening concert by Jason Aldenn.

And, of course, there were the rides. Three of those 12,000 attendees were relatives of Twin Falls resident Craig Stringer, the owner of the food booth selling funnel cakes and other goodies.

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## INSIDE

First-aid tent now a memory at the fair.

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WATCH: Video of a cat show held Wednesday at the fair.



## A well balanced meal

CSI cafeteria follows new trayless policy

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

LaCafe Pringle-Buchanan's lunch at the College of Southern Idaho cafeteria required a little more balancing on Wednesday compared to previous semesters.

As a result, Pringle-Buchanan, a sophomore in liberal arts, had the misfortune of spilling cranberry juice on her shirt when carrying her meal to a table. She's one of the students who returned to classes this week and found that CSI lunches are no longer served on trays.

Now, students balance plates of entrees with side dishes, cups and silverware instead of loading up a tray with everything. It's a change for the college, called "trayless dining," that has its benefits, said Tom Koerner, CSI's Aramark food services director.

"The advantages" are water and energy conservation from not washing trays and less food waste because students are no longer overloading their trays, Koerner said. "A lot of times, their eyes are bigger than their stomach," he said.

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# Utah mine pays \$70,000 for safety violations

By Paul Fay  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The operator of a coal mine where nine people died last summer has paid \$70,000 in fines for health and safety violations at another Utah mine about 25 miles away.

Andalex Resources Inc., an entity controlled by Ohio-based Murray Energy Corp., has closed the Aberdeen mine where the citations originated about a year ago. Aberdeen, also known as the "liver mine," is 7 miles north of Price, Utah.

An invoice provided Wednesday by federal regulators shows Andalex is contesting another \$142,000 fine at Aberdeen for accumulations of coal dust and

hydraulic oil on equipment. Those fines were levied in March for violations in 2006 and 2007.

Since March, when Aberdeen was closed because of instability problems, regulators have fined the operator an additional \$46,618 for operations at the mine.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration announced Tuesday that Andalex paid the fines adding up to \$70,036, but couldn't immediately explain the nature of those safety violations, which occurred in August 2007 and October 2007.

Murray Energy executive Rob Murray didn't respond to questions e-mailed by The Associated Press.

Murray Energy's Andalex Resources owns Genival Resources Inc., the operator and co-owner of the Crandall Canyon mine, where nine people died during two cave-ins in August 2007.

MSHA has stepped up its enforcement of coal mines since the Utah disaster. In a report released last month, an MSHA panel said the Crandall Canyon mine was destined to fail because the mining company and its engineers made critical miscalculations and didn't report early warning signs.

Murray Energy and its lawyers have taken strong exception to the accusation "the company didn't report a collapse that month that led to its abandonment one section of the mine.

# Work begins on eastern Idaho work-release center

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Construction has begun on a work-release center that's part of a pilot drug treatment project.

Officials broke ground Tuesday on the 48,000-square-foot center, part of the Wood Pilot Project, in which judges can move drug offenders through a system that includes jail, work release, halfway houses and outpatient treatment.

Supporters said the project will offer drug offenders the treatment they need to avoid relapsing into addiction and returning to prison. The project is the only one in Idaho but could be replicated in other counties if it is a success, officials said.

"We're all going to benefit from this," said Debbie Field, director of the

Idaho Office of Drug Policy. "This is a very unique collaborative model," said Brent Reinke, director of the Idaho Department of Correction. "Hopefully we'll see fewer prisoners taken away to the deep end of the pool."

He said his staff will watch the program to make sure the money the state has contributed, about \$5 million, is justified.

Officials said about 30 people are enrolled in the program and the goal is eventually to have 60 participants, about 40 come from Bonneville County and 20 nearby counties.




Roger Christensen, chair-

man of the Bonneville County Commission, told the Post Register the project west of the county jail could help keep the lockup from becoming as severely overcrowded as it was a decade ago.

"We kind of fondly referred to it as the Bonneville County catch-and-release program," Christensen said.

The county is spending about \$8 million to build the work-release center, which is expected to be finished in about a year.

The county also is overhauling its existing work center to provide more jail space.

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### BOISE

#### Other holds series of meetings on retiree benefits -

The state is holding a series of meetings over a plan to trim the government retirees from Idaho's medical plan after Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's effort failed in the 2008 Legislature.

The 27th in a series of meetings over the plan was held at Idaho State University in Pocatello on Wednesday. Otter and Republican lawmakers crafted the plan, which is meant to help reduce Idaho's unfunded medical liability that's now at \$442 million.

Lawmakers who back the plan say it protects the interests of state workers. Despite sweetening the offer to win over skeptical retirees last March, the plan ultimately died — largely because more than 3,000 retirees who currently receive the benefits argued not enough was done in advance to

inform them about how they would be affected.

### SEATTLE

#### Court: Sandpoint highway bypass can go forward

A federal appeals court has cleared the way for the construction of a controversial U.S. 95 bypass in the resort town of Sandpoint, Idaho.

A three judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals announced its decision Wednesday, just two days after hearing arguments in the case. A group of environmental and community activists had asked the judges to reinstate their challenge of the \$98 million project, claiming the new Sand Creek Bypass on U.S. 95 would blight the town's scenic waterfront and destroy the creek that flows through town.

The judges issued only a brief order saying construction could begin, and that a full decision explaining their reasoning would follow "in due course."

### ST. ANTHONY

#### S. Idaho schools adopt cell phone ban

A school district in southern Idaho has joined education officials throughout the state in banning the use of cell phones.

The Fremont School District will now enforce a policy prohibiting the phones from being used in schools and on buses. Superintendent Garry Parker says the district acted quickly, approving the new rules last week when students began their first day of classes.

Parkers says the district has already tried alternative methods to discourage the use of cell phones, such as using a device to scramble cell phone signals. But that measure became disruptive, Parker says, because it interfered with other electronics used by school officials.

Earlier this year, the Coeur d'Alene School District in

northern Idaho has also adopted a strict ban on cell phone use.

### LEWISTON

#### Idaho delegates get bumped at DNC

Idaho delegates to this week's Democratic National Convention in Denver initially had front row seating as a reward for the state handing Sen. Barack Obama one of his most convincing victories in the primary season over Sen. Hillary Clinton.

But the Idaho contingent got bumped Saturday by Delaware, home state of Sen. Joseph Biden, the vice presidential pick.

Jeanne Buell, vice-chairwoman of the Idaho State Democratic Party, says the Idaho delegates understand why they had to change places with Delaware and that there are no hard feelings.

Idaho hasn't supported a Democrat for president since Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

— Wire reports

# Utah AG Shurtleff posting arrest videos online

By Brock Vergakis  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff began posting downloadable videos of suspected criminals online Wednesday in an effort to deter future crimes.

Shurtleff debuted his redesigned Web site Wednesday, which features a database of a man suspected of arranging to have sex with an underage girl online.

"It's innocent until proven guilty, but it's important for people to see there are consequences for getting online," Shurtleff said.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Utah immediately criticized Shurtleff for posting a video of someone who hasn't been convicted of a crime.

"We are concerned that by posting the arrest video of an unconvicted person, the

video and it is unclear if he has an attorney.

"Government Web sites can play an important role in education and public safety. Unfortunately, sensationalized videos of arrests before conviction do little to educate or improve safety," Love said.

However, Shurtleff notes that news organizations regularly air video and show pictures of those charged with crimes. He said the ACLU is only being critical of him because it's an election year.

He said the videos are being posted as a service to news organizations and the public.

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# Fore! WSU's controversial golf course opens

By Nicholas K. Coronas  
Associated Press writer

PULLMAN, Wash. — A Washington State University golf course that drew the ire of environmentalist groups opens to the public on Friday, and will likely draw the ire of bad golfers.

The links course is designed to championship standards, meaning long holes, narrow fairways, difficult greens and lots of lost balls.

The 7,305-yard course is intended to improve the school's golf teams, provide a laboratory for students in turf grass courses and give boosters and alumni a new reason to visit the campus. It replaces a slinky 9-hole course built in 1923 and little improved since.

Palouse Ridge Golf Club will be an outstanding amenity for our students, faculty and staff as well as for returning alumni and other visitors to the Pullman area," WSU president Elson S. Floyd said.

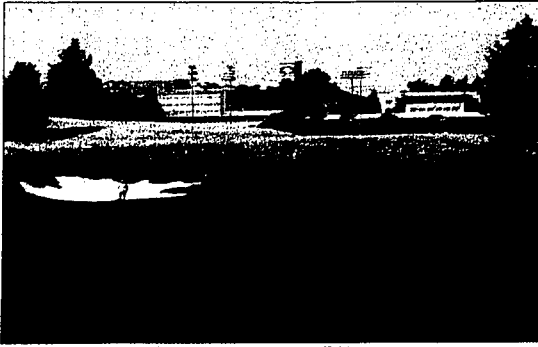
It's part of a nationwide trend of building fancy golf courses in college towns.

The \$12.3 million project, funded entirely from donations, had plenty of critics. Tops among them were environmental groups that contended the course will slurp up huge amounts of scarce groundwater.

The Center for Environmental Law & Policy contended Washington State was "mining" the Grand Ronde Aquifer for an unnecessary amenity and is challenging the water usage in court.

"WSU's reputation is suffering," CELP said in a news release. "Stop using precious drinking water to irrigate a golf course."

"It's a source of drinking water for 50,000 people in the area, has been dropping by more than a foot per year, and the golf course will accelerate that trend, CELP contends.



Golfers play on the new new Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman, Wash., on Aug. 22, with the campus of Washington State University in the background.

University officials contend the new course is much more water-efficient than the old one, using drought-resistant grass and computerized programming for each of the 2,000 sprinkler heads. Operators plan to switch to recycled secondary waste water when a sewage treatment plant is built in town.

The course, designed by John Harbottle III of Tacoma, blends nicely into the rolling wheat fields that surround it. The rough off many of the fairways is thick wheat, which makes errant balls nearly impossible to find. The contrast of brown wheat and green fairways is stark.

"We didn't want palm trees in Pullman," said Mel Taylor, WSU's executive director of real estate.

"The course also includes a 7,000-square-foot clubhouse and extensive practice areas for Washington State's golf teams and students.

Palouse Ridge will be operated by CourseCo of Petaluma, Calif., was chosen

because of its environmental stewardship.

The course is intended to lure NCAA and Pacific-10 Conference championships, attract a new hotel and conference center and help recruit and retain faculty and lure retirees by providing a key amenity that was lacking in Pullman, Taylor said.

Palouse Ridge will host the 2012 women's Pac-10 championships and 2014 men's championships. School officials believe it has the distance and quality to land an NCAA championship.

Green fees are \$26 for students, \$39 for faculty and staff and \$58.50 for visitors on weekdays and \$39, \$58.50 and \$91 on weekends.

"We feel as if we're offering world-class golf at economy rates," Taylor said.

Golf coach Walt Williams is happy to have a home course. The 9-hole was too small for tournaments, so every tournament the Cougars entered in the past decade was on the road, Williams said.

"WSU's reputation is suffering. Stop using precious drinking water to irrigate a golf course."

— A Center for Environmental Law & Policy news release

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# Wanted: Home for 6 million dead carp from Utah

By Mike Stark  
Associated Press writer

**PROVO, Utah** — First, they buddy, wanna buy 6 million carp?

You'd be doing Utah a big favor. Ditto for a rare, funny-looking fish called the June sucker that's trying to mount a comeback in the state's largest natural freshwater lake.

When carp feed along the lake bottom, they rip out the weeds, which provide important hiding places for young June suckers. Without them, the suckers are easy pickings for hungry predators such as bass and walleye.

The June sucker, which is known to live only in Utah Lake and its tributaries, has been listed as an endangered species since 1986, when biologists estimated there were fewer than 1,000 left.

In recent years, about 100,000 June suckers have been raised in a hatchery and dropped into the lake. But the job of saving the fish—which has cost about \$39 million so far—won't be done until most of the bony bottom-feeding carp are gone.

"It's probably the biggest barrier to June sucker recovery," said Mike Mills, the local coordinator for the

recovery program.

Already, some dead carp have been used for compost. There's talk of shipping them overseas to tap into the strong international market or for use in humanitarian missions. They could also be kept closer to home for fish meal, pet food, fish sticks or canned carp.

Some people even dream of converting them into bio-fuels.

"How cool would it be to be driving a car powered by carp?" said Cassie Mellon, a fish biologist with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

A few weeks ago, the state issued a permit to a businessman to remove 1.6 million pounds of carp over six months and come up with a viable way to market it.

Wildlife officials don't want the carp simply tossed out to rot in a landfill or dumped in a hole in the desert, as some have suggested.

"It's hard to see a fish wasted when there are people in the world that are starving and could use the food," Mills said. "It'd be great if we could find a market for these fish and that market could fund the whole effort."

Carp were first put into the 151-square-mile Utah Lake in

the late 1800s as a food source to replace dwindling native fish.

They're common throughout Utah and much of the United States. Drew Cushing, the state's warm water fisheries coordinator, said they can ruin spawning ground for other fish, stir up sediments and pave the way for invasive plants to take root. On the other hand, young carp can also be a good food source for other animals.

Through an aggressive netting program, wildlife officials want to pull about 1 million pounds of carp out of the shallow lake each year for six years, said Reed Harris, director of the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program. Program officials hope that such a reduction will be enough for the bottom vegetation to recover and provide cover for the struggling June sucker.

Commercial fisherman Bill Loy Jr. said he was successful for years at Utah Lake, selling carp to a California company, but business was hurt by a 2006 warning from state officials against eating too much carp from Utah Lake because of carcinogens. PCB levels in the fish exceeded Environmental Protection Agency standards but not

those set by the Food and Drug Administration.

"That makes them a little hard to market," Loy said.

One of the best options might be converting the fish into "carp meal" for trout being raised at Utah hatcheries, said Richard Kellems, a professor of plant and wildlife sciences at Brigham Young University who is researching potential uses for the carp. That would reduce the need to import trout food from other countries.

Other possible uses for the carp include garden fertilizer, fish sauce, protein source in imitation crab meat and for

human consumption in central Europe and Asia, Kellems said, adding that he's developed a simple way to liquefy carp into a product that doesn't need refrigeration.

He said researchers are

evaluating ways to remove the toxic PCBs from liquefied carp so the fish meet consumption guidelines.

Carp remains a sought-after delicacy in some parts of the country.



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# Death

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Duncan acted as his own attorney but had offered no defense to prosecutors closing argument.

"I have no argument," he told the court.

With an eye toward kidnapping the two children, Duncan stalked their family.

In 2005 he entered their Coeur d'Alene-area home and used a hammer to fatally bludgeon their 13-year-old brother, Slade Groene, his mother, Brenda Groene, and her fiancé, Mark McKenzie.

Duncan was arrested and Shasta rescued weeks after the kidnappings when a waitress at a Denny's in Coeur d'Alene called police after recognizing the two as they ate.

Duncan pleaded guilty in December to 10 federal charges involving the kidnappings and the murder of Dylan. He pleaded guilty to the other three murders in state court, where he also could be sentenced to death.

"I am so glad this is over. Justice has been served," said Darlene Torres, Brenda Groene's mother. "It's been very painful."

She said that when she saw Duncan in court, "I seen nothing but an evil, empty, coldhearted shell."

In closing arguments, Duncan reminded the jury of his own long history of violence, including a conviction for raping a boy at gunpoint in 1980.

Duncan has told investigators he killed two half-sisters from Seattle in 1996, and he is charged with killing a young boy in Riverside County, Calif., in 1997.

Duncan may now be brought to Riverside County to stand trial in the death of Anthony Martinez.

When told the jury that Duncan would pass a risk even to prison guards and

follow inmates.

"This defendant uses the time that he has to think out these plans and he is dangerous," she said. "He is adaptable and he is dangerous."

The heinousness of the evidence in Dylane's murder made it particularly difficult for the jurors to remain impartial as they deliberate, said Art Patterson, a jury consultant and vice president of the trial consulting firm DecisionQuest.

"Generally, for human beings, it's pretty hard to maintain impartiality when confronted with such horror," Patterson said.

"How could any juror not want to see this person removed from our list of being human beings? How could you live with yourself as a juror if there's any chance this human being could escape from jail and go out to something like this again?" Patterson said.



College of Southern Idaho sophomore LaCale Pringle-Buchanan tries in vain to balance a lunch plate and a drink as she walks to a cafeteria table Wednesday. To order this or related photo, go to magvalley.com and click on the Pictopia button.

# Fair

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Kara and Bryce came from Portland to help out. Tyler's family traveled from Park City.

"The cousins had already hit four rides Wednesday morning and were eager for more," Bryce said, even after a couple of spins. "I don't know about made me break my neck."

"So, basically all of them made us sick," Tyler said.

It was the third day to keep riding. Shortly after 1 p.m., only a few scattered kids hopped aboard the carnival rides, a stark contrast with the long lines sure to

develop in the evening and later in the week.

Wednesday was the first time Kara and Bryce had been to the fair in filler. But it was all old-hat for Tyler, he said as the three made their way to the Tornado, another "spiny ride." He's come for several years to the fair.

The Tornado proved to spin a little too much, Bryce soon decided he'd had enough — even after the group took a breather on the next ride. Bidders, which resembled a multi-layered playground.

"I can't do any more spinning rides," he said as he

watched his sister enter yet another one.

Not to say he was sick of the fair. All three kids said they loved the experience, especially Bryce and Kara.

"They don't really have any by where we live," Kara said.

And Bryce proved to be as resilient as any other 10-year-old.

As Kara took her solo trip, he and Tyler walked nearby and pushed each other around. And after she got off, the group made a beeline for the Super Sizzer — another spinning ride. All three got on.

# CSI

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Koerner has already started to see less food waste. Now, a 55-gallon trash can full of food waste is only emptied once during the lunch period. Before traysless dining, the trash was emptied about three times during lunch, he said.

A sign in the cafeteria with the heading of "Dude, where's my tray?" tells students about the change and explains why trays are no longer in sight.

Aramark, a food service company, did a national survey this year that shows 79 percent of students support campus meals without trays. This school year, about 50 percent of 600 Aramark-served campuses nationwide quit using trays, including Boise State University, Aramark spokeswoman Karen Cutler

said in an e-mail.

It's a growing trend that recently has started at other Idaho institutions.

Idaho State University in Pocatello quit using trays this year, said David Deble school year, said Deble Woodland, the university's director of dining services.

Levick-Clark State College in Lewiston gave up trays in April, and students accepted the change after being educated about the benefits, said Erika Price, general manager of food services.

"The initial reaction was, 'Where's my tray?'" she said.

Among CSI students, there are varied opinions about the change in the cafeteria.

Martina Holloway, a sophomore in liberal arts, said she doesn't have that much time between classes for making additional trips during lunch.

"Finding new ways to carry

things is kind of awkward," she said.

Lynal Poling, a freshman in culinary arts, wasn't around during CSI's first days of trays piled up with food.

"This is my first year," he said. "It doesn't really affect me. I think it's a good idea."

Kayla Ross, a sophomore in nursing, said she had to make another trip for silverware and a drink, adding that she didn't mind because the change will save food.

"It's a smart move," she said.

As for Pringle-Buchanan, she'd prefer a tray to keep things from spilling.

