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Above, Wayne Dill, a teacher at the school in Dietrich, lifts Zach McDaniel, 7, while Zach's father, Tim, also a teacher at the school, looks on. At top, Michael McDaniel, 13, pets the family's dog, Chunky, at their home in Dietrich. Other members of the family get candy at the end of the hallway.

Couple from small Idaho town opens their arms to a new family

Story by Damon Hunzeker Photos by Ashley Smith Times-News

Dietrich isn't known for diversity or a large population — just 200 people live there. But over 10 percent of its residents live in one ethnically varied home. Tim and Shelly McDaniel got married almost 15 years ago. She had three kids from a previous marriage. He had two. For most people, five would be sufficient. But in 2000, they decided to adopt and haven't quit since. They now have 18 adopted children and over 20 total kids living at home, ranging from age 5 to 21, at any given time. And that's not counting the neighborhood friends who frequently stay over and a girl who Tim McDaniel described as "sort of living here" — as well as 25 fish, eight dogs, two frogs, and a bird.



Shelly McDaniel drives her children Tuesday night near their home in Dietrich. The McDaniels have adopted 18 children over the years. To order photo reprints, go to http://gallery.pictopia.com/magvalley.

THE MCDANIEL FAMILY'S STORY CONTINUES ON A4

Two men, two suicides, one heart and one widow

By Allen C. Breed Associated Press writer On an overcast spring morning in southeast Georgia, Sonny Graham drank some coffee and headed out the door for another day in the family landscaping business and to take his 9-

year-old stepson to the dentist. But Graham made a detour to the backyard shed that he'd built. There, the 69-year-old picked up the 12-gauge Remington shotgun he'd taken on so many quail- and dove-hunting trips, pointed the muzzle at the right side of

his throat and pulled the trigger. It was April Fool's Day, almost exactly 13 years since another man's suicide gave Graham a second chance at life. That man was Terry Cottle. When he ended his life, Graham got his heart.

But it was not just an organ that connected Graham and the 33-year-old donor. Nearly a decade after the transplant, Graham married Cottle's young widow. And now Graham had made her a widow again. As word of his death spread, the Internet lit up

with the story of the heart that had been twice silenced by suicide — and the woman who'd lost the same heart twice. Reporters and bloggers swayed on about "cellular memory" and whether the organ somehow held a "suicide gene." Nonsense, thought Cottle's

sister. The brain is where the conscience resides, where love and loss are felt: the heart is just a pump. As far as she was concerned, Graham's death was less about her brother's heart than about Cheryl — the

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Massaged at the fair Vendors say fair provides good visibility for their products

By Ben Botkin Times-News writer Mo and Jack Lemmons took a break from walking around the Twin Falls County Fair on Saturday. While sitting down, the Filer couple got free massages on a foot massaging machine that a vendor had set up. They weren't planning on getting massages. "It was wonderful, very relaxing," said Mo Lemmons. "You get tired from walking around the fair, so this feels very good." Fred Falter had traveled

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Idahoans react to McCain's VP pick

By Ben Botkin Times-News writer A picture of Sen. John McCain and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin sits outside the GOP tent at the Twin Falls County Fair. With a presidential election year under way, the Republican ticket is now complete with McCain's choice of Palin as his running mate. Idaho Republicans are abuzz with excitement, especially with Palin's roots in the Gem State. Born in Sandpoint, Palin also is a 1987 graduate of the University of Idaho, where she earned a journalism degree. "We're all very excited," said Gretchen Clelland, chairwoman of the Twin Falls County Republic Central Committee. "I was very surprised."



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# MORNING BRIEFING

## Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to go and do today



• Start out your morning with pancakes at the annual Paopose Club Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon in Giacobbi Square in Ketchum. It will kick off your day right as you join in on the many events during the Wagon Days celebration.

• If you want other diver-

sion, the Damn Fools Club Labor Day celebration starts at 3 p.m. at the West Magic Lake Recreation Club with live music and a barbecue. Go north on I-75 and turn on West Magic Road.

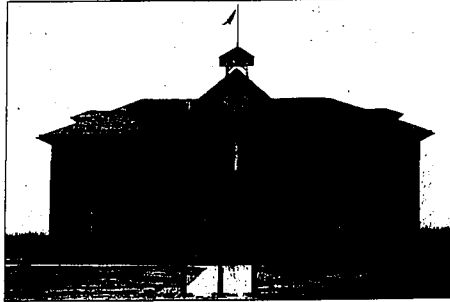
• There'll be the bang of cars smashing each other at the Demolition Derby at 7 p.m. in the Shouse Arena at

the Twin Falls County Fair. Who can resist road rage on the big scale? General tickets are \$3, reserved \$5.