"I don't like it all," she said. "If you have stuff, you should be able to use a tray."

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# First-aid tent now a memory at fair

**By Nate Poppino Times-News writer**

Like any fair, not everything at the Twin Falls County Fair is like it used to be.

Some fair patrons remember different food stands and entertainment from days gone by.

Other changes are more recent, including the medical tent — rather, lack of one — at the fair during the past few years.

The fair is now patrolled by the Filer Quick Response Unit and other paramedics, who can respond to most incidents and call in backup for extreme problems. But up until about five years back, people feeling sick or who had had a run-in with a dog would visit a first-aid tent, said Jackie Frey, Twin Falls County emergency services director.

Back then, the medical tent could hand out aspirin and bandages, or provide a place for a diabetic to rest in the shade with an orange juice.

Not more, Frey said. Liability concerns, she said, altered the way the fair han-

**See the fair!**

As part of the Times-News coverage of the Twin Falls County Fair, columnist Steve Crump will interview guests on the Times-News online at Magvalley.com.

At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., interview shows hosted by Crump will be posted on Magvalley.com. Site visitors can view them anytime after that.

His guests will include:

- Saturday:** The rodeo announcer, and 6th District High School Rodeo Queen Shelby Schlund and Queen of Magic Valley 2007 Crystal Kenney.
- Sunday:** Alvina Kral, superintendent of the dairy department.
- Monday:** The guys who brought came up with the Tater Pig, and Pig will provide a fair wrap up.

Daily news and video stories about the events and people who make up the fair will also be in Magvalley.com and in the Times-News.

dles such things.

"You can do nothing now," she said.

Bigger problems can still happen — Frey said she remembered one year when someone stuck his arm in a deep-fat fryer.

But for the most part, QRU volunteers mostly deal with minor injuries and exhaustion, said Filer ORU member Larry Orsland, who roamed the fair Wednesday with his son, Steve, on a four-wheeler donated by Action Cycles and Sleds.

The QRU volunteers break the day up into two shifts: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 6 p.m. to midnight.

Lights at the Texas facility are on 24 hours a day, Ray said, adding that some facilities in Idaho dim lights at sleeping times.

Some of McCullough's family members have said they want Idaho to bring its inmates back into the state and nix the Virtual Prison Program because visitation is complicated by

added distance.

added distance. Isolated even more when shipped out of state away from their families, said McCullough's sister, Laurie Williams.

"If all they have to look forward to they have nothing else except the people in there ... That's damn lonely."

Williams said her brother left a note and she isn't blaming anyone for his death.

Clients of Bill Clayton Detention Center don't require it be accredited, according to the GEO Group Web site.

McCullough would have been up for parole consideration in May of 2010 on a sentence started through 2020, Ray said.

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# A moment to breathe

**Fire crews press forward on East Slide; Barker prompts new closures**

**By Nate Poppino Times-News writer**

The U.S. Forest Service continued its assault Wednesday on the East Slide Creek Slide Fire in northern Nevada's Jarbidge Wilderness.

The fire in timber and grassland grew nearly 4,000 acres to 42,368 in total Tuesday. About 560 firefighters and other personnel are on scene, including six Type 1 hotshot crews, six Type 2 crews, 25 fire engines and six helicopters.

Idaho officials on Wednesday didn't seem to think the fire still threatens Murphy Hot Springs. On Monday night, Owyhee County Sheriff's Office had advised residents there to pack clothing and other essentials in case an evacuation order was called. But Sgt. Jim Blish said officers posted to the area left around dark on Tuesday and didn't return to the site.

Firefighters stopped the fire about three miles from the community and Blish said the northern edge was fairly well contained at the time he left the scene.

Our threat is gone at this time," he said.

Forest Service engines and other fire resources remained in both the Murphy Hot Springs and Jarbidge areas for structure protection. It became needed, officials said. Firefighters took advantage of the weather to attack the blaze, again with aerial support. They also built dzer to the southeast perimeter to keep out of an area that was rehabilitated several years ago.

The fire, which started Aug. 8, was originally allowed to burn for management purposes. But it recently grew out of control, prompting officials to change their strategy over the weekend. A containment figure and estimate should be available today, Forest Service spokeswoman Pam Wilson said.

The weather Wednesday remained much as it was the day before, with cooler temperatures and wind out of the northwest. Winds were expected to change direction again today, but Wilson said

# Inmate died in solitary confinement

**By Andrea Jackson Times-News writer**

An Idaho prison inmate held at a private facility in Texas through the state's Virtual Prison Program was in solitary confinement for more than a year when he apparently killed himself, authorities have confirmed.

McCullough was in the cell of Correction is still investigating the cause and manner of death for the inmate, Randall McCullough, 37, who was found unresponsive Aug. 18 in his cell, which measured 7.5 feet by 12 feet, by B. fec, said Idaho Department of Correction Spokesman Jeff Ray.

McCullough had been segregated from other inmates since Dec. 13, 2007, after he allegedly assaulted a staff member at the Bill Clayton Detention Center run by Geo Group

inc., said Ray.

He apparently wasn't criminally charged for that alleged assault in Texas. "It's our understanding that the prosecutor in Texas had not made a decision on whether or not to file charges," said Ray. "The staff assault occurred in Texas and would be considered a Texas crime. IDOC would not have a direct connection to it."

Authorities at Geo Group's Bill Clayton Detention Center directed all questions from the Times-News on Wednesday back to the Idaho Department of Corrections.

McCullough was in prison for a 2004 Twin Falls County robbery conviction. He had a criminal record involving charges of escape, forgery, controlled substance possession, grand theft, burglary, resisting arrest, and driv-

ing violations, according to court records.

Imposing inmate segregation for one to two years as a result of an assault on a guard would not be uncommon, and conditions at out-of-state facilities holding Idaho inmates can decide if an inmate is put in segregation, said Ray.

Inmates in segregation eat meals at their cells and can shower once every 72 hours. Toilets are in cells and McCullough had a television, said Ray.

Lights at the Texas facility are on 24 hours a day, Ray said, adding that some facilities in Idaho dim lights at sleeping times.

Some of McCullough's family members have said they want Idaho to bring its inmates back into the state and nix the Virtual Prison Program because visitation is complicated by

People hoping to hunt, fish, hike or camp in the part of hunting unit 43 affected by the closure will have to go elsewhere, officials said. Bow hunting season opens on Sept. 30 when the fire could still be active.

"We do not want anyone getting caught ahead of the fire," said Fairfield District Ranger Mike Dettori.

Crews spent Wednesday evening mopping up and blocking it from entering lower drainages that could lead to private property and Forest Service structures, spokeswoman Venetia Gempler said.

Others continued to secure the hand-line construction and mop up the fire on its western edge. A 20-person Fire Use Module from the Yosemite National Park became a 14-day assignment, replacing other teams that have to rest, Gempler said.

Another 40 personnel were released from the fire, leaving about 150 on site.

Fire activity is expected to slow more as the northern reaches the fire in check and the fire, officials said.

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# More than 500 sockeye return to central Idaho

STANLEY (AP) — More than 500 endangered sockeye salmon have arrived at a central Idaho fish hatchery, the most in more than two decades.

The arrival of the sockeye, listed as endangered under federal law in 1991, has started to slow in recent weeks, but

state fish biologists said 507 arrived at fish traps near the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery near Stanley as of this week.

To reach central Idaho, the sockeye travel about 300 river miles, gain 6,500 feet in elevation and gain eight days on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Biologists said the returning fish are from 180,000 smolts released in the valley's lakes in 2006 for the journey down to the Salmon, Snake and Columbia rivers to the Pacific Ocean.

Some of the returning fish were artificially spawned at the Eagle Fish Hatchery in southwestern Idaho as part of

a program to help boost the sockeye returns.

As many as 35,000 sockeye once returned naturally to spawn in Redfish, Pettit, Alturas and other lakes around the Sawtooth Mountains, but the numbers have dwindled severely, a trend groups including Idaho

Rivers United blame mostly on four dams along the lower Snake River in Eastern Washington.

Between 1991 and 1999, only 16 wild sockeye returned to central Idaho. After 257 sockeye returned in 2000, the numbers fell to single digits in the last five years.

# Police believe fire caused Boise professor's death

By Jessie L. Bonner  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Tests to establish the cause of death of a Boise State University professor who was badly burned today remain pending, but police have all but concluded she died as a result of the blaze.

Police spokesman Lynn Hightower said officers have found no evidence to indicate that Mary Ellen Ryder, 56, died of anything other than fire-related causes.

"Did she die of a heart attack before the fire got to her? Maybe, but right now there's no evidence of foul play," Hightower said.

Aida County Coroner Erwin Sommerberg confirmed Wednesday that Ryder was the woman whose body was found early Tuesday in the wake of nearly 200 homes that were damaged or destroyed in the blaze. The results of tests at a

laboratory in Indianapolis to determine the cause of death could be available in two to three weeks, according to the coroner's office.

Ryder, a professor of English and linguistics, was scheduled to teach her first class of the semester this week.

No other residents were injured during the fire, but at least 17 police officers and one firefighter were treated at hospitals for smoke inhalation and other injuries.

Ryder's husband survived the fire, which started Monday evening in a vacant field of sagebrush and cheatgrass. Winds gusting to 50 mph fanned the flames quickly up a nearby ridge to a line of homes.

More than 100 residents were evacuated before fire crews were able to control the blaze. Many evacuees spent the night at a nearby church or elementary school.



The aftermath of a wildfire is seen Tuesday morning in Boise. A Boise State University professor died in a wildfire that burned at least 19 houses and forced the evacuation of more than 100 people in Boise, officials confirmed Tuesday.

# Pot activist sues national group

HAILEY (AP) — A pro-marijuana activist who convinced Hailey voters to pass three legalization initiatives in 2007 and 2008 has sued a national organization in 5th District Court, alleging they breached a contract over a \$60,000 grant.

Ryan Davidson, chairman of The Liberty Lobby of Idaho, won the grant from Washington, D.C.-based

Marijuana Policy Project when he moved to central Idaho in 2004 and started his libertarian marijuana movement.

But the group reneged when communities including Sun Valley discarded his ballot petition seeking to legalize marijuana in the resort town. Davidson sued the group in the Idaho Supreme Court to get his

petition on the ballot in Hailey.

He's now seeking \$44,000 — the portion of the Marijuana Policy Project grant he didn't receive — plus interest.

Davidson says, "They baited on us and left us hanging."

The group's Bruce Mirken says it has had "difficult interactions" with Davidson.

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EDITORIAL

# Big spending bad idea for local government now

They're probably just hiccupps in a long run of strong agricultural prices in the Magic Valley, but this week's news that dairy and corn prices are softening ought to get the attention of local policymakers.

That's because south-central Idaho cities and counties are busy approving significantly bigger budgets for next year — in some cases, dramatically so.

Those budgets are based on a number of assumptions, but the biggest is that the dairy industry will continue to provide a growing stream of tax revenue — and that, because of demand driven by ethanol, corn will stay solid gold.

Maybe, but what happens if they don't? Milk prices have been sliding for months. The Class I base price for September is \$17.65, down 82 cents from August.

Break-even milk prices for Magic Valley are around \$17.

One indicator of the health of the industry is the milk-feed ratio, a national average based primarily on hay and corn prices, as well as milk prices. The ratio indicates how much feed a hundredweight of milk will buy.

A ratio above 3 is favorable for herd expansion. In July it was 1.82, down from 1.88 in June. That's the lowest ratio since 1984.

Corn prices are off 25 percent from earlier this year as good summer growing conditions are making up for a cold, wet spring.

Any sharp and sustained decline in commodity prices could threaten Magic Valley farmers and dairymen because production costs — driven by the price of oil — are so high. And any growth in the tax base — especially in Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Cassia and Minidoka counties — depends on farm and dairy revenue.

So this should be a season of caution by county commissioners and city council members looking to fund long-deferred projects — or simply to keep up with growth.

But it hasn't been, by and large. Too many budgets are being based on assumptions that could be wrong.

Our Legislature is criticized — sometimes rightly — for its extreme fiscal conservatism. But at least the state isn't likely to run out of money before next July 1.

Where state lawmakers have erred is not permitting local governments more flexibility in generating revenue, such as a local option sales tax.

So Idaho cities and counties are captive to the weather in Iowa or feed prices in Wisconsin. In an extent, that's unavoidable. But there are ways to make local governments better masters of their fate.

Until those methods are available, local government should be careful with the checkbook.

**Our view:**  
Local governments shouldn't be writing checks that our economy can't cash in the months ahead.

**What do you think?**  
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

# Consumer confidence, and why we're not

We have a market paradox on our hands. Consumer confidence is close to a 40-year low, suggesting that the economy is in worse shape now than in times that seemed far darker, such as the early 1980s, when inflation and unemployment both crept into double digits. Yet many of the current economic indicators, including inflation and unemployment, are rather positive — or at least not as negative as consumer sentiment implies. So why are consumers,



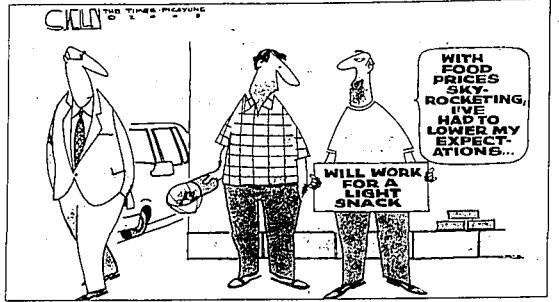
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myself included, so gloomy? I suspect that one answer lies in a psychological condition called learned helplessness, which is the result of exposure to unpredictable negative events called "learned helplessness."

The basic experiments on learned helplessness use two dogs, each in a separate room. In the control dog's room, after a bell rings the dog gets a mild electrical shock — just enough to annoy and surprise him. This dog has a switch to turn off the shocks and quickly learns to use it.

The second dog is yoked to the first but has no bell and no switch. Every time the control dog gets a shock, it, too, gets a shock until the control dog flips its switch. So, objectively, both dogs get the exact same treatment, but the yoked dog has no ability to predict or control the shocks.

Next comes the test. Both dogs are put in a "shutdoor" — a large box divided into two compartments by a low fence. From time to time a warning light comes on, and a few seconds later the floor of the shutdoor emits a mild electrical shock. If the dog



jumps from one compartment to the other, the shock is immediately terminated. Even better, if the dog jumps over the fence upon seeing the warning light, there's no shock at all. As you might expect, the control dog quickly learns to jump over the fence on cue; although understandably a bit anxious, he's relatively happy.

And the second, yoked dog? You might expect it to be just as motivated to escape the shocks in the shutdoor. But this is where the results get very interesting and somewhat depressing. The yoked dog just lies in the corner of its cage, whimpering.

The yoked dog learned in the experiment's first stage that shocks happen unpredictably and inescapably — and it carried that mindset into the shutdoor. So this dog learned to be helpless in its general approach, exhibiting symptoms similar to suffering chronic clinical depression.

Americans currently are a bit like the yoked dog, exposed to an alarming sequence of market disasters. First, it was the Internet stock bubble, then housing prices. And now oil prices and the banking crisis. All these came at us in quick succession and in direct contradiction to the prevalent advice given by

financial advisers and the media. So is the low level of consumer confidence and general depression justified? Perhaps not in terms of the hard numbers of the economy, but, from a psychological perspective, it is an expected reaction. The question then is what to do to fix our sorry state.

Psychologist James Pennebaker at the University of Texas at Austin has shown that the active process of trying to make sense out of traumatic events can help individuals recover from them. From this perspective, it might be useful to think about how we consume news. We have access to news 24 hours a day on TV, radio and online — but much of it is sensation-seeking rather than sense-making. A conscious effort to analyze and explain these economic crises is not only an important journalistic duty, it also is an essential element to our national mental health.

But we still need to think about how to prevent such economic shocks. In fact, in our current volatile state, I am worried that another immediate shock could be too much for us to bear. I suspect that the only way to regain a sense of order, pre-

dictability and control is to have government take very clear and substantial steps to regulate the markets — steps far beyond the patch-up jobs the Federal Reserve Bank is doing now. In fact, I suspect that the Fed's attempt to impose order seem so random, idiosyncratic and capricious to most consumers that they do little to relieve our sense of chaos.

We need forward-looking policies that stand off potential problems in markets that have not (yet) failed. Or at least policies that sort out in advance how we will deal with crises as they emerge. Under what circumstances the Fed fails out banks, for instance, and what would be the consequences for the shareholders, the bank and the bankers. I suspect that only such large-scale and forward-looking policies will allow us to regain our general sense of order, predictability, control and hope — and help us stop feeling like the yoked dog.

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# Times-News unfair to Idaho Democrats

The Aug. 20 editorial told readers it is the Democrats' fault that many of their candidates aren't running for the Legislature. Apparently, the state Dems didn't do a good job recruiting. If the state Dems just looked harder, fully formed candidates would spring from a hiding places, or so the editorial wrongly concluded.

Let's look at this from another perspective. Idaho Democrats are making significant progress. We picked up six seats in the legislature in 2006, the largest percentage increase of any state for either party. We have more candidates this year than we did in 2006. We have nine Democratic legislative seats that are not being challenged.

County organizations are seeing a burst of activity, stoked by Obama fever. With that energy, we will recruit even more candidates for the Legislature, school boards and city councils in 2010. An active vibrant county organization can bring candidates the donors and volunteers they need. It is the key to successful legislative candidates.



READER COMMENT  
Deborah Silver

The Twin Falls County Democrats have excellent candidates for this year's legislative races. Mike Flier, Bill Chisholm and Peter Rickards are running in Legislative Districts 23 and Carolyn Elexpuru is in District 24. The Times-News hasn't run a story about these contested races and ran an erroneous story saying the seat of Bert Brackett was uncontested. The Times-News didn't cover Democratic primary results. The incredible increase in precinct captains was ignored, as was Larry LaRocca's victory. However, Times-News ran stories detailing the Republican primary, including the election of precinct captains.

The successful state Democratic convention was covered in a single paragraph on a back page. Twin Falls County Democrats sent a full delegation to the state convention. An Idaho State

University student from Kimberly, Matt Kopydlowski, and a College of Southern Idaho student, Steve Albrecht, were elected delegates to the national Democratic convention. I was elected to the executive committee of the state party. Meanwhile, the concurrent state Republican convention was on the front page for four days.

The Times-News gives the impression that the Democrats are missing in action when, in fact, they are busy and working. The Democrats have not failed. The Times-News has failed by not doing its job. It failed by not digging hard for the facts, it failed by reporting inaccuracies. It failed by not telling the whole story. You report one source, one way, one party.

Twin Falls is described as the reddest of counties in our red state. The Times-News encourages that description, consistently endorsing every Republican candidate. The former publisher is currently running for the Legislature as a Republican. When I took the chairmanship, I was worried about possible negative effects on

my business but was encouraged that 8,071 voters in Twin Falls County chose Jerry Brady for governor in the 2006 election out of 15,756 votes cast, closer than the headlines would have you think. Twin Falls County Democrats may not turn the state blue, but are working hard to turn the state purple. I am one of many who are very proud to be part of the effort.

We show up, Mr. Crump, and we are showing up all over the state. Fourteen thousand showed up at the Taco Bell Arena to see Barack Obama. More than 20,000 showed up for the caucuses. How can you ignore that?

The editorial didn't even include the entire quote of the Democratic Party spokesman. Here it is, "I hope (Republicans) reach across the aisle and give us a big handshake when people like Lynn Laker get into office only because they were unopposed, because this is the last year they get a freebie."

Deborah Silver of Twin Falls is the chairman of the Twin Falls County Democrats.

# Times-News

Brad Hud... publisher Steve Crump... Opinion editor  
The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hud, James G. Wright, Steve Crump, Bill Bitzenburg and Ruth S. Pierce.

# QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"She doesn't have the right to release us. We're not little kids to be told what to do in a half-hour."

— Massachusetts delegate Nancy Saboori on Hillary Clinton releasing her delegates

# THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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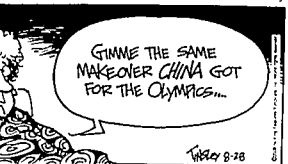
By Garry Trudeau



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# By any standard, Osama Bin Laden has failed

Two decades after al-Qaida was founded in the Pakistani border city of Peshawar by Osama bin Laden and a handful of veterans of the war against the Soviets in Afghanistan, the group is more famous and feared than ever. But its grand project — to transform the Muslim world into a militant Islamist caliphate — has been a resounding failure.

That's largely because bin Laden's strategy for arriving at this promised land is a fantasy. Al-Qaida's leader prides himself on being a big-think strategist, but for all his brains, leadership skills and charisma, his overall strategy is self-defeating.

Bin Laden's main goal is to bring about regime change in the Middle East and to replace the governments in Cairo and Riyadh with Taliban-style theocracies. He believes the way to accomplish this is to attack the "far enemy" (the United States),



PETER BERGEN

then watch as the supposedly impious, U.S.-backed Muslim regimes he calls the "near enemy" crumble. This might have worked had the United States turned out to be a paper tiger that could sustain only a few blows from al-Qaida. But it didn't. Bin Laden's analysis showed no understanding of the vital interests that undergirded U.S. engagement in the Middle East, let alone the intensity of American outrage that would follow the first direct attack on the continental United States since the British burned the White House in 1814.

In fact, bin Laden's plan resulted in the direct opposite of a U.S. withdrawal from the Middle East. The

United States now occupies Iraq, and NATO soldiers patrol the streets of Kandahar, the old de facto capital of bin Laden's Taliban allies. Relations between the United States and most authoritarian Arab regimes are stronger than ever, based on their shared goal of defeating violent Islamists out for American blood and the regimes' power.

For most leaders, such a complete strategic failure would require a rethinking. Not for bin Laden. He continues to conceive of the United States as his main foe. And al-Qaida has fatally undermined its claim to be the true representative of all Muslims by killing thousands of them since Sept. 11, 2001. These two strategic blunders are the key reasons why al-Qaida will ultimately lose.

But don't expect that defeat any time soon. For now, al-Qaida continues to gather strength, both as a

terrorist/insurgent organization based along the Afghan-Pakistani border and as an ongoing model for violent Islamists around the globe.

So how strong is al-Qaida as of 2008? Earlier this year, a furious debate erupted in Washington between two influential counterterrorism analysts. Former CIA case officer Marc Sageman says the threat from al-Qaida's core organization is largely over and warns that future attacks will come from the foot soldiers of a "leaderless jihad." On the other side stands Georgetown University professor Bruce Hoffman, who warns that al-Qaida is on the march, not on the run.

This debate is hardly academic. If the global jihad has in fact become a leaderless terrorism, it will cease to be a top-tier U.S. national security problem. But if al-Qaida Central is as strong as Hoffman thinks, the United States must organize its policies in the Middle East,

South Asia and at home around that threat for decades.

Despite al-Qaida's recent resurgence, I think it highly unlikely that the group will be able to attack inside the United States in the next five years. In the past, al-Qaida terrorists trying to strike the U.S. homeland have had to slip inside from elsewhere. No successful past plot has relied on al-Qaida "sleepers cells" here, and there is little evidence that such cells exist today. Moreover, the United States is a much harder target than it was before 9/11. The U.S. government is on alert, as are ordinary citizens.

Homegrown terrorists might carry out a small-scale attack inside the United States, although the U.S. Muslim community has few violent radicals. And al-Qaida itself remains quite capable of attacking a wide range of U.S. interests overseas, killing U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and

targeting U.S. embassies. But on balance, we have less to fear from al-Qaida now than we did in 2001.

We would be far better off if we managed to kill or capture al-Qaida's innovative chief. But the U.S.-led hunt for bin Laden is turning up nothing. Washington hasn't had a solid lead on him since radio intercepts placed him at the battle of Tora Bora in eastern Afghanistan in December 2001. U.S. intelligence officials widely assume that he is now in or near Pakistan's tribal areas — a particularly shrewd hiding place, according to Arthur Keller, a former CIA officer who ran a spy network there in 2006.

Peter Bergen is a fellow at both the New America Foundation and New York University's Center on Law and Security. He is the author of "The Osama bin Laden I Know." He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

## OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... investing in growth  
Idaho Statesman, Boise



Idaho's labor market has flourished for two decades, with little intervention from state government.

But now it's time for a new strategy that is more proactive, and in line with the competition from other states. It's time for Idaho to invest in promoting high tech and in growing its own work force.

Idaho can no longer assume job growth as a given. Some 14,100 Idahoans have lost jobs in the past year ... Idaho's unemployment rate reached 4.1 percent in July, eclipsing the 4 percent mark for the first time in more than three years ...

The Idaho economy is unmistakably slowing ... It's tougher, yet all the more necessary, to invest in job creation during the hard times.

... Idaho will face competition in job recruiting — and the competition is hungry.

Idaho, meanwhile, has been complacent. A state high-tech advisory panel in 2006 recommended spending some \$50 million to stimulate industry growth, an aggressive request even before Idaho's economy turned soft. Gov. Butch Otter was so unimpressed that he rejected the request and disbanded the group that made them ...

... In recent years, Idaho's job market benefited from a symbiotic relationship with the housing market. Skilled workers — looking to cash in on skyrocketing home values and seeking a less stressful lifestyle — fled metropolitan areas ...

Idaho can no longer expect a steady stream of skilled new arrivals. Idaho must do more to prepare its graduates for skilled jobs ...

... Fostering a high-tech jobsite and improving education to meet the job market require a continued commitment of dollars — and another change in our public policy mindset.

For decades, Idaho political leaders resisted the idea of offering tax incentives to business prospects. In recent years, lawmakers have approved breaks tailored for Micron



Technology, Albertsons and the French nuclear technology firm Aрева. The effectiveness of these tax breaks is certainly debatable — the Micron and Albertsons bills did not create new jobs ... But there is still a good case for trying to craft smart, well-studied tax incentives if Idaho doesn't do it, some other state will.

The 20-year boom in the state's job market has been remarkably sustained but largely accidental. Let's not leave the next 20 years to chance.

### ... Wagon Days return

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum

Welcome to the Never-Say-Die comeback of Wagon Days.

Sideline in 2007 while the Wood River Valley turned its energies to dealing with the fearsome Castle Rock Fire, Wagon Days is returning on Labor Day weekend with more splendor, more pageantry and more Western frontier nostalgia than ever.

Few community celebrations anywhere can equal ... 100 parade units of animal-drawn wagons and ... riders, climaxed by arrival of the six, enormous, mule-drawn Big Hitch freight wagons from the late 1900s ...

Wagon Days represents our community's determination to preserve the celebration as a tribute to the area's heritage and as a focal point for neighbors to work together for the betterment of the quality of life ...

After being created in 1956, the celebration virtually died on the vine through inattention. But in 1976, then-Ketchum Mayor Jerry Seiffert rallied community groups to revive Wagon Days.

Thereafter it thrived, until community leaders reluctantly made the depressing solution to discontinue Wagon Days because of the

### 2007 blaze ...

It was a devastating blow to the pride of the community, not to mention the economic job businesses took without thousands of visitors coming to town.

Yet, it strengthened community resolve. It's no wonder this year's Wagon Days will be bigger and better than ever. The community has put its heart and soul into it.

### ... back to the books

Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.

See the long lines at the library checkout. Wow. See the faces of the smiling librarians. Wow again. People are returning to their libraries. Once upon a time, before cable TV before the Internet, before Amazon.com, men, women and children crowded into libraries for "entertainment." They checked out books. They read them. Children joined reading contests in the summer.

But in recent years, libraries struggled with identity crises. People could find so much on the Web. People stopped reading as much, especially our younger folks ... Taxpayers kept paying for libraries, but hours were slashed when city budgets grew thin. Libraries seemed, to some, not just an endangered species, but a fossil ...

But libraries always gain in popularity during tough economic times ... We now have science-fiction-style gas prices. Discretionary money is disappearing faster than old library card catalogs. And so people are returning to their libraries, where books, videos and Internet use don't cost a dime.

Participation in youth summer reading programs is up in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. Checkouts are up 12 percent in the city of Spokane, 5 percent in Spokane County and an

amazing 73 percent in Coeur d'Alene, because, in part, of an amazing new library.

These hard economic times shall pass. But those who value literacy should hope that the residents who

rediscovered libraries ... will remain constant visitors when things look up.

Libraries are important egalitarian public places. People of every age, and from every socio-economic class, stand in line together

to check out books. Homeless folks persevere in the same aisles as homeschooled moms ...

The fact that libraries experienced a renaissance this summer is a bright spot ...

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## Witness

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# Officials: New Orleans may evacuate for Gustav

By Michael Kunzelman and Tamra Lush Associated Press writers

**NEW ORLEANS** — On the eve of Hurricane Katrina's third anniversary, a nervous New Orleans watched Wednesday as another storm threatened to test everything the city has rebuilt, and officials made preliminary plans to evacuate people, pets and hospitals in an attempt to avoid a Katrina-style chaos.

Forecasters warned that Gustav could grow into a dangerous Category 3 hurricane in the next several days and hit somewhere along a swath of the Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle to Texas — with New Orleans smack in the middle.

Taking no chances, city officials began preliminary planning to evacuate and shut down the city in hopes of avoiding the catastrophe that followed the 2005 storm. Mayor Ray Nagin left the Democratic National Convention in Denver to return home for the preparations.

If a Category 3 or stronger hurricane comes within 72 hours of the city, New Orleans will institute a mandatory evacuation order. Unlike Katrina, there will be no massive shelter at the Superdome, a plan designed to encourage residents to leave. Instead, the state has arranged for buses and trains to take people to safety.

It was unclear what would happen to stragglers. Jerry Sneed, the city's emergency preparedness director, said officials are ready to move about 30,000 people. Nearly 8,000 people had signed up for transportation help by late Wednesday.

At a suburban Lowe's store, employees said portable generators, gasoline cans, bottled water and batteries were selling briskly. Hotels across south Louisiana reported taking many reservations as coastal residents looked inland for possible refuge.

Steve Weaver, 82, and his wife stayed for Katrina — and were plucked off the roof of their house by a Coast Guard helicopter.

"This time, Weaver has no inclination to ride out the storm."

"Everybody learned a lesson about staying, so the highways will be twice as packed this time," Weaver said.

Katrina struck New Orleans on Aug. 29, 2005, and its storm surge blasted through the levees that protect the city. Eighty percent of the city was flooded.

Though pockets of the New Orleans are well on the way to recovery, many neighborhoods have struggled to recover. Many residents still live in temporary trailers, and scattered homes still bear the black 'X' that was painted to help rescue teams looking for the dead.



Reginald Lee cuts grass around white flags that represent people who died during Hurricane Katrina at Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans, Wednesday.

Many people never returned, and the city's population is roughly half what it was before the storm.

Since the storm, the Army Corps of Engineers has spent billions of dollars to improve the levee system, but because of two quiet hurricane seasons, the flood walls have never been tested.

Floodgates have been installed on drainage canals to stop any storm surge from entering the city, and levees have been raised and in many places strengthened with concrete. But they are not built to withstand a storm stronger than Katrina.

Gustav formed Monday and roared south Tuesday as a Category 1 hurricane near the southern Haitian city of Jacmel with top winds near 80 mph, toppling palm trees

and flooding the city's Victorian buildings.

The storm triggered flooding and landslides that killed 22 people in the Caribbean. It weakened into a tropical storm and appeared headed for Cuba, though it is likely to grow stronger in the coming days by drawing energy from warm open water.

Scientists cautioned that the storm's track and intensity were difficult to predict several days in advance.

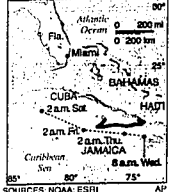
But in New Orleans, there was little else to do except prepare as if it were Katrina. The Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was set to begin moving animals in shelters to Baton Rouge on Thursday, and more would go to Texas shelters on Friday and Saturday.

## Storm soaks Haiti

Tropical Storm Gustav roared in the Caribbean early Wednesday after hitting Haiti as a hurricane a day before.

**Tropical Storm Gustav**  
LOCATION: 14.2° N 73.7° W  
MOVEMENT: NW 8 mph  
MAX WIND: 73 mph

Hurricane Warning/Watch  
Tropical Storm Warning/Watch



SOURCES: NOAA, ESRI

## Border Patrol struggles to keep newly hired agents

**IMPERIAL BEACH, Calif. (AP)** — Law enforcement officials wanted: must work graveyard shifts alone in remote towns along the Mexican border, put in long hours and perform well in triple-digit temperatures.

"That message is never touted in U.S. Border Patrol recruitment brochures, but the sobering reality of working on the border has created an environment in which about 30 percent of agents leave their jobs in less than 18 months."

"This has complications up and down the line," said Richard Stana, director of homeland security issues at the Government Accountability Office. "You're constantly in a recruiting mode ... If this population keeps churning, you're constantly training."

The Border Patrol's struggle to keep new hires has become more evident as the agency comes close to meeting President Bush's target of

18,000 agents by the end of the year, up from 12,000 two years ago and double the number from eight years ago.

The hiring surge means 42 percent of agents have less than three years on the job. The GAO estimates that taxpayers pay \$14,700 for each trainee at the Border Patrol Academy in Artesia, N.M.

That 2006 figure doesn't take into account the many additional hours that senior agents spend training hires during a two-year probationary period.

Money aside, a revolving door means a large percentage of the force will always be inexperienced. "You've got to fill the slots, but you want quality people who are not going to leave," said Jeremy Wilson, associate director of RAND Corp.'s Center for Quality Policing. "You don't want to spend time and resources on someone if they're just going to up and leave."



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**Stocks rise following durable goods report**

(AP) Wall Street posted a big advance after the government reported a larger-than-expected increase in orders for big-ticket manufactured goods that indicated the economy is stronger than many investors thought.

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## Percentage of uninsured Idahoans unchanged

### Employers cut benefits between 2006-07

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

The proportion of Idahoans without health insurance remained essentially unchanged between 2004-2005 and 2006-2007 even though employers

reported scaling back their offers of health benefits to their workers.

A new Census Bureau report issued Tuesday estimated that 14.5 percent of Idahoans were without health insurance in 2006-2007 compared to an esti-

mated 14.7 percent in 2004-2005. The report found the difference between the two periods statistically insignificant.

Idaho bucked the trend as 32 states posted increases in percentages of people without health insurance.

Nationally, the proportion of uninsured people rose from 15.1 percent to 15.5 percent.

Holding the rate of uninsured steady over the period coincided with the findings of the biennial 2007 Idaho Fringe Benefits Survey where employers reported they cut back health care benefits for the second straight time.

Idaho's 2007 survey of 1,500, randomly selected

employers found only 63 percent offered some form of health care coverage to full-time employees — down from 74 percent in 2005 and 82 percent in 2002.

Part-time workers were hit just as hard. Employers reported offering medical coverage to only 9 percent of their part-timers in 2007, down from 19 percent in 2005 and 27 percent in 2002.

The census report pointed out that 25 percent of Idahoans had some form of government health coverage in 2007 — Medicaid, Medicare or the military program — and 10 percent of people under 65 purchased their own medical insurance. The Census Bureau also estimated the poverty rate for

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Storms are a reminder: Businesses need to insure

NEW YORK — Small business owners dealing with damage caused by Tropical Storm Fay — or this summer's Midwest flooding or California wildfires — are likely feeling some regret because they didn't have adequate insurance coverage. And so the cost of salvaging either a building or the business itself is falling squarely and solely on them.

**SMALL TALK**

Joyce M. Rosenberg

Many small businesses are underinsured, either in dollar terms or in the kinds of policies they've taken out. Sometimes the culprit is ignorance — an owner may not realize that a policy doesn't cover certain hazards. But in this difficult economic climate, the problem may be that an owner decides to forgo the cost of insurance because of cash flow problems.

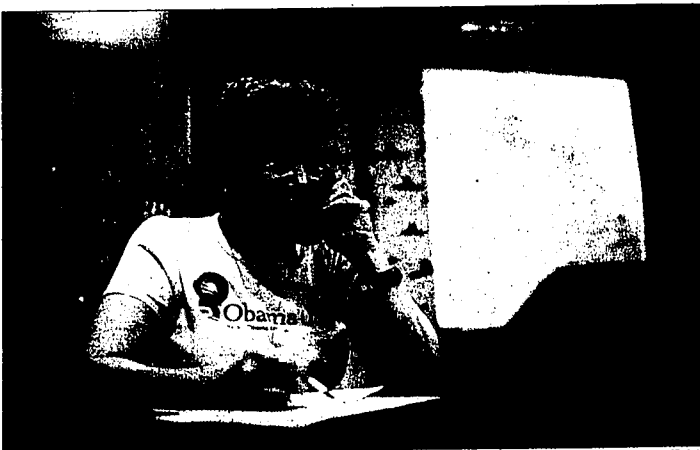
Insurance is always a gamble, whether it's for a business or a home. An owner needs to weigh the chances of a disaster striking the company against the cost of coverage, or the cost of having to rebuild the business if it is underinsured.

Some communities flooded this summer when the Mississippi River spilled over its banks were considered remote enough from the river to be safe, noted Mike Barry, senior vice president for media relations at the Insurance Information Institute, a New York-based industry group.

The odds are that some business owners never took out flood insurance — which

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## Retirement today



Democratic delegate Rosie Engman, is seen at party headquarters in McLean, Va. Engman will be attending the Democratic convention in Colorado next week.

### Finances worry retiree convention delegates

By Dave Carpenter  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Today's retirees live in what may be the waning days of retirement's golden age, enjoying the full benefits of Social Security and company pensions in many cases. But their concerns are growing, and not just because of advancing age. Living on a fixed income has gotten much tougher in a turbulent economy, health insurance premiums are rising and the value of many of

their homes is falling. Retired teacher Rosie Engman, a delegate to the Democratic Convention, is addressing the challenges in a way that mirrors the strategy of many Americans: Living more frugally. She and her husband Larry grow their own vegetables, combine errands to save on gas and only eat dinners out on special occasions.

"You have to budget carefully," said the 69-year-old resident of Silver Spring, Md. "Prices are ridiculous."

**INSIDE**

Sutdy: Bankruptcies soar for senior citizens.