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

## PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

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



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By December 1906, the Hansen Public School was completed and a large celebration was held for the opening. Before the Hansen Public School was built, classes were held in a large tent. The Hansen Public School started with 65 students spread across nine grades. The school's auditorium was also used for church services. The public school has long since been torn down but was located in the area where the public park is now located.

(Information provided by Twin Falls Public Library.)



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Fiddlers Inc. performing.** Ketchum Wagon Days breakfast, 8 a.m., across from Jacobo Square, 733-6248.

**Music from Stanley concert series,** featuring Idaho musician Weinland, 4 to 8 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, Stanley, no cost. (208) 484-9117 or musicfromstanley@gmail.com.

**The 8th annual Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival, with Much Ado about Nothing,** 6 p.m., NexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, ticket information: (208) 726-9124.

**Performance by Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Assoc.,** 6:30 p.m., free stage, Twin Falls County Fair, no cost, 735-1580.

### FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

**Ketchum Wagon Days Antique Show,** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, free admission, (866) 306-9899.

**Ketchum Art and Antique Show,** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Forest Service Park, First and Washington streets, Ketchum, free admission.

tion, (866) 306-9899.

**Twin Falls County Fair, "Children's Dream and Country Things,"** includes food, arts, crafts and business booths, hypnotist, petting farm, carnival rides, games, and featuring Destruction Derby at 7 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, www.tfc.com or (208) 325-4395.

### MUSEUMS AND PARKS

**Sawtooth NRA Interpretive programs,** Discovery Station, "Meet the Big Animals," 10 a.m. to noon; and Junior Ranger program for children ages 5 to 11, "Animals—Stories and Games," 1 p.m., Redfish Lake Visitor Center, exit five miles south of Stanley on Highway 75, no cost, 774-3376.

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

## Lounging around at CSI

### CSI M-C center welcomes students to new lounge

By Denise Fisher  
Times-News correspondent

The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center held an open house on Thursday at its new student lounge. The lounge is the latest in a series of updates that have been made to the former Burley High School building since CSI took over the property six years ago.

The lounge, located across the hall from the main reception area, shows no signs of its former use as the boiler room.

With tables and chairs for study, a flat-screen TV for news updates, a small microwave for heating on-go meals and computer work stations, the new student lounge provides a variety of student services. The source of the funding for all the changes was student services fees. The lounge is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on days when school is



Photo by DENISE FISHER

**Lance Barless and Fabian Nunez, associate business majors, and Trevor Reno, liberal arts major, take advantage of the new student lounge at CSI Mini-Cassia.**

open.

According to CSI Mini-Cassia Director Annette Bragger, one of the first updates CSI made when moving into the building was to update the heating system and to add roofing.

When that was complete, the old boiler wasn't necessary, but administrators had a hard time finding someone who was willing to tackle the challenge of removing the relic.

Once the boiler was removed, work continued in the form of raising the floor level, along with soda ash treatment to brighten and clean the wood ceiling and

brick walls, creating access into the room through an existing wall, adding windows and doors for more natural light and the addition of cabinets, tables, chairs and comfortable furniture.

Student comments regarding the new lounge included: "It's nice. Very nice." "I love it." "We needed it." "It makes it easier to meet up and study."

Tracy Carrazel, a student with a family who is taking courses to meet her prerequisites for nursing, said the lounge gives her a place to wind down before class starts.

## NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

It may not be surprising to see political booths at the Twin Falls County Fair. See a report on why candidates are going there.

And Times-News columnist Steve Crump will interview the superintendent of the dairy department and a paramedic at the fair.

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## Palin

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McCaig's choice was as unexpected for Idahoans as it was for the rest of the nation, but that did not diminish enthusiasm.

"People will vote straight down the ticket that may not (otherwise) have," Clelland said.

Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Rogers, said he believes that Palin's record as a fiscal conservative will help the race, adding that her experience in administration as Alaska's governor will be reassuring.

"She's really positive for the ticket," he said, adding that he, too, was not expecting Palin to be named. "It was a well-kept secret."

Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, who's running for a U.S. Senate seat, said that before the announcement, he had hopes that Mitt Romney might be selected. Risch had served as Idaho's state chairman for the Republican's presidential