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Social Security was expanded in the 1970s to provide ample retirement benefits, and pension programs that began proliferating after World War II have provided reliably for many.

Just over 9 percent of the 65-and-over population was living in poverty in 2006, according to U.S. Census data — the lowest in the more than four decades of tabulating the category. By contrast, the figure was between 20 percent and

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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY

Advertising federation to host Duane Sprague

The Magic Valley Advertising Federation will host Duane "DJ" Sprague, general manager of LIM Advertising, at 11:45 a.m. on Sept. 11.

Sprague will speak about the chemical differences in the brain that make women and men different, how they learn and communicate, and how best to target each with advertising.

The presentation will be held at the Twin Falls Shilo Inn. For more info or to reserve a seat call Melissa Crane at 208-308-0488 or e-mail at [Melissa.Crane@cablone.net](mailto:Melissa.Crane@cablone.net)

IDAHO

Premier Technology partners with CAES

BLACKFOOT — Premier Technology, a manufacturer and industrial contractor, announced Wednesday that it has formed a partnership with the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES), a public/private partnership comprised of Idaho's three public universities, private industry, and the Idaho National Laboratory.

Under terms of the partnership, Premier Technology and CAES will work collaboratively to enhance the effectiveness of both organizations in advancing technology-based workforces and economic development in Idaho.

NATION

Durable goods post big increases in July, June

WASHINGTON — The Commerce Department said Thursday that orders for durable goods rose 1.3 percent last month, far above the slight 0.1 percent increase economists had been expecting.

The July increase matched a 1.3 percent rise in June, which was revised up from an earlier reading of 0.8 percent. Both months turned in the strongest gains since a 4.1 percent surge last December.

Overall, orders for transportation equipment were up 3.1 percent last month after a 1.9 percent drop in June. Outside of transportation, orders posted a 0.7 percent increase, surpassing the 0.3 percent decline analysts had expected.

Strength outside of transportation reflected strong gains in such areas as primary metals, including steel and machinery.

— Staff and wire reports

## Consumers picked to test hydrogen car prototypes

By Ken Thomas  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Tom Albert drove his loaner Chevrolet Equinox like any other car.

He took it to work during the week, picked up groceries, and loaded up the

back with bags of soil at the garden store. When his infant son was fussy, Albert drove the newborn around the block to calm him down.

The normal driving experience ended, however, when it came time to fuel the car. Aboard the silent vehicle, Albert had two filling stations

to choose from in the Washington, D.C., area, and the fuel — hydrogen — was anything but typical.

Albert's no-cost behind-the-wheel experience last spring was part of an ongoing program by General Motors

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Thomas Albert, of Alexandria, Va., tries to fuel his Chevrolet Equinox Electric Fuel Cell Vehicle at a Shell Hydrogen Fueling station in Washington.

### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Lithia Mo.	5.21	▲ .27	Michron	4.26	▲ .02	Supervalu	23.54	▲ .24

Today in business

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports preliminary second quarter Gross Domestic Product.

WASHINGTON — Labor Dept. reports weekly jobless claims.

WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac reports weekly mortgage rates.

ROUND ROCK, Texas — Dell Inc. releases second-quarter financial results.

### COMMODITIES

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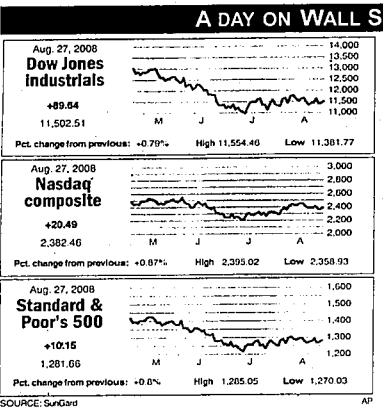
Live cattle	100.62	▼ 1.08	Oct. oil	118.15	▲ 1.88
Aug. gold	828.10	▲ 5.90	Aug. silver	13.46	▼ .10

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, MOST ACTIVE, and GAINERS/LOSERS. Includes stock names, last prices, and percentage changes.

Table with columns for INDEXES and STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST. Lists major indices like Dow Jones and local stocks like Adelphi.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT. Explains market data, stock prices, and financial statements. Includes definitions for terms like 'Dividend' and 'P/E Ratio'.



The Dow Jones industrial average rose 95.64, or 0.79 percent, to 11,502.51 after rising more than 140 points. Broader stock indicators also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 10.15, or 0.80 percent, to 1,281.65...

COMMODITIES REPORT. CLOSING FUTURES table showing prices for soybeans, corn, wheat, and other grains. Includes a CHEESE and POTATOES section.

Retire

Continued from page B1. Many current retirees, including some chosen for the convention, feel like they're already scrambling to live well on limited resources. Just as she has worried about the war in Iraq and the environment...

well as be ecologically conscious. 'These 65 or older have long been the poor population, and that really has changed for a very short window...'

penury of her \$2,600 monthly income, which comes from Social Security and her and her late husband's pensions. Most goes for utilities, maintenance and real estate taxes on the senior center property she bought last year...

insured income at \$48,355 up from an inflation-adjusted \$47,605 in 2004. 2005. That means half the households had higher incomes, and half had lower.

Car

Continued from page B1. Corp. to see if next-generation vehicles powered by hydrogen can become a reality. Automakers such as GM, Honda Motor Co. and BMW AG are putting several hundred vehicles into suburban programs in cities and on the highway to see how they fare in day-to-day driving.

GM chose participants who live near a fueling station based on their level of interest in fuel cell technology and enthusiasm for new technology. The company covered the cost of the hydrogen fuel, insurance and maintenance. The Equinox, which holds about 4 kilograms of compressed hydrogen in tanks, generates electricity from a reaction between hydrogen and oxygen and delivers the gasoline equivalent of about 43 miles per gallon. While hydrogen is highly flammable, the hydrogen would diffuse into the air in a nonflammable concentration if one of the tanks was punctured or leaked.

all emissions compared with a conventional gasoline-fueled vehicle. The test drives are being held while consumers are paying close to \$4 for a gallon of gasoline, offering a window into enhanced driving experience that people trying to keep or buy a house nowadays saves taxes, heating, and other rising costs are making this less possible.

Insure. Continued from page B1. 2006-07 at 9.7 percent, not significantly lower than the rate for 2004-2005. The period covered by the report was one of the most expensive for the Idaho economy in decades.

LIVESTOCK. Prices for various livestock including hogs, calves, and sheep. METALS/MONEY. Prices for gold, silver, and platinum. Includes a section for BEANS and GRAINS.

# Small

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 must be purchased separately from standard property coverage — because they were never imagined they'd be washed out.

To often, Barry said, owners report insuring against a disaster "as money going out with a very indefinite return on investment. It's seen as an unnecessary expense by some."

A big mistake owners can make is to take out a policy that covers property damage from forces such as wind, rain, hail and fire, and assume that's all they need. They'd be better off with a business owner's policy, or BOP, which includes standard property coverage and, perhaps even more important in the event of a disaster, business interruption insurance. A BOP costs more than a standard property policy. But that business interruption insurance can save a company from going under.

Business interruption insurance can cover a company's operating expenses and lost profits if the business is shut down for an extended period. That can include salaries and employee benefits, rent and line of credit payments. And it doesn't have to be a natural disaster that shuts down the business; even losses due to a power outage can be covered.

Owners also need to be sure they're insured against specific kinds of disasters. Flood insurance has gotten a lot of notice since Hurricane Katrina three years ago, but many businesses still don't buy that extra protection.

Flood insurance is something many people never expect to need. But the fact is, if a small stream near your business swells up after an unusually long period of rain and water pours in through the windows or door, you won't be covered without it.

Flood insurance is available through the government's National Flood Insurance Program. An agent can sell you a policy, but you can get information beforehand at the program's Web site, [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

Similarly, earthquake damage is unlikely to be covered in a standard policy. In California, businesses can buy insurance through the state-run California Earthquake Authority. Its Web site is at [www.earthquakeauthority.com](http://www.earthquakeauthority.com).

Barry noted that since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, insurance carriers generally require business owners to purchase separate policies to cover terrorism-related losses. He said a business doesn't need to be in a high-profile place like a New York to cover such insurance.

"If you're close to a federal courthouse," then a business might want to obtain this coverage, he said. Some small companies shun any special insurance because of the kind of business they're in. For example, a heavily damaged bed and breakfast that would need to restore its quaint ambience by purchasing antique articles would probably need additional guaranteed replacement coverage, Barry said.

It restores it to its pre-existing state," he said. Owners looking for a grounding in business insurance can find it at the insurance industry's Web site, [www.iii.org](http://www.iii.org). Insurance agents also have plenty of information, and business owners can also consult with an insurance-savvy counselor at SCORE, which offers small businesses free advice. You can find a SCORE counselor — they are all retired executives — at [www.score.org](http://www.score.org).

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# Study: Bankruptcies soar for senior citizens

By Matt Sedensky  
 Associated Press writer

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — First came the health problems. Then, unable to work, Ada Noda watched the bills pile up. And then, suffocating in debt, the 80-year-old did something she never thought she'd be forced to do.

She declared bankruptcy. While the bankruptcy filing rate for those under 55 has fallen, it has soared for older Americans, according to a new analysis from the Consumer Bankruptcy Project, which examined a sampling of noncommercial bankruptcies filed between 1991 and 2007.

The older the age group, the worse it got — people 65 and up became more than twice as likely to file during that period, and the filing rate for those 75 and older more than quadrupled.

"Older Americans are hit by a one-two punch of jobs and medical problems and the two are often intertwined," said Elizabeth Warren, a Harvard Law School professor who was one of the authors of the study. "They discover that they must work to keep some form of economic balance and when they can't, they're lost."

That's precisely what happened to Noda. She worked all her life, on a hospital's housekeeping staff, and later selling boat tickets to tourists. She cut corners when she needed to but always paid the bills she neatly logged in a ledger.

She was born during the Depression, she said. "I paid the bills whether I ate or didn't, whether I went to the doctor or not."

It all worked fine for Noda, a widow for 23 years. "I was doing double-bypass surgery and deal with respiratory problems. She started using two credit cards more frequently for food and bills. Before long, she was \$8,000 in debt and behind on car payments.

"I'd go to bed and all I had on my mind was bankruptcy," she said. "I had nothing left."

Noda's car was repossessed, but her trailer home wasn't jeopordized because her daughter owns it. While she's covered by Medicare and receives \$968 in Social Security each month, she relied on her job for other expenses. She had no choice but to get help from Jacksonville Legal Aid and declare bankruptcy.

Most bankruptcies are still filed by people far younger than Noda, but the percentage the younger filers make up has fallen over the 16-year period, according to the Consumer Bankruptcy Project analysis, which will be published in the Harvard Law and Policy Review in January.

In 1991, the 55-plus age group accounted for about 8 percent of bankruptcy filers, according to the study, which looked at more than 6,000 cases filed in 1991, 2001 or 2007. By last year, filers 55 and over accounted for 22 percent.

Each age group under 55 saw double-digit percentage drops in their bankruptcy filing rates over the survey period, older Americans saw remarkable increases. The filing rate per thousand people ages 55-64 was up 40 percent; among 65- to 74-year-olds, it was up 125 percent; and among the 75-to-84-year-old set, it was up 433 percent.

A number of factors are contributing to the increase. Higher prices for ordinary consumer goods have hit seniors on fixed budgets. For older Americans living below the poverty level, or not far above, a safety net likely doesn't exist for economic setbacks such as medical problems. And some fall prey to scams that cripple their finances.

Warren noted increasing numbers of Americans are entering their retirement years with significant debt and are still paying off mortgages. She said it was wrong to assume that lives of luxury are bankrupting seniors; rather, they're incurring debts to meet needs such as

medical treatment. "There's no evidence that the problem is consumerism," the professor said.

Nor is there a significant aging trend to blame. While the country is set to experience a notable age shift in the coming years, no major one took place between 1991, when the average age was 33, and 2007, when it was 36.

Frank and Hazel Peters lived frugally their entire 53-year marriage. They always rented a home but decided after the husband's retirement from a factory job that they would cash in his 401(k) and buy a manufactured home down a gravel road in tiny Hastings, a town of cornfields and potato farms.

But they fell victim to fraud when they tried to fix a plumbing problem that had black sulphur-smelling water coming through the pipes of their new home without enough funds to fall back on. They declared bankruptcy.

"We knew we had no other option," 73-year-old Hazel Peters said. "We'll probably be out on the street."

Bankruptcy, though no matter a person's age, is especially hard when you don't have many years left to recover. Warren said some seniors fear telling their families because they're afraid they'll be put in a nursing home if they're seen as unable to take care of their affairs.

Many who file also express a sense of relief. Wiliana Harris, 71, filed bankruptcy two years ago because of medical bills she and her husband accrued.

"This phone rang all the time. It made you not even want to pick up the phone, sometimes you think, 'Let me go jump off a bridge somewhere,'" Harris said at her Jacksonville home. "You have to cry and try and figure out what in the world could I do."

At least now, Harris says, she can fall asleep without crying.

# New credit hurdle looms for banks

## Billions of dollars coming due

By Carrick Mollenkamp  
 The Wall Street Journal

U.S. and European banks, already burdened by losses and concerns about their financial health, face a new challenge: paying off hundreds of billions of dollars of debt coming due. At issue are so-called floating-rate notes — securities used heavily by banks in 2006 to borrow money. A big chunk of those notes, which typically mature in two years, will come due over the next year or so, at a time when banks are struggling to raise fresh funds. That's forcing banks to sell assets, compete heavily for deposits and issue expensive new debt.

The crunch will begin next month, when some \$95 billion in floating-rate notes mature. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. analyst Alex Roeber estimates that financial institutions will have to pay off at least \$767 billion in floating-rate notes and other medium-term obligations before the end of 2009. That's about 43 percent more than they had to redeem in the previous 16 months.

The problem highlights how the pain of the credit crunch, now entering its second year, won't end soon for banks or the broader economy. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

said on Tuesday that its list of "problem" banks at risk of failure had grown to 117 at the end of March. FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair said her agency might have to borrow money from the Treasury Department to sue it through an expected wave of bank failures. She said the borrowing could be needed to handle short-term cash-flow pressure brought on by re-imbursements to depositors after bank failures.

As banks scramble to pay the floating-rate notes, they could see profit margins shrink as wary investors demand higher interest rates for new borrowings. They're also likely to become less willing to make new loans to consumers and companies, aggravating economic downturns in both the U.S. and Europe.

"It's going to be a bigger problem now than it was in the first half of this year, but it's going to continue on for probably at least a nine-month period," said Guy Stear, credit strategist at Societe Generale SA in Paris.

By the end of this year, big banks and investment banks such as Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Merrill Lynch & Co., Morgan Stanley, Wachovia Corp. and U.K. lender HBOS PLC

must each redeem more than \$5 billion in floating-rate notes, according to a recent report from J.P. Morgan. Other big lenders such as General Electric Co., Wells Fargo & Co. and Juley's UniCredit Group also face big bills in coming months, the report says.

Representatives of the banks said they're fully able to meet their floating-rate note obligations, either because they've already lined up the necessary funds or because they have ample customer deposits they can tap.

The rates they'll have to pay if they want to issue new debt will be much higher than they were back in 2006. In July 2007, the interest rates on banks' floating-rate notes were only about 0.02 percentage point above the London interbank offered rate, or LIBOR, a benchmark meant to reflect the rates at which banks lend to one another. Today, that "spread" is at least two full percentage points for some banks.

As many banks compete for funds to pay off their borrowings, or sell assets to raise cash, their actions could exacerbate strains in financial markets. Banks that turn to shorter-term loans will have to renew their borrowings more frequently, increasing the risk that they won't be able to get money when they need it.

The difficulties with the floating-rate loans can be traced to the onset of the credit crunch last year. At the time, bank-affiliated funds known as structured investment vehicles, or SIVs, were among the first to suffer. Those funds had been buyers of the banks' floating-rate notes. But when SIVs were unable to find rates, the SIV market largely collapsed, taking a big chunk out of demand for new bank floating-rate notes.

Most of the floating-rate notes are denominated in dollars. But redemptions of notes denominated in euros also loom for European and U.S. banks. In the final four months of this year, some 15 billion euros to 20 billion euros will come due every month, says Mr. Stear, the Societe Generale strategist. That compares with some 7 billion euros to 15 billion euros that came due every month in the first half of 2008.

The credit crunch, as problems in the markets on which banks rely to borrow money

are showing no sign of abating. In one gauge of fitters about banks' financial health, the three-month dollar LIBOR remains well above expected central-bank target rates for the same period.

Even at the higher interest rates, banks are having a hard time getting cash. The securitization markets that had allowed banks to repack loans and sell them to investors in the wake of but shut. Banks today rarely make loans to one another for periods of more than a week, and even some so-called "repo" loans — in which the borrower puts up securities as collateral — are becoming more expensive.

At the same time, the pressures on limited resources of banks and investment banks are growing. Companies have been actively tapping bank credit lines set up before the credit crisis began, forcing banks to increase their lending at a time when they're trying to reduce risk. A number of big financial firms, including Citigroup Inc., Merrill Lynch, UBS AG, Morgan Stanley, J.P. Morgan and Wachovia, have agreed to buy back some \$42 billion of so-called auction-rate securities amid allegations that they misled retail investors about the securities' risks.

All the strains have made financial institutions increasingly dependent on central banks in the U.S., the U.K. and Europe for loans to make ends meet. Many banks have been packaging mortgages into securities to use as collateral for financing from the European Central Bank and the U.S. Federal Reserve. Questions are cropping up about how long central bankers should prop up financial markets, and whether banks in Europe are taking undue advantage of the central bank's lending facilities.

To be sure, some banks are finding plenty of buyers for new debt. In July, Spain's Banco Santander SA sold 2 billion euros of five-year debt, an inflation euro because of investor demand. In July the bank also increased the amount of short-term IOUs, known as commercial paper, it could sell to 25 billion euros from 15 billion euros. It sells the paper to pay off longer-term notes, that would significantly increase the frequency at which it would have to renew, large chunks of its borrowings. A Santander spokesman said the bank is comfortable with its ability to meet its obligations.



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies, breezy northwest winds and seasonal temperatures. Highs: lower 80s. Tonight: Mild and very nice. Lows: in the lower 60s. Tomorrow: Sunny, warmer and breezy. Highs in the upper 80s. Lows: upper 60s.

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny, breezy and very nice. Highs in the upper 70s. Tonight: Mostly clear and cool. Lows in the upper 40s. Tomorrow: A mild warmer and breezy. Highs in the lower 80s with sunny skies. Lows: mid 50.

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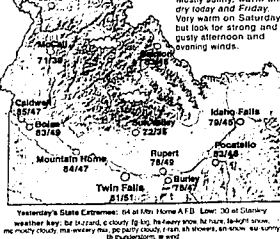
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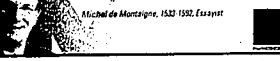
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Today Highs 82 to 78. Tonight's Lows 50 to 41. SOI SE: Warm and sunny to mostly sunny today and Friday. Conditions will also be breezy and dry. Winds will become strong on Saturday and it will not be a warm. A few gusty showers are possible on Saturday.

NORTHERN UTAH: Mild, sunny, warm and dry today and Friday. Most of the area will look for strong and gusty afternoon and evening showers on Saturday.



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: The clearest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness.



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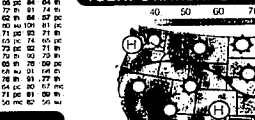
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WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Fannie Mae shakes up management team

By Alan Zibel Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Mortgage finance giant Fannie Mae shook up its executive ranks Wednesday after shares in it and sibling company Freddie Mac rose for a third straight day as investors appeared less certain a government bailout of the two troubled companies is imminent.

Analysts have cast doubt on whether any government rescue is truly inevitable. Fannie shares rose 86 cents, or 15.3 percent, to \$9.48 Wednesday, while Freddie advanced 73 cents, or 19.7 percent, to \$4.75. Fannie Mae said CEO Stephen Sward, who joined the company last year, is leaving to pursue other opportunities in the private equity business. He is being replaced by David C. Hisey, formerly Fannie's senior vice president and controller.

Peter Niculescu, formerly head of the company's capital markets business, was named chief business officer, replacing the retiring Robert J. Levin. Michael Shaw, formerly a senior vice president for credit risk oversight, is taking over as chief risk officer for Enrico Dallavecchia, who is also leaving the company "to pursue other opportunities in finance and risk management."

Washington-based Fannie Mae completed a \$2 billion sale of short-term debt on Wednesday, two days after McLellan, Va.-based Freddie Mac sold the same amount of debt. Large money market funds, which are major buyers of Fannie and Freddie's short-term debt, are still comfortable holding it, said Peter Croteau, president of C&A Data LLC, which tracks money market mutual funds.

Other analysts, however, continue to express a gloomier outlook. Peter Schiff, president of Euro Pacific Capital in Darien, Conn., a longtime bearish investor, predicts that the companies' losses could eventually hit \$1 trillion or more as housing prices fall further than most analysts expect.

ConocoPhillips will sell the remainder of its gas stations in the United States, the company said Wednesday, though Conoco, Phillips 66, and 76 will continue to operate under those familiar signs.

Labor Day travelers might take the bus

High fuel prices still altering vacation habits

By Peter Pao Los Angeles Times

Fewer travelers are expected to fly or drive for the Labor Day holiday, with more opting instead for trains and buses as the weak economy and high fuel prices alter the vacation habits of Americans. In its annual Labor Day forecast, the AAA projected Friday that, in all, fewer Americans will travel more than 50 miles for the end of the summer holiday. About 34 million Americans are expected to travel during the

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Fuel prices are about 40 cents less than the July 4 holiday but are still 91 cents more than a year ago, the AAA said. The national average for self-service regular gasoline was hovering at \$3.70 a gallon Friday.

The travel prices are in line with similar forecasts from the airline industry, which earlier this week said that it expected passenger traffic to dip more than 5 percent for Labor Day holiday. In addition to gasoline

prices, air fares are significantly higher than 2007, according to Live Search Forecast, an air travel search Web site. Labor Day fares are up 25 percent compared with a year ago. The Web site is warning travelers of even higher fares for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, which are expected to be up 35 percent and 31 percent, respectively, compared with 2007.

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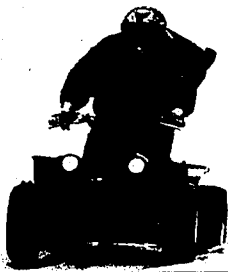
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# OFF-ROAD EDITION OUTDOORS

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## DIRT DEVILS



Photo by BOB BARKER/Time-News  
Motocross riders line up from the starting gate in an effort to win the hole shot during a weekend of racing at Rock Creek Race Track Sunday morning, just south of Kimberly.

### Races held at Rock Creek Race Track over weekend

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News Staff Writer

#### Inside

Motocross was held for two days.  
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A quad racer blasts through a turn at Rock Creek Race Track just south of Kimberly during a weekend of racing Sunday morning.

### Rock crawlers navigate parking lot obstacle course

By Damon Hunziker  
Times-News writer

About 300 people showed up Saturday to watch a demonstration of an off-road sport held in an unusual location: the Advanced Suspension Design parking lot in Twin Falls.

The course — a pile of large rocks that looked like the random rubble from a collapsed building — spanned about 50 feet and took about five minutes for each Jeep to traverse.

"We get a lot of comments from people who don't understand it. They think we're barreling through the desert at top speed tearing things up, but this is actually very slow and controlled," Jeff Trammell, who owns Advanced Suspension Design and participates

himself, said. "This is our first year, though, so not everyone is familiar with what happens."

Saturday's event looked like a competition, but because of the sport's methodically slow nature, it was difficult to distinguish between winners and losers. Drivers either got stuck or didn't — some crawling over rocks unimpeded, others needing to be pulled out by a crane.

"It's mostly just entertainment and a demonstration to promote the sport for the crowd," Trammell said. "For the people in the vehicles, though, it's a serious hobby."

Jeanne Smith, a Buhl resident who attended with her kids, observed, "It seems like they over-did the track this first time and made it



Justin Jackson/Time-News  
Jeff Martin, of Twin Falls, steers his Jeep through obstacles while his son Josh Martin leaps ahead to continue his job of spotting the vehicle through the course Saturday afternoon at the Advanced Suspension Design rock-crawling event in Twin Falls. The Martins' effort to finish the course was stopped due to a broken component in the front axle housing.

too difficult. It would have been more fun to see most of the drivers make it through easily and then

compare their times. I bet they'll get it right next year." Please see CRAWLERS, Page C3

### Off-road going strong

It's been said that bad things happen in threes. And three strikes, you're out.

But good things happen with threes, too — "the third time's a charm" — such as this, the third edition of the Times-News' Outdoors off-road edition.

So where has the last three months brought us? Right here.

Journalism, with its deadlines and demands, is a challenge, especially when you're in charge of filling a section of a growing daily newspaper with print-worthy stories and photos. Add to that the fact that your name is at least once a week plastered in black ink all over south-central Idaho and, in some cases, beyond. I've received e-mail from readers as close as the Wood River Valley to as



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far away as Germany. That's exciting, sure, to know that people read your work.

But it doesn't come easy or lighten the pressure. If anything, it makes the job even more strenuous, because now you have an audience — sometimes passive, always critical.

I must admit, despite my excitement to kick off and spearhead the off-road edition, I was a bit nervous, wondering if I'd be able to fill

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# Tikes on the track

### Motocross not just for grownups; parents say many virtues associated with racing

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer



Andrea Glodowski, 4, maneuvers a turn Saturday at Rock Creek Race Track in Kimberly.

Whoever said motocross racing was just for grownups? A number of children, their parents in tow, assembled Saturday to compete in the Idaho State/East Idaho Motocross Association races at Rock Creek Race Track in Kimberly. And like their adult counterparts, they know how to fling some dirt.

But there's nothing dirty about motocross racing, at least that's what some of the parents told the *Times-News*. "It's fun," said 10-year-old Bryce Waters of Garden Valley. It is his second year racing, but was his first time at Rock Creek, where he raced his No. 17 KTM 65. "I like to ride the jumps."

His mother Angie Waters said she worries about her son on the race track but lets him ride anyway because it helps boost his confidence. "It's super shy and introverted," she said. "But this really helps his self-esteem."

Jacob Wolcik, 11, of Nampa, who raced in the 90 and 110 mini four-stroke classes Saturday, has crashed several times in the four years he's been racing but luckily has only had the wind knocked out of him, nothing major, said his father Paul Wolcik.

Parents say despite their fears, they appreciate

what the sport does for the children.

Friends and competitors Harley Pinnock of Rigby and Anna Maguire of Rexburg, who raced in the Powder Puff division Saturday, both received concussions after crashing their bikes — Maguire last year and Pinnock in June — but it hasn't stopped them from racing.

"You can get hurt doing anything," said Maguire's mom Missy Maguire. "At least she's doing something she enjoys." But that doesn't stop her from worrying about her daughter. She worries about her a lot, Missy Maguire admitted, just as Pinnock's mom Cassie Pinnock worries about her daughter.

There's something to the sport, parents say, because even when their children crash, their kids keep getting back on their dirt machines.

Andrea Glodowski, who races a pink Polaris 50 cc all-terrain vehicle, hasn't crashed yet. But then again, she's only 4 and this is her first year on the track. Her dad Rob Glodowski of Twin

Falls said he'd like to promote her to riding a two-wheeler by next year, not to increase the chances of her crashing, of course, but because he enjoys dirt bikes over ATVs.

During a race Saturday — she was one of three young ATV riders — Andrea rode her pink four-wheeler around the 1-mile track, over its bumps and up its hills, and completed the race with little-girl style. Even though she came in third, Andrea still took home a trophy.

There are no point-standings for the young riders, Glodowski said. They just race for the fun of it and are rewarded with trophies for their efforts.

Glodowski said he's happy his daughter is taking an interest in racing, which she has "many virtues, including a great way to spend time with family."

Andrea's mom Kelly Glodowski is also happy about her daughter's involvement in the sport.

"I'm excited for her. She loves it and has a lot of fun," said Kelly Glodowski. "And I love spending time together as a family."

# Races

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Glodowski, 36, ranks second in his class overall in the Idaho State leagues, but said he won't win first place this year because he has missed more than two races. Racers ranked even in the top three, who garner points for each placement, have to compete in 11 of 13 races to qualify.

But Glodowski, who has raced motorcycles since age 14, said he races for more than trophies, though he has his share of those, too. "It's fun," he said.

Professional-class racer Donny Vawser of Kimberly showed off Saturday, taking the lead early in his first race and never let up until he jumped his Honda CRF450 dirt bike past the checkered flag. He even threw in a few freestyle maneuvers on some of the larger jumps.

As much fun as he had Saturday, it was nothing like the AMA Toyota Motocross Nationals he raced in on July 27. Held in Washington, Wash., Vawser ranked 25th

but said it was a dream come true just to compete in the popular series. "It was the NBA of motocross. It's as high as it gets," he said.

While the events Saturday and Sunday boasted mostly dirt bikers, there were a few ATV riders who flung dirt, sometimes higher than their counterparts, proving that this down and dirty motorsport has more to offer than just two wheels.

About 43 race classes were hosted at Rock Creek over the weekend.

For many of the EIMA riders, it was their first time to compete at Rock Creek Race Track, owned and operated by Denis Sandrock and his wife Bobbie. Most said they were pleased with the facility and its amenities, while a few who had raced there before said it'd be nice if the track was changed up occasionally.

Sandrock said he has modified some hills and corners, but hasn't made major design changes because it would require

tearing up grass at the facility. "I don't like doing that; because grass is so hard to come by," he said. "A lot of riders say they'd like me to do that, but they don't have to do the work."

Rock Creek hosts a 1-mile motocross track, a super cross track and a 1/8-mile oval kart track. During motocross races, crew members spray the track to keep the dust down. But at times it got a bit too slick, said some racers Saturday. "But overall, they do a pretty good job," Vawser said.

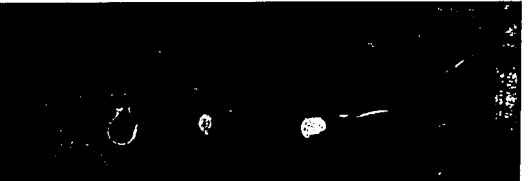
Rich Reynolds of Boise, who raced his dirt bike in the 25-30 pro class, took third place in two motos, but crashed on the last lap during one race. Luckily, he walked away with only a few scratches and still finished third.

"But it's a lot more fun to win," he said.

Reynolds and other racers in the Idaho State MX Series will compete for championships on Sept. 20 in Boise. Should be a good time, Reynolds said.

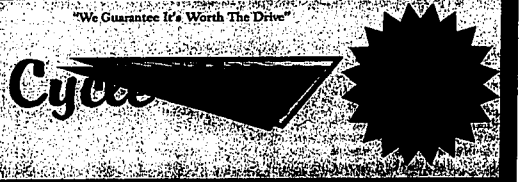
## Customized your machine?

Have you customized your ATV, UTV, 4X4 or off-road motorcycle? If so, how about sharing photos and information about what you've done to your machine? Send photos and information, including a phone number and/or e-mail address where we can contact you, to [Outdoors Editor Andrew Weeks](mailto:Outdoors@timesnews.com).



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# Crawling

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Announcer Scott Besancon often tried to find new ways to describe the event.

"Look at him crawl over those rocks," he said. Then, describing the commentary somewhat, he said, "Now that's what I call rock crawling."

And finally, arriving at a more descriptive decision, Besancon said, "That's 502 cubic inches of pure American fury... Holy smoly, look at him motor through that puppy."

Rudly Walker, from Twin Falls, attended to see both his

son and grandson participate.

"It's fun. It looks pretty awesome, but it looks too expensive for me," he said.

"It's probably right. For the average guy looking to recreate, you're looking at \$15,000 to \$30,000 — but they can go as high as \$100,000," Trammell said. "You build them, not break 'em. It's just all of the components that add up."

Some of those expensive additions include four-wheel steering, locking differentials, high-tech suspension, drop shackles, and

low-speed gears. The most striking component is the tires, which are simply huge.

Leaving the event, looking at the comparatively insignificant rubber below your own vehicle, one can't help but feel inadequate. Fortunately, on the way out, the event also included a demonstration of miniature remote-controlled vehicles — which somehow returned balance to the perspective.

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# Notebook

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the section every month with off-road events, related issues and people to profile.

As today's edition attests, I need to have worried.

Still, it always helps a busy journalist when he or she receives news tips from readers. Besides, I want this section to be all it can be and know there is a lot of stuff we haven't even touched yet.

So the clarion call is, if three

know of any off-road events, issues or enthusiasts — such as that neighbor you rarely see without a helmet or the one who lets his dog trail ride his ATV with him —

you'd like to see profiled, call or send me an e-mail. I promise I won't hark or bite but would actually be quite thankful.

But if you contact me three times, well... I hope you're enjoying our

monthly off-road edition. I'm having a fun ride. How 'bout you?

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**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

CLOTHAGLINE

THE BORDER BETWEEN "IN VOGUE" AND "INDECENT"

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

DAD THIS IS MY FRIEND PAUL

WELL

I'LL MEET YOU OVER BY THE TREE SHAMBER

OHAY

SO YOU'RE A LEG MAN, HUH?

WANTY WANT SUPERFED TO MEAN?

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

DO WHAT I TELL YOU, BEETLE, OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!

OH-YEAH? WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

I WISH HE'D JUST EXPLAIN WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES ARE!

BEETLE BAILEY

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

HONEY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT CHERRY COBBLER THAT WAS IN THE OVEN?

YES, I DO DEAR

WELL?

SO YOU'RE A LEG MAN, HUH?

WANTY WANT SUPERFED TO MEAN?

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

COMPANY LAWYER

ABSOLUTELY. I CAN ALSO LEAVE A SOUR TASTE IN EVERYONE'S MOUTH AND MAKE YOU WANT TO CHOKER ME WITH MY SUSPENDERS.

IF YOU EXERCISE AND EAT RIGHT, YOU MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE WHEN I FINISH IT.

GOOD ENOUGH.

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

How's the paper coming, Dusty?

Good! Altho' Alim hung up on a caption for this week's editorial cartoon...

Mind if I take a stab at it?

Be mah guest!

This... This is a snake eating the snake with should be cryin' foul... The snake, or the professor.

Mah dilemma is that Alim not sure who should be cryin' foul... The snake, or the professor.

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

LOOK, HE'S GONE BACK TO SLEEP, BUT HE DIDN'T BRING HIS WIFE WITH HIM! HE'S LEFT HER HERE!

HELLO, PALLY? YOU'D LIKE TO STAY IN THE ROOM WITH ME AND THE PUPPETS? I'LL BRING YOU SOME SNACKS AND WE'LL WATCH THEM AT THE RECEPTION!

WHO CALLED? ANYBODY?

IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE TO GET EVERYTHING GOING TO DO OK.

THAT CHANGES LIKE A FLIP TO END A DORY!

CERTAINLY! VALENTINE'S DAY ENDS TODAY!

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

HE'S OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE VOTERS ON HEALTHCARE--HE DOESN'T SUPPORT EXTENDED WARRANTIES.

HE STILL MIGHT WIN. HE'S A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE VOTING MACHINE.

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

I KNOW IT'S HARD, BUT TRY NOT TO THINK OF FOOD

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**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

DAD, WHAT WAS IT LIKE WHEN YOU WERE COURTING MOM?

TIMES WERE TOUGH! I TOLD HER PARENTS WE COULDN'T GET MARRIED UNTIL I COULD AFFORD MY OWN BOAT.

AT THAT POINT HER FATHER BEGGED ME TO TAKE HIS BOAT.

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

MOM, CAN YOU THINK OF A 5-LETTER WORD THAT MEANS "IDIOT"?

WELL, HOW ABOUT "MORON"?

GOOD ONE! THANKS, MOM!

CUTE! DOTS IS DOING A CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

I'VE COME UP WITH SOME VANITY PLATE IDEAS FOR WHEN YOU GET A CAR.

IDIOT PUNCE PUNCE MARCH MARCH

**Luann** By Greg Evans

DON'T TELL MOM AND DAD, OK?

YOUNG I WENT TO THE TATTOO PLACE AND...

OHAY-- BRAD!! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID THIS!! DOES IT H--

DON'T TOUCH THE TAT!

CAT? WHAT CAT?

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

SOMETIMES I WISH THAT JOE BUCKLECK, THE WORLD FAMOUS RIVER BOAT GAMBLER, WOULD LEARN TO SHUFFLE.

THE GIFT OF MY TIME!

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

Bad news, brudder crocs--brudder Bob drown on stem drain.

Why he e en Storm drain?

Crocs tink it lead to zeeba house. But no true. Les seater system dat lead enside zeeba house.

How we get en dere?

Ees one small step for croc-kind. One giant leap for croc-kind.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

FOR MY WIFE'S BIRTHDAY MY DAUGHTER GAVE HER THE GIFT OF HER TIME.

SHE SPENT ALL DAY DOING STUFF WITH HER. OPAL HAD A GREAT IDEA.

YEAH, SO I TOLD HER THAT TODAY I WAS GOING TO GIVE HER THE GIFT OF MY TIME!

SHE LOVED IT. I CAN'T GO HOME UNTIL 1:30 P.M.

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOSSING A WATER BALLOON, NAW.

WE'LL COVER BALANCE, THROWING TECHNIQUES AND PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LESSON.

NOT KNEWEN TO HARRY?

I'LL ADD THAT TO THE LIST!

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

WHAT ARE YOU DRINK, DRINK?

MAKING OUT A LIST OF THINGS JUST OFFEND ME.

WELL, THAT'S WHAT OFFENDS ME!

BUT WHAT IF THEY TURN OUT TO BE RIGHT?

MR. WILSON HAS TO WATCH WHAT HE EATS.

IS THAT WHY HE'S STARIN' AT THE PIE?

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

I THINK YOU SHOULD CUT BACK ON WINE

WHY?

YOUR BLOOD CELLS ARE RED, WHITE AND ROSE

Zits

DING DONG! DING DONG! DING DONG!

NO WAY!

PIERCED???

YOU MUST NEVER SPEAK OF THIS TO ANYONE!





# Killer or victim?

## Chinese defend accused police killer

By Cara Anna  
Associated Press writer

SHANGHAI, China — The murder case was supposed to be simple: A jobless man accused of killing six police officers in a rare stabbing rampage in China's largest city.

But the Chinese public surprised authorities, sympathizing with Yang Jia despite the violent attack and asking whether he was driven to his alleged crime by police abuse of power.

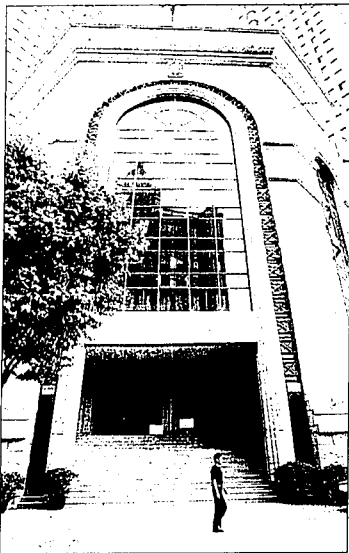
Concerns grew when a state media report said Yang tried but failed to sue Shanghai police for psychological damage he claimed to have suffered during an interrogation last year — indicating the killings were in revenge.

Several Chinese papers have hinted that Yang was wronged and demanded a fair trial. But some say he didn't get one, pointing out that his assigned lawyer works for the same government that oversees the police station where the officers were killed.

Shanghai media this week have been silent on the increasingly sensitive trial, which was delayed until the Olympics were over. The verdicts reached Tuesday as reporters hovered outside the closed courtroom, hasn't been announced. A death sentence is likely.

"That's the so-called 'open trial,'" Yan Jiajun, editor of the respected Shanghai Weekly newspaper, said Wednesday in a telephone interview. "I think people get what's going on. Let's see how this thing gets a happy ending."

Chinese have grown increasingly aware of their legal rights in recent years.



AP photo

On July 1 a man walks at the main gate of Zhabei District Police Station where a man with a knife assaulted and killed some police officers in Shanghai, China. The murder case was supposed to be simple: An unemployed man accused of killing six police officers in a rare stabbing rampage. But the Chinese public surprised authorities, sympathizing with the accused killer and demanding fairness in the sensitive, just concluded trial.

but justice remains elusive. The country continues to have problems with closed trials and a lack of due process. Only this summer, criminal defense lawyers got

the right to meet with their clients without official permission, request evidence from prosecutors and call witnesses if court.

The attack came a month

before the highly anticipated Summer Olympics, startling a host city that had already tightened its security. The 28-year-old Yang was accused of storming into a police station July 1 and killing officers, killing five and wounding four. One of the wounded died the next day.

Yang, who is from Beijing, reportedly told police he was seeking revenge after officers from the station interrogated him last year for riding an unlicensed bicycle.

There was public anger at the police killings, but another point of view quickly emerged.

Southern Weekend published a long, sympathetic four-page story asking what could have made a young quiet man who liked to travel want to take so many lives.

"I'd rather break the law than live with injustice my whole life," the newspaper said Yang told police.

The state-run Xinhua News Agency reported that Yang sued the officers who had interrogated him for psychological damage, but the claim was rejected.

Last month, a man in the nearby city of Suzhou was arrested — by Shanghai police — and accused of spreading online rumors that the police interrogating Yang had damaged his genitals.

In their defense, Shanghai police last month released audio of last year's incident, showing Yang immediately arguing with the officer who stopped him.

"Yang Jia's abnormal behavior is a measure of abnormality in our own society," said an editorial last month in the Pearl River Evening News, adding that putting Yang to death quickly would stir up a public already skeptical about how

the case was handled.

Another editorial last month in The Beijing News called for Yang's appointed lawyer, Xie Yuming, to drop the case because he's a legal adviser for Shanghai's Zhabei district, which oversees the police station where the attack occurred. An application by two Beijing-based lawyers to represent Yang at his father's request was rejected.

Xie is refusing to take phone calls from the media, a colleague at Shanghai's Mingjiang Law Firm, Di Zhanjun, said. The Shanghai No. 2 People's Intermediate Court, where Yang's trial was held, wouldn't comment. And a Shanghai police spokesman on Wednesday only said the trial was over, with the verdict to be announced within a few days.

Faced with limited information and a swirl of rumors, the public started to raise doubts about the case, said David Handurski, who studies the Chinese media for the Hong Kong-based China Media Project.

"Some raised the issue of why he did it. So this got into bigger issue of maybe there were injustices carried out by the Shanghai police," he said Wednesday. "That's where I think authorities would not want this case to go."

A Beijing-based lawyer and legal blogger, Liu Xiaoyuan, said Wednesday that more than 30 of his 40-plus blog posts about Yang's case since it began had been blocked.

"Yesterday, I wrote one about why the Shanghai court didn't put the notice of the trial's schedule on its Web site, which the law says they should do three days in advance," Liu said.

## Combat flares in 3rd area of Pakistan border belt

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani troops drove off a Taliban attack on a fort and wounded another band of militants holed up in a health center, officials said Wednesday as fighting spread to a third area of the tribal belt along the Afghan border.

As many as 49 insurgents were reported killed. The violence came a week after the threat of impeachment forced longtime U.S. Ambassador Pervez Musharraf to resign as president, triggering a scramble for power that resulted in the collapse of Pakistan's governing coalition.

The party led by former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto until her assassination last December is now in a position to dominate the government and it is toughening its stance against Islamic extremists at a time when they are becoming increasingly bold.

The Taliban have claimed responsibility for a wave of suicide bombings, including one outside the country's biggest weapons complex last week that killed at least 67 people, almost all of them civilians.

Security forces have been waging offensives against militants for several weeks in the northern Swat valley and in the Bajur tribal area, considered a launch pad for Taliban operations into Afghanistan and a possible hideaway for Osama bin Laden.

On Wednesday, fighting spread to South Waziristan, a tribal region that has seen a stream of suspected U.S. missile attacks on al-Qaida hideouts in recent months.

The military said 75 to 100 militants assaulted a fort around midnight Tuesday, but troops guarding the post and a checkpoint on a nearby bridge "responded effectively and repulsed the attack."

## North Korean woman arrested on spying charges

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A North Korean woman accused of using "sex" as a tool for her spy activity and plotting to assassinate South Korean intelligence agents with poisoned needles has been arrested, prosecutors said Wednesday.

The suspect, identified as Won Jeong-hwa, 34, confessed after her July 15 arrest that she was a spy trained and commissioned by North Korea's intelligence agency, prosecutors said in a statement.

She is the first alleged North Korean spy arrested in South Korea since 2006, and the second in a decade, the statement said. No trial date has been set for Won, who was arrested on charges of spying and is in custody. If convicted, she faces anywhere from seven years in prison to execution.

Won entered the South in 2001 after marrying a South Korean businessman in China, falsely reporting to authorities that she was a defector from the communist North. Prosecutors said she and her husband immediately divorced.

While in the South she gathered and passed classified information on to the North, including the locations of key military installations, lists of North Korean defectors and personal information on South Korean military officers, the statement said.

She dated a South Korean army captain and the officer cooperated with her, providing a list of North Korean defectors and destroying her fingerprints. North's spy agency. The captain, identified only by his surname Hwang, also was arrested.

## Russia mulls poultry and pork import quota cuts

By Cabrina Stewart  
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — Russia could cut poultry and pork import quotas by hundreds of thousands of tons, the country's agriculture minister said Wednesday. The move could hit American producers hard and comes amid heightened tensions between Moscow and Washington over the war in ex-Soviet Georgia.

"It is time to change the quota regime and reduce imports, which have unfortunately built up in recent years," Alexei Gordeyev told reporters, according to the IFAH-Eurasia agency.

He said domestic producers could make up the shortfall if imports were reduced. Any substantial cuts would likely have a significant impact on U.S. poultry producers, for whom Russia is the biggest market. Russians sometimes refer to U.S. poultry imports as "frozen chicken" because of the frozen chicken shipped to Russia amid economic troubles following the 1991 Soviet collapse, when the current U.S. president's father was in office.

Earlier this week, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin backed proposals to freeze some of the agreements — particularly in agriculture — relating to its efforts to join the 154-member World Trade Organization.

Officials claim Moscow agreed to certain conditions with member countries in exchange for their help in fast-tracking Russia's entry.

"Agreements signed more than three years ago as part of the negotiations on WTO accession are unfortunately no longer in Russia's interests," said Gordeyev. "To put it mildly, we've been deceived."

Last month, Russian and U.S. lobbyists agreed in principle to cutting poultry imports to Russia from 2009. U.S. producers supply nearly 75 percent of the total poultry import quota set by Russia, which stands at 1.2 million tons.

An analyst said Russia's timing was no coincidence. "It has been on the agenda for some time," said Chris Westler, chief strategist at UralSib bank in Moscow. "But the fact that it has been mentioned now is almost certainly linked with the rhetoric that we've had from Georgia, and from Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. It has just been accelerated as a result of current events."

Russian forces drove deep into U.S. ally Georgia earlier this month. Moscow has kept troops in the Caucasus mountains despite Western protests and on Tuesday ignored President Bush's exhortations against recognizing the independence of two Georgian separatist regions.

## Hijackers of Darfur plane surrender in Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Two Sudanese men, armed with handguns and the threat of explosives, stormed the cockpit of the Boeing 737, taking control just minutes into the flight. Passengers said the hijackers remained calm but they still spent a night in fear.

Once on the ground at a remote Libyan airfield, the hijackers demanded maps and enough fuel to reach France. But after 22 hours, the standoff ended Wednesday with the 95 passengers and crew let go and the gunman surrendering in a run-down VIP lounge with a plea for asylum.

Passengers and officials at the airport in southeastern Libya said the men identified themselves as members of a Darfur rebel group — the Sudan Liberation Movement, which promptly denied any involvement.

But Muratada Hassan, executive director of Sun Air, which owns the jetliner, said their motives were personal and they had no connection with any political or rebel groups. He would not elaborate.

The hijackers, Darfuri men in their 40s, made no political demands. "Their first demand was France... Then they negotiated for Libyan asylum. Then they had no other solution — there was no escape," said Mohammed Al-Balla (C)man, Sudan's consul in the desert oasis of Kufra, where the plane landed Tuesday.



AP photo

The freed passengers of a plane hijacked on Tuesday arrive in Khartoum, Sudan, late Wednesday. Two Sudanese men, armed with handguns and the threat of explosives, commandeered a Boeing jetliner, which was carrying 95 passengers and crew, soon after it took off on Tuesday from the southern Darfur town of Nyala. The standoff ended Wednesday after 22 hours, with the 95 passengers and crew let go and the gunman surrendering in a run-down VIP lounge with a plea for asylum.

It was unclear whether their asylum request would be granted.

The plane was hijacked about 20 minutes into its flight from Nyala, the capital of southern Darfur, to Sudan's national capital, Khartoum. Waving handguns, the men forced their way into the pilot's cabin. Passengers said the men threatened to blow up the plane, but there was no indication they had explosives or any other means to cause an explosion.

The plane landed at Kufra, a World War II-era outpost near Libya's border with

Egypt and Sudan, where about 500 security personnel and police surrounded the plane as negotiators worked to free the passengers.

Late Wednesday, a Libyan plane flew the freed crew and passengers to Khartoum. The hijackers remained in custody for questioning.

Among the passengers were former rebels who have become members of the Darfur Transitional Authority, an interim government body responsible for implementing a peace agreement reached in 2006 between Sudan's government and one of the Darfur rebel factions.





# Ex-KGB spy, CIA's 'most valuable defector,' dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — A KGB spy who switched allegiances at the height of the Cold War and was considered by the CIA as its "most valuable and economical defector" has died.

Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko defected in Switzerland in 1964. Confined to a safe

house in Clinton, Md., the former Soviet spy was interrogated for about four months in 1965 until transferred to a specially constructed jail because he was suspected of being a double agent, according to declassified CIA documents released last year. He was held until

October 1967, then resettled under an assumed identity.

"While I regret my three years of incarceration, I have no bitterness and now understand how it could happen," he said, according to the documents.

The 81-year-old Nosenko died Saturday, a month after

the CIA delivered to his home a ceremonial flag and a letter of thanks from the agency's director, Michael Hayden, honoring his service to the United States, according to intelligence officials.

The CIA considered him the "most valuable and economical defector" this agency

has ever had," the long-held documents said, noting his information resulted in the arrest and prosecution of spies.

The CIA put Nosenko under a polygraph in 1964, 1966 and 1968 about Kennedy assassination Lee Harvey Oswald's possible ties

to the KGB. Nosenko told his interrogators that Oswald was not a KGB operative, according to a 1979 report to Congress.

Nosenko's death after a long illness was first reported Wednesday's Washington Post, which said he lived in a Southern state.

# Fear grips immigrants after Miss. transformer plant raid

By Holbrook Mohr Associated Press writer

LAUREL, Miss. — A day after the largest single-workplace immigration raid in U.S. history, Elizabeth Alegria was too scared to send her son to school and worried about when she'd see her husband again.

Nearly 600 immigrants suspected of being in the country illegally were detained, creating panic among dozens of families in this small, southern Mississippi town.

Alegria, 26, a Mexican immigrant, was working at the Howard Industries transformer plant Monday when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents stormed in. When they found out she has two sons, ages 4 and 9, she was fitted with a bracelet and told to appear in federal court next month. But her husband, Andres, wasn't lucky.

"I'm very traumatized because I don't know if they are going to let my husband go and when I will see him," Alegria said through a translator Tuesday as she returned to the Howard Industries parking lot to retrieve her sport utility vehicle.

The superintendent of the county school district said about half of approximately 160 Hispanic students were absent Tuesday.

Roberto Velez, pastor at Iglesia Cristiana Pentecostal, where an estimated 30 to 40 percent of the 200 parishioners were caught up in the raid, said parents were afraid immigration officials would take them.

"They didn't send their kids to school today," he said. "I was scared is that?"

One worker caught in Monday's sweep at the plant said fellow workers applauded as immigrants were taken into custody. Federal officials said a tip from a union member prompted them to start investigating several years ago.

Fabiola Pena, 21, cradled her 2-year-old daughter as she described a chaotic scene at the plant as the raid began, followed by clapping.

"I was crying the whole time. I didn't know what to do," Pena said. "We didn't know what was happening because everyone started running. Some people thought it was a bomb but then we figured out it was



Danielle Martinez, 24, of Laurel, Miss., complains Wednesday, about the unfairness of the immigration raid at the Howard Industries plant in Laurel which netted about 600 suspected illegal immigrants Monday. Martinez was assisting some immigrant families in removing their vehicles from the employee parking lot before they were towed.

immigration."

About 100 of the 595 detained workers were released for humanitarian reasons, many of them mothers who were fitted with electronic monitoring bracelets and allowed to go home to their children, officials said.

About 475 other workers were transferred to an ICE facility in Jena, La. Nine who were under 18 were transferred to the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

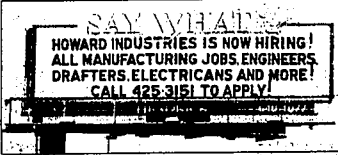
John Foxworth, an attorney representing some of the immigrants, said eight arrested in federal court in Hattiesburg on Tuesday because they face criminal charges for allegedly using false Social Security and residency identification.

He said the raid was traumatic for families.

"There was no communication, an immediate loss of any kind of news and a lack of understanding of what's happening to their loved ones," he said. "A complete and utter feeling of helplessness."

Those detained were from Brazil, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, and Peru, said Barbara Gonzalez, an ICE spokeswoman.

"We have kids without dads and pregnant mothers who got their husbands



Residents of Laurel, Miss., can see this oversized hiring announcement along one of the city's major streets, Wednesday. The billboard was posted shortly after the immigration raid at the electronics plant resulted in the gathering of almost 600 suspected illegal immigrants.

taken away," said Velez's son, Robert, youth pastor at the church. "It was like a horror story. They got hauled like they were criminals."

Howard Industries is in Mississippi's Pine Belt region, known for commercial timber growth and chicken processing plants. The tech company produces dozens of products ranging from electrical transformers to medical supplies, according to its Web site.

Gonzalez said agents had executed search warrants at both the plant and the company headquarters in nearby Ellsville. She said no company executives had been detained, but this was an "ongoing investigation and yesterday's action was just the first part."

A woman at the Ellsville headquarters told The

Associated Press on Tuesday that no one was available to answer questions.

In a statement to the Laurel Leader-Call newspaper, Howard Industries said the company "runs every check allowed to ascertain the immigration status of all applicants for its jobs."

Gov. Haley Barbour recently signed a law requiring Mississippi employers to use a U.S. Homeland Security system to check new workers' immigration status.

The law took effect July 1 for businesses with state contracts and takes effect Jan. 1 for other businesses.

# Bush steps up fight over congressional subpoena authority

By Matt Apuzzo Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is raising the stakes in a court fight that could change the balance of power between the White House and Congress.

Justice Department lawyers said Wednesday that they will soon ask a federal appeals court not to force the president's top advisers to comply with congressional subpoenas next month.

President Bush argues Congress doesn't have the authority to demand information from his aides.

U.S. District Judge John Bates strongly rejected that stance last month, ordering former White House counsel Harriet Miers to testify and White House chief of staff Joshua Bolton to turn over documents related to the firing of federal prosecutors.

It was a historic loss for the Bush administration, a stinging ruling in the first such case ever to make it to the courts.

The House Judiciary Committee responded swiftly, demanding Miers appear Sept. 11 as it investigates whether federal prosecutors were inappropriately fired as part of a White House effort to politicize the Justice Department.

The Bush administration had already indicated it would appeal but Justice Department lawyers said Wednesday that they will ask the court to step in quickly and temporarily put Miers' appearance on hold while the appeal plays out.

It's a risky move for an administration that has spent years trying to strengthen the power of the presidency.

If the appeals court refuses to temporarily block the testimony, it would essentially be endorsing Bates'

"We have not found willing partners on the other side of the table."

— House counsel Irv Nathan

ruling against the Bush administration. Miers likely would have to comply with the subpoena, setting a precedent that would give Congress new teeth in its investigations and weaken future presidents.

On the other hand, if the appeals court temporarily blocks Miers' testimony, it could allow the Bush administration to run out the clock before a new Congress comes to Washington and the case becomes moot. In that situation, Bates' order will have been weakened and future presidents will have more wiggle room.

The Bush administration could have taken other steps to avoid a showdown at the appeals court. Even if it appealed Bates' ruling, it could have negotiated a deal with Congress in which Miers and Bolton provided some information voluntarily and lawmakers agreed to withdraw the lawsuit.

But House counsel Irv Nathan said negotiations have been "completely useless."

"We have not found willing partners on the other side of the table," Nathan said in court Wednesday, telling Bates that "we're being dunced around here."

Justice Department attorney Carl Nichols called those statements misleading but declined to elaborate. He said the Justice Department would file documents with the appeals court by Thursday asking the judges to step in.

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## Youth and veteran leadership balance Bronco O-line

By Dustin Lapray  
Times-News correspondent

The Boise State Broncos will start two seniors at offensive guard this season. That leadership will have to counter the youth the offensive line has at center and both tackle spots.

With position changes, no player returns in the same spot played a year ago. Ben Clady left the team a year early for the NFL's Denver Broncos. Tad Miller and brothers Jeff and Pete Cavender depart via graduation.

Andrew Woodruff returns for his senior season at left guard. He played right tackle last season.

"It's sinking in this is my last sea-

son," Woodruff said. "I just want it to be my best one. I want to prepare more than I've ever done before."

The 6-foot-2, 305-pound senior from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, lost 25 pounds in the off-season. He is strategically placed on the line between redshirt freshman Thomas Byrd (the starting center) and 6-4, 281-pounder Matt Slater at left tackle.

Slater has huge shoes to fill with Clady's early departure.

"Last year I was just sitting in the back, waiting all the time," Slater said. "It's nice to have a chance to show what I got. I learned a lot from all those guys."

Slater wasn't hard to start the



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season at tackle. That job had been going to redshirt freshman Nate Potter, who injured his leg and had arthroscopic surgery early in fall camp. Potter is expected to be back this week or next.

"It's bad for Nate because Nate



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needs the work," offensive line coach Scott Huff said. "Other than that it's been a good thing. The more guys getting reps, that's a good thing. Reps pay off down the road."

Slater, with all those reps, is just trying to get used to playing next to Woodruff.

"It's difficult, but it's fun," Slater said. "It's like Huff says, there's growing pains. Learning to play

with Woody is great. I've never played next to him, so you have to work out the kinks, the timing, all that. You gotta learn how different guys communicate."

Jon Gort, the senior right guard, will get his first action as a starter. Despite the fact he hasn't started yet at Boise State, he is looked at as a leader of this young unit.

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## Staying UP

### CSI readies for first big tests of season

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

The second weekend of college volleyball looms, and the College of Southern Idaho heads down to the Crystal Inn Invitational in Salt Lake City satisfied with the 7-0 mark it owns from last week's season-opening tournament in Twin Falls.

Perhaps a little too satisfied, CSI head coach Heidi Cartisser hinted.

"This week we're really been working on playing to the CSI level of volleyball, and not to the level of the team on the other side of the net," she said after Wednesday's practice session. "We're really working on keeping things at a high-intensity with very little down time, to try and keep that motivation up. We don't want the girls to play other teams just 1 or 2 points up, we want them to play like we own the court."

The Golden Eagles will need to take that motivation and right direction for this weekend's tournament, which is loaded with talented teams that can knock CSI down a peg or two, if ranked No. 3 in the NJCAA Division 1 preseason poll, will face three of its fellow top 15 teams — No. 15 Northeastern (Colo.), No. 8 Missouri State-West Plains and No. 12 Indian Hills (Iowa) — in pool play at the tournament before bracket play begins Saturday afternoon.

No. 6 Salt Lake Community College, No. 17 Lake Land College (Ill.), No. 18 North Idaho and defending NJCAA Division 1 volleyball champion Nebraska are four of the



After a solid opening weekend, College of Southern Idaho freshman Jessica Peacock (6) will look for more at this weekend's Crystal Inn Invitational in Salt Lake City.

other teams that could face CSI in bracket play.

But given that the Golden Eagles tend to play to the level of their opponents, it shouldn't be too hard to get up for the tournament.

"We could see a lot of these teams at nationals, but that's not going to faze us any," preseason first-team all-American middle blocker Alyssa Wistrick said of the tournament field. "This is going to show us where we're at (compared) with other teams around the country."

While there is a sense of uncertainty in the CSI camp about consistently putting out in

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## Merriman to play on despite damaged knee

By Bernie Wilson  
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — The surgeon's knife can wait. Shawne Merriman is going to play football, two torn knee ligaments and all.

A day after visiting a fourth doctor, the San Diego Chargers' star outside linebacker decided Wednesday to play this season rather than have his damaged left knee repaired now.

"To be as simple as possible, I just want to play football," Merriman said. "That's what it comes down to. I know what's on the line, I know what's on the line, I put a lot of work in this and I want to play."

Merriman said late last week that he has tears in both the posterior cruciate and lateral collateral ligaments in his left knee, which he hurt in a game at Tennessee in December. He spent several days seeking outside opinions. He returned Tuesday after seeing a doctor in Miami.

Merriman said all four doctors he saw said he needed surgery, but there "just wasn't a time frame on that. My knee still looks pretty good. The decision was left up to me to play, if you give a football player a decision to play, you know, I'm going to play."

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## Manning gets good reviews after 1st workout

By Michael Marot  
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Now Peyton Manning can start fine-tuning the mechanics, timing and rhythm.

Just don't expect him to try it in Thursday night's preseason game against Cincinnati. Coach Tony Dungy increased the two-day league MVP's workload Wednesday, one day after he finally returned to practice and showed no lingering effects from the knee surgery that kept him out for the past six weeks.

"We've been telling you guys that he's been doing a lot of things, and we have a pretty extensive workout before we let guys get back on the field."

— Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy

Team officials initially said their franchise quarterback would miss four to six weeks, and all along Dungy, team president Bill Polian and others contended Manning was on schedule amid speculation he might miss more time. That didn't end the questions about Manning being hurt worse

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## Fit to be tied: Declo, Bliss play to 1-1 draw

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

The last time Bliss sophomore Lindsay James stepped on the pitch at Declo High School, she broke her ankle in three places.

In an instant, her freshman season was over. A metal plate, several screws and months of grueling rehab later, James made sure the Bears didn't lose its season opener Wednesday by assisting on the equalizer to force a 1-1 tie.

James used her quickness to get past a Declo defender on the right side of the box and made a picture-perfect cross to a striking Abby Burk, who knocked the ball into the net in the 46th minute.

"I was focusing on (James) and then she passed it over and scored behind me," said Declo goalkeeper Abby Christensen.

Bliss was fortunate to slip one

past Christensen, who had a stellar game with 20 saves. Bliss coach Diana Butler was frustrated that her team seemed to take all of its shots "right at that bright blue shirt," referring to Christensen's goalkeeper jersey.

"Her nickname is Wall," Declo coach Megi Jelle said of Christensen. "Nothing typically gets by her. She's aggressive and she is definitely a team leader back there."

Declo scored early in the first half as Monica Gillette found the net.

"All in all, I thought our defense played very well, because I don't think (Declo) had 10 shots on goal, if that," said Butler. "When (Declo) scored that goal, the girls were way out of position. We'll make a few adjustments for that."

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Bliss' Demise Butler (2) feeds off the slide tackle of the Declo's Kaitie Stalker during the second half of a 1-1 tie Wednesday in Declo. To order photo reprints, go to magicvalley.com and click on the PhotoNow button.

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**FSN** — Wake Forest at Baylor  
 7 p.m.  
**ESPN2** — Oregon St. at Stanford

**GOLF**  
**IGC** — Eurocup PGA Tour  
 Johnnie Walker  
 Championship, first round  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
 6 p.m.  
**WGN** — Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs  
**ML FOOTBALL**  
 8 p.m.  
**NBC** — Preseason, Jacksonville vs. Washington  
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New York	77	57	.572	
Los Angeles	66	67	.497	10.0
San Francisco	66	67	.497	10.0
St. Louis	66	67	.497	10.0
Cleveland	66	67	.497	10.0
Chicago	66	67	.497	10.0
San Diego	66	67	.497	10.0
Atlanta	66	67	.497	10.0
Pittsburgh	66	67	.497	10.0
Philadelphia	66	67	.497	10.0

### National League

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	68	65	.511	
San Diego	68	65	.511	
St. Louis	68	65	.511	
San Francisco	68	65	.511	
Cincinnati	68	65	.511	
Pittsburgh	68	65	.511	
Philadelphia	68	65	.511	
Chicago	68	65	.511	
Atlanta	68	65	.511	
Baltimore	68	65	.511	
Washington	68	65	.511	

### American League

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	77	57	.572	
New York	77	57	.572	
Los Angeles	66	67	.497	10.0
San Francisco	66	67	.497	10.0
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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Team	W	L	Pct
Arizona	22	11	.667
Washington	22	11	.667
California	22	11	.667
Duke	22	11	.667
Kentucky	22	11	.667
North Carolina	22	11	.667
Texas	22	11	.667
Virginia	22	11	.667
Wisconsin	22	11	.667
Xavier	22	11	.667

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# Nevada cracking down on drunks at Wolf Pack football games

**RENO, Nev.** — Nevada athletic officials announced Wednesday a new text message number for fans to report inappropriate behavior during football games as part of an effort to crack down on drunks and other rowdy troublemakers at Mackay Stadium.

The new "zero tolerance policy" adopted in response to concerns raised about a lack of a family atmosphere at the game sites that fans who appear visibly intoxicated will be denied access to the stadium and ejected from campus.

For the first time, beer kegs also will be banned in tailgating areas, school officials said.

Campus police, Washoe County sheriff's deputies and additional security personnel will be stationed at every stadium game. An alcohol response team of specially trained individuals also has been added to deal with problems and monitor beer sales in concession areas.

**NCAA turns down QB Mack again**

**CINCINNATI** — Quarterback Ben Mauk has lost his latest appeal to play for Cincinnati for another year of eligibility in the NCAA. The NCAA informed Cincinnati on Wednesday that Mauk had been turned down again.

The case fell into confusion this week. Mauk's lawyer was told by an NCAA representative on Monday night that the appeal had been turned down only to get another call from the NCAA a day later saying the staff was still considering the case.

Mauk led the Bearcats to 10 wins and a No. 17 final ranking last season, when he came back from serious shoulder and arm injuries.

**NBA**

**OK City team to get name next week**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Oklahoma City's new NBA franchise has finally set a date to announce its name and team colors.

The team said Wednesday that it would unveil the name and colors simultaneously on its Web site and at a downtown event Sept. 3.

Clay Bennett's ownership group has applied for trademarks for six names: Thunder, Energy, Wind, Marshalls, Barons and Bison.

Oklahoma City television station KOCO has reported that the choice will be Thunder, but Bennett has refused to comment on what the name will be.

**Duckworth died of heart disease**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** — Oregon officials say an

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autopsy shows former Portland Trail Blazers center Kevin Duckworth died when his enlarged heart failed during a game.

Duckworth died Monday at 44 on the Oregon coast, where he was on a goodwill tour for the team.

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**Kimberly Boosters hold meeting**

**KIMBERLY** — Kimberly Booster Club will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3, for anyone interested in joining the booster club.

The meeting will be held in the Media Center at the Kimberly High School.

**MVBA golf scramble planned**

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Builders Association's 2008 Golf Scramble will be held Friday, Sept. 12, at Canyon Springs Golf Course. Check-in begins at noon, followed by a 1 p.m., shotgun start. The cost is \$65 per player.

er or \$240 per team before Sept. 8 and increase to \$75/\$265 thereafter.

To reserve a spot, e-mail mvbaw@magvalleybuilders.org or fax 734-8483.

Information: 736-4091.

**Buhl holds soccer sign-ups today**

**BUHL** — Sign-ups for the Buhl Youth Soccer Association's Fall season will be held from 5-9 p.m., today and from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, at El Cazador's black dining room.

There will be a \$5 discount per child for those registering on Aug. 28. Anyone coaching will receive one free child registration.

Information: Daniele Ruiter at 731-9553, Kelly Smothers at 539-7829, or Michelle Pato at 543-5662.

**JRD holds fall sports sign-ups**

**JEROME** — Jerome Recreation District is offering registration for fall soccer, flag football and volleyball from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., today and Sept. 7 for those in the district and \$27 outside the district. Soccer is for ages 4 through grade 4, while flag football is for grades 2-5 and volleyball is for grades 5-8. Register by phone by calling 324-3389 or stop by the JRD during office hours.

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COLLEGE PICKS

Can anybody pull another App. St.?

By Ralph D. Russo Associated Press writer

Let the blowouts begin. OK, not every Top 25 team opens the season with a made-to-order pass. And surely if anything, we learned from last season, it's that nothing is automatic. However, as the college season begins with bowl-to-wallow football from Thursday to Labor Day, most of the Top 25 shouldn't have a problem starting 1-0.

No. 1 Georgia (against Georgia Southern) and No. 2 Ohio State (against Youngstown State) are among 10 ranked teams opening this week against FCS schools. Nine others are at least double-digit favorites.

Of course one of those games matching a ranked team against a member of what used to be known as Division I-AA is a lot more intriguing than most. Appalachian State, which became the first team from Division I's second tier to beat a ranked team when it shocked Michigan in its last season, takes on defending national champion LSU.

Defending champs, huh. Well, the Mountaineers have won the last three championships at their level. How do you like that, Tigers? The picks:

Thursday No. 23 Wake Forest (minus 21) at Baylor Remember when Wake was the Baylor of the ACC? ... WAKE FOREST 34-14.

Saturday Georgia Southern (no line) at No. 1 Georgia You know, Georgia Southern plays in some conference as



Appalachian State running back Kevin Richardson celebrates his team's 34-32 win over Michigan Sept. 1, 2007, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

- App State ... GEORGIA 42-13. Villanova (no line) at No. 8 West Virginia Who gets to 100 yards rushing first, Pat White, or Noel Devine? ... WEST VIRGINIA 45-14. No. 9 Clemson (minus 4 1/2) vs. No. 24 Alabama at Atlanta Tide tries to derail Tigers' season of great expectations ... CLEMSON 28-26. Louisiana-Monroe (plus 28) at No. 10 Auburn Tigers work out the kinks of their new spread offense ... AUBURN 44-14. Florida Atlantic (plus 24) at No. 11 Texas FAU coach Howard Schnellenberger said Longhorns were short on toughness ... TEXAS 60-28. Eastern Washington (no line) at No. 12 Texas Tech First of several stat-padding tuneups for QB Graham Harrell ... TEXAS TECH 58-10. Akron (plus 26 1/2) at No. 13 Wisconsin Badgers bully way past Zips ...

- WISCONSIN 42-10. Florida International (plus 36) at No. 14 Kansas Jayhawks won last year's meeting 55-3 ... KANSAS 55-6. Northern Arizona (no line) at No. 15 Arizona State Sun Devils 100-1 in last 11 meetings with Lumberjacks ... ARIZONA STATE 45-14. Northern Iowa (no line) at No. 16 BYU Cougars take first step toward trying to bust into BCS ... BYU 39-14. No. 17 Virginia Tech (plus 9 1/2) at East Carolina Pirates play Hokies tough last year in Blacksburg ... VIRGINIA TECH 20-14. Tennessee-Martin at No. 19 South Florida USF starts season ranked for first time ... SOUTH FLORIDA 50-10. Washington (plus 13 1/2) at No. 21 Oregon Tyrone Willingham could really use upset of Ducks ... OREGON 35-20. Coastal Carolina at No. 22 Penn State JoePa can be Bobby Bowden on career wins list ... PENN STATE 42-14. Bowling Green (plus 13) at No. 25 Pittsburgh Big season for Pitt: It'd be bad to start with loss to MAC team ... BOWLING GREEN 31-24. Monday No. 18 Tennessee (minus 7 1/2) at UCLA Rick Neuheisel's return to college sidelines could be rough ... TENNESSEE 28-13. Last season's 225-77 (straight): 147-129.6 (vs. points).

Jaguars' Harvey ends holdout, signs deal

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Defensive end Derrick Harvey ended a 33-day holdout Wednesday by signing a five-year, \$23.8 million contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Harvey was the last first-round draft pick to sign, a lengthy holdout that frustrated coach Jack Del Rio and left the former Florida standout behind in preparation for the regular season.

The eighth overall selection in April, Harvey was expected to bolster a pass rush that struggled to pressure quarterbacks last season. But he missed all of training camp and the first three preseason games.

It was unclear whether Harvey would play in the preseason finale Thursday night at Washington. He did travel with the team to Washington, D.C.

"This was a long and challenging process for the player and for the team," Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver said. "This was a good example of the problem Commissioner Goodell has cited with the lack of a rookie pay scale. We're all happy that Derrick can now focus on getting on the field, being a Jaguar and contributing to this team."

Harvey has a history of injury, including a torn ACL in 2005.

Tracy Proctor's NFL deal

HOUSTON — Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Johnny Lyle faces a Sept. 16 court date on a felony drug possession charge, according to court records. Lyle, 25, was arrested July 8 in Houston for possession of at least 200 grams of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, according to court documents. He posted \$10,000 bond and was released. He was originally due in court Wednesday, but that date was reset for next month. Lyle has refused to discuss his legal situation or the possibility of a league suspension with reporters. On Wednesday, a person who answered the phone at the office of Brian Overstreet, Lyle's attorney, said

Overstreet had no comment. The 6-foot-3, 320-pound Jolly played in 47 games and started 35 for Texas A&M from 2002-05. He played in 10 games last season, recording 21 tackles. He injured his shoulder against Carolina on Nov. 18 and did not play the rest of the season.

KICKER FEELY CUT 1 DAY AFTER JOINING CHIEFS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kicker Jay Feely has been cut by the Kansas City Chiefs, a day after signing a one-year deal.

Feely was an eight-year veteran who kicked for Miami last season. He was brought in to challenge Connor Barth and Nick Novak for the starting job.

The three had what coach Herm Edwards called a "kick off" on Monday and Tuesday to help the team, who would likely make the team.

Chiefs president Carl Peterson announced Feely's release on Wednesday. That leaves 76 players on the roster.

STUDY: NFL HAS SLIGHTLY MORE LATINO, ASIAN PLAYERS

MIAMI — The NFL has kept a steady number of black head coaches, while slightly increasing the ranks of Asian and Latino players, earning a B+ in an annual diversity study Wednesday. However, the league didn't get a grade for gender diversity for the fourth year in a row. The NFL is the only pro sports organization that refuses to share its league office data with University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports, which also conducts annual studies on the NBA, Major League Baseball, and the NFL. The study also conducted annual studies on the NBA, Major League Baseball, and the NFL. The study also conducted annual studies on the NBA, Major League Baseball, and the NFL.

O-line

I expect us to be pretty much dominate, be nasty guys in the trenches," said Gott, who measures 6-3 and tips the scales at 296 pounds. "Woody and I need to step up, show the young guys how to practice and do things right." The position changes, though, have made things tougher on the O-line. "I have to work with one guy, you have to adjust," Gott said. "It's really on the field that I feel the tackle, because I'm not looking back. I have to feel where he is. You just have to get a feel for the guy, where he's going to be most of the time."

The tackle spot on the right goes to Kevin Sapian (6-4, 274 pounds). The sophomore from Torrance, Calif., will

now have the duty of protecting the backside of left-handed quarterback Kellen Moore. "I'm just trying to do what I can to help the team out," Sapian said.

Huff referred to his guards as "liaisons" between the center and the tackles, who then relay calls to the tight ends and H-backs. He called Huff his field general. All the line calls begin with the center, who often gets calls from the quarterbacks as well as reads the defense before the play. This communication is vital to blocking schemes, which evolve through progressions, audibles and defensive adjustments.

"Those centers have to be really sharp guys, able to understand schemes, and then be able to verbalize and communicate that," BSU

head coach Chris Petersen said. "Byrd [that mudd every well]." Petersen said that when he first saw Byrd, he noticed he wasn't a huge guy (5-11, 275), but that he played with great intensity.

Game are the days when offensive lines simply run a play and follow the schemes. The preparation and adjustments have greatly increased in complexity in recent years. "We game plan on protection now how you would game plan any part of the offense," Huff said. "We don't do the same thing every week. We change it up." The most welcome change so far: The opportunity to focus, finally, on an opponent, rather than going up daily against the BSU offense in fall camp.

The focus now is the Idaho State Bengals, who come to town Saturday night. "Camps over with," Woodruff said. "We're ready to see a different defense. Ready to show everybody that has been questioning us or doubting us — show the rest of the WAC that we're the same team. We're better than we've been the past five years."

With all the doubts circulating around this team, particularly the rebuilt offensive line, Woodruff is certain his unit will be just fine. "They've shown me that they can be consistent," Woodruff said. "They worked their butts off all August. They're very committed, so focused, so excited, so ready to go. That's just enough for me."

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Merriman

When he does have surgery, he'll be looking at a rehab of six to seven months.

"I'll have the surgery at any point," he said. "Nobody knows. I kind of left it on the table when to have it. Not even doctors can tell me that."

While denying reports the situation could be career-threatening, he pledged to be "the same old Shawne Merriman." That's what I'm hoping. With his nonstop energy and spasmodic sack dance, the player known as "Lights Out" has been the face of the Chargers' defense the

past three seasons. He has 39 1/2 sacks in that span, more than any other NFL player. He's played in three straight Pro Bowls.

Right or wrong, Merriman's decision was big for a team that has Super Bowl expectations.

Star running back LaDainian Tomlinson, knocked out of last season's AFC championship game after aggravating a knee injury, was happy to hear Merriman will play. "How do you tell a warrior to sit down? That's what he is, a warrior. He's trained for this. It's hard to tell a guy to sit down," Tomlinson said.

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HAGERMAN HIGHWAY DISTRICT LEMMON LAKE W-BEAM & JUSTICE GRADE CONCRETE BARRIER PROJECTS

Separate sealed bids for the Lemmon Lake W-Beam and Justice Grade Concrete Barrier Projects will be received by the Hagerman Highway District P.O. Box 441, 903 Rocky Road Drive, Hagerman, Idaho 83332...

The work performed under this contract for the Lemmon Lake W-Beam Installation shall be complete in its entirety on or before September 30, 2008...

The Project Documents and Drawings are available for examination at the following locations: 1) Hagerman Highway District, 903 Rocky Road Drive, Hagerman, ID 83332...

The Project Documents may be obtained from Ridoloff Engineering, Inc., 202 Fairview Avenue, Twin Falls, ID 83301...

Summitting the lowest responsive bid, the Owner will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The Owner will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder...

The Hagerman Highway District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the Hagerman Highway District.

PUBLISH: August 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO

A public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 100 S. Front Street, Rupert, Idaho, at 7:00 p.m. on September 2, 2008...

Table with columns: FUND NAME, Actual, Budgeted, Proposed. Rows include General Fund, Sewerage Fund, Economic Development, Equipment Pool, Street Improvements, etc.

PROPOSED REVENUES

Table with columns: PROPERTY TAX LEVY, Sewerage Fund, Library Fund, Non-Property Tax Revenues, General Fund, etc.

The proposed expenditures and revenues for fiscal year 2008-2009 have been tentatively approved by the City Council and entered in detail in the Journal of Proceedings...

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City of Richfield proposes to increase the water assessment fees more than 3%.

The water assessment fees more than 3%. A public hearing will be held September 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Richfield City Office, 180 W Lincoln Avenue. The purpose of the hearing is to take public comments regarding the proposed fee increase and to explain the reasons for such action.

PUBLISH: August 28 and September 4, 2008

PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS

The Idaho Water Resource Board of PO Box 83720, Boise ID 83720-0098 filed Application No. 75007 to exchange storage water released for flow augmentation from the Upper Snake River system in equal amount and storage water to be released from Cascade Reservoir in the Payette River system.

For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov with detail provided on the website.

PUBLISH: August 28 and 29, 2008

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 4th day of November, 2008, an election will be held for the election of two (2) Directors of American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 provided in Section 43-201, of (seca.) Idaho Code...

PUBLISH: August 28 and September 4, 2008

Loan No. xxxxxxx061 T.S. No. 115893-09

NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY SALE On December 9, 2008, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, at the front entrance of land to & escrow, 706 Main Street, Gooding, Idaho...

PRECINCT #1: Office of the Big Wood Canal Company, 112 E. Apple St., City of Shoshone Lincoln Co.

PRECINCT #2: Dennis & Trish Swavart - Residence 270 S 1800 E Jerome Idaho

PRECINCT #3: City Office 180 W Lincoln, City of Richfield Lincoln Co. Idaho

PRECINCT #5, #6 & #7: Gooding City District, which is a person of election (18) years of age, and is a citizen and bona fide resident of the State of Idaho...

Nominating petitions are available during business hours, at the District office located at 112 Apple St., Shoshone, Idaho. Such nominating petitions must be properly filled out and returned to the District office no earlier than September 25, 2008 and no later than September 25, 2008 by 4:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if after the 25th day of September, 2008, no qualified candidate has been nominated for each position to be filled, no election will be held on the Board of Directors shall thereafter declare such candidate(s) selected as Director(s).

By: David R. Tutthill, Jr., Director

PUBLISH: August 28 and September 4, 2008

PRECINCT #4: 308 5th Ave., City of Gooding, Gooding Co., Idaho

PRECINCT #8: E. of the District office located at 112 Apple St., Shoshone, Idaho. Such nominating petitions must be properly filled out and returned to the District office no earlier than September 25, 2008 and no later than September 25, 2008 by 4:30 p.m.

PRECINCT #9: 308 5th Ave., City of Gooding, Gooding Co., Idaho

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PRECINCT #12: 308 5th Ave., City of Gooding, Gooding Co., Idaho

PRECINCT #13: 308 5th Ave., City of Gooding, Gooding Co., Idaho

PUBLISH: August 28, Sept 4, 11 and 18, 2008

ORDINANCE NO. 97 This is a summary of Ordinance No. 97. A full copy is on file in the Gooding County Clerks office.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF GOODING, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING CONTROL OVER UNLAWFUL USES OF AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS WHO HAVE RUN AWAY FROM HOME OR HAVE OTHERWISE VIOLATED THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (IDWR) WESTERN REGION AT 208-334-2190 OR VISIT WWW.IDWR.IDAHO.GOV WITH DETAIL PROVIDED ON THE WEBSITE...

PUBLISH: August 28 and 29, 2008

ORDINANCE NO. 2948

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, REZONING REAL PROPERTY BELOW DESCRIBED PROVIDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFOR; AND ORDERING THE NECESSARY AREA OF IMPACT AND ZONING DISTRICTS MAP AMENDMENT.

PUBLISH: August 28 and September 4, 2008

ATTACHMENT "A"

A parcel of land located in Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found brass cap monumenting the Southwest Corner of said Section 36...

PUBLISH: August 28, Sept 4, 11 and 18, 2008

ORDINANCE NO. 664

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOODING, IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 18 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PUBLISH: August 28, 2008

ATTACHMENT "A"

A parcel of land situated in a portion of U.S. Government Lot 9 and the Southwest One Quarter of the Southwest One Quarter of Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found brass cap monumenting the Southwest Corner of said Section 36...

PUBLISH: August 28, 2008

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PUBLISH: August 28, 2008

ORDINANCE NO. 664

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOODING, IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 18 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Council of the Gooding County Leader will cease publication on August 14, 2008; and WHEREAS, Idaho Code 50-213, provides that cities are required to designate an official newspaper...

PUBLISH: August 28, 2008

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PUBLISH: August 28, 2008





NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 08-74922 Title Order No. W831785 Parcel No. RPT1881000004BA... PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee...

NOTICE OF SALE

Storage Unit Auction September 20th, 2008, 10:00am at Kimberly Storage, 151 Highway 30, Kimberly, Idaho...

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE

To Whom It May Concern: Snake River Storage will sell the personal property belonging to...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-08-05 NOTICE TO CREDITORS... DONALD JACOB PICKERING SR. Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate...

PUBLISHED: August 21, 28 and September 4, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FPH-59913 TITLE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Parcel No. 08-76595 Title Order No. W831704 T/S No. RPW2001820010A The following described property will be sold at public auction...

ORDINANCE NO. 2847

An ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, REZONING REAL PROPERTY BELOW DESCRIBED...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 08-79422 Title Order No. W831785 Parcel No. RPT1881000004BA... PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC...

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minidoka County Highway District, a political subdivision of the State of Idaho...

ORDINANCE NO. 515

AN ORDINANCE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Ave., Suite 1315, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. EQ-14870-C Loan No. 823270618 P.A.N. RP 07513613495A... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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GENERAL FUND

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-2008-3403 NOTICE TO CREDITORS... STEPHAN, KWANVIG, STONE AND TRAIOR

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-2008-452 NOTICE OF CREDITORS... STEPHAN, KWANVIG, STONE AND TRAIOR

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE JEROME COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A HEARING ON Monday, September 29, 2008, at 7:15 p.m. in the District Court of the Jerome County Courthouse...

PUBLIC NOTICE Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your rights to know and to be informed of what your government is doing...

LEGAL NOTICE

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game was informed by the Bureau of Wildlife that there is a need to protect migrating adult kokanee salmon from harvest and harassment in the South Fork Boise River from a posted boundary 100 yards upstream of the IDFG Kokanee trap...

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-2008-760 NOTICE TO CREDITORS... BEULAH VALENTINE HOHNHORST

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-09-2806 NOTICE TO CREDITORS... LINO T. ORTIZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING You are hereby notified that on the 11th day of September, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider a Plat Vacation Application...

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON BUDGET FOR FIVE 2009 Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of September, 2008, of the Board of Directors of Gooding County Memorial Hospital District...

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-2008-5036 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING... ALMON CHASTAIN JR.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-2007-2495 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING... EMILIE ALLRED

LEGAL NOTICE

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be heard in an evidentiary hearing on October 2, 2008 at 9:30 AM in the Magistrate's Court...

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF BUTTE MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-2008-387 NOTICE TO CREDITORS... KEITH CORBRIDGE

LEGAL NOTICE

YORK CORBRIDGE has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice...

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV 2008-5980 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING... LYNAN SLATTER

LEGAL NOTICE

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on October 14, 2008 at 9:30 AM in the Magistrate's Court...

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-07-1357 SUMMONS... TRACIA LEEANN PEIPMANN

NOTICE

N. Norma G. Shaw, have let a Land Patent on property known as: Lot 2 in Block 4, Township 9, Range 18 SE, Section 31, Twin Falls County, Idaho, known as 1195 Talus Loop, Twin Falls, Idaho...

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-2008-477 NOTICE TO CREDITORS... MARY RITA MILLER

LEGAL NOTICE

MARK R. MILLER has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice...

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-2008-2901 NOTICE TO CREDITORS... RUTH MINNIE SMITH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JENNIFER RUTH ANN HASS and HEATHER JEAN CARPER have been appointed personal representatives of the estate of decedent RUTH MINNIE SMITH...

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS... Case No. CV-09-3405 NOTICE TO CREDITORS... JANE G. WILSON

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jerome Carter Stebbins and his Wife have been appointed co-personal representatives of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice...

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-07-1357 SUMMONS... TRACIA LEEANN PEIPMANN

LEGAL NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF, THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 30 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW...

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LEGAL NOTICE. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION... Case No. CV-07-1357 SUMMONS... TRACIA LEEANN PEIPMANN, Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL JAMES CHARRON, Defendant. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF, THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 30 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW...



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE CITY OF JEROME**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, the 16th day of September, 2008, at the hour of 5:30 p.m., a public hearing will be held before the Jerome City Council at City Council Chambers, 100 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho to consider Richard Salya's request, representing North Side Business Park LLC, for zoning on that parcel of land located in part of the NE1/4 and the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 and the NE1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Jerome County, Idaho which contains 53.95 acres, more or less, and is subject to a 24.00 foot wide county road easement along the northerly boundary. (physical location is the 400 block of East Yakima Avenue) The request consists of 10 lots to be zoned Area Business (AB) and 4 lots to be zoned Light Manufacturing (M-1) on the preliminary plat and shall be known as the North Side Business Park LLC.

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND,** and shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2008.  
/s/ Angie Baker City of Jerome Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: August 28, 2008

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Dated this 19th day of August, 2008.  
/s/ Angie Baker, City of Jerome, Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: August 28, 2008

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME**

Case No. CV 2008-378  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **MARGARET ROSE MANZ**, Deceased.

JACQUELYN LEA FLOYD and JOAN KAY HALL have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against said deceased person are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice at the offices of Frederickson, Williams, Meservy & Lothspeich, LLP, 153 East Main Street, Post Office Box 168, Jerome, Idaho 83338, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Co-Personal Representatives at the above address and filed with the above Court.

DATED August 11, 2008  
**JOHN B. LOTHSPPEICH**  
Frederickson, Williams, Meservy & Lothspeich, LLP  
Attorneys for Estate

PUBLISH: August 14, 21 and 28, 2008

**AMENDED PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 87-2343, notice is hereby given of an open public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission

**DATE OF NOTICE:** August 25, 2008  
**DATE OF MEETING:** September 13-17, 2008  
The trip will consist of 5 days and 4 nights starting in Salmon, Idaho September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Commissioners will float the Middlefork of the Salmon River to tour the following back country ranches.  
September 13 – Hood, Cougar, and Camoron  
September 14 – Loon Creek and Tappan  
September 15 – Mormon  
September 16 – Pole Creek  
September 17 – Return to Salmon

Times are approximate and subject to change.

**PERSONS ATTENDING:** Commissioners, Director, Staff

**PURPOSE OF MEETING/AGENDA:** Will allow Commissioners to see firsthand the back country ranch properties that the Department is considering to sell or exchange with other government agencies.

Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contacting the Director's office at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game directly at 200-334-5159 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD).

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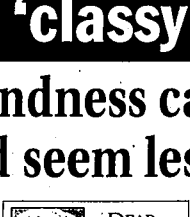
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Take a 'classy' break. Acts of kindness can make our world seem less scary.

DEAR ABBY: "Missing the Old Days in Arizona City" (May 8), the mother of a small child, wondered if his sons can be safe raising kids in a world that is "crazy and scary." I, too, worry about the state of the world today, but find comfort in my children and in the fact that I'm trying to raise them to be among the "good guys."

When I was a brand-new mom, I was in an elevator with two teenage boys. When the door opened, one of the boys started to go off first. The other boy put his arm in front of his friend and motioned for me to go ahead. I was moved by his simple gesture of thoughtfulness and good manners. I thanked him and asked him to not thank his mother for me for doing such a wonderful job raising such a polite young man. I promised myself that day that I would raise my children (I now have three) to be like him. Please tell "Missing the Old Days" there is good everywhere. She just needs to look for it and to always acknowledge polite gestures from her children and others can see that there is still civility in this "scary place" we call home.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

respond to each other with kindness, we create a more positive world in which to live, one good deed at a time. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am so tired of people talking about how civilization is falling apart. Human history is filled with senseless acts of violence that I am sure predate the written word. I think that because the media likes to be able to bring its violence from across the globe, it appears to be more prevalent. You cannot live your life in fear of what might happen. You can only do your best to prevent bad things from happening to yourself and to others. Stand up and say "That's not right" when you see something "bad" happen. Only through our own actions can we change the world we live in.

by the media, but I've found that volunteering is a great way to find renewed faith in humanity. Even if it's just an hour or two a month at a shelter or a local organization, it is uplifting to come together with others who are also trying to do good.

I WANT TO HELP IN GRANITE CITY, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: I agree with your advice. My husband and I have a 13-month-old son. Like any loving parent, I want to provide a better world for him and all other children. We make choices in our lifestyle that foster a safe and loving environment. We limit TV, treasure our family time, and protect his car seat to anything we deem inappropriate for his age. I want to show my son that even though bad things happen, each of us has the power to help others. Our children learn those important lessons through our example. Rather than despair about news that often makes me want to cry, I have decided to take action. I want to do everything I possibly can to improve the world my child will inherit and teach him how to take care of it when it's his turn.

—A MOTHER AND TEACHER IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

DEAR ABBY 1, too, got discouraged by the negativity portrayed

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 28, the 241st day of 2008. There are 125 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial. On this date: In 1609, Henry Hudson discovered Delaware Bay.

streets of Chicago as the Democratic National Convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president. In 1973, more than 600 people died as an earthquake shook central Mexico. In 1983, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, reportedly despondent over the death of his wife and the rising casualty toll of Israeli troops in Lebanon, announced his resignation.

In 1984, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein, West Germany. In 1995, a crowd shell tore through a moshing market in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, killing some three dozen people and triggering NATO airstrikes against the Bosnian Serbs.

Ten years ago, President Clinton, speaking in Oklahoma City, Mass., said he'd become such an expert in asking forgiveness in recent days that it was now "burned in my bones." But he still stopped short of offering a direct apology for the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Five years ago: British Prime Minister Tony Blair denied the government had given Iraq the go-ahead to test its weapons, and said he would have resigned if it had been true. A Defense Department survey found that nearly one in five female Air Force Academy cadets said they had been sexually assaulted during their time at the academy. One year ago: A day after reports surfaced of his June arrest at the Minneapolis airport, Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, told a news conference the only thing he had done wrong was to plead guilty after a police complaint of lewd conduct in a men's room; Craig also declared, "I am gay. I never have been gay." A military court at Fort Meade, Md., acquitted Army Lt. Col. Steven L. Jordan of falling to detain U.S. soldiers who abused detainees at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. In four years, a guilty of disobeying an order not to discuss the investigation. (However, that conviction was later thrown out.) Oscar-winning actress Mýssá Umeik ("Saganan") died in Licking, Mo., at age 71.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF AUGUST 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Romance, friendships and the social world can be a motivating factor in your life for the next several months. An exciting vacation or break from routines can restore your vitality. Between now and the end of January, you can change jobs or find that special someone and make a lasting commitment. January, as a matter of fact, is your best month to initiate new projects or put important ideas into motion. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Romantic clichés no longer apply. Past transgressions could be thrown up to block your moves. This is a good time to invest your money or to discuss a permanent commitment with a special someone. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sweet nothings are empty words. Green-eyed monster could be lurking. A bad luck sign? Don't give a significant other any cause for suspicion. Pass up the chance for new hookup or investment. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There is safety in numbers. This is a great time to hold a meeting with groups or organizations and discuss the future. It may be easy to see the problems and even easier

to find an amiable solution. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone else may catch the shots. To produce income, it is necessary to deal with the forces that create rules and conditions. If you follow them too precisely, you might fatten your wallet. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your thoughts about life, love and the universe may briefly seem as tangled as a cat's rear end. Allow your work to become an all-consuming passion and your inner philosophy will fall into the proper grooves. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It isn't that you are blind, but it might be that you are examining the details too closely and limiting your vision. Certain matters will improve without any conscious effort on your part, so hang in there. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Find a broom, but hang it in the closet. Your romantic order is like a vacuum cleaner that sucks in the trash as well as the treasures. Do your work to become an all-consuming passion or a relationship. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A little teasing goes a long way. You may "turn on" the opposite sex,

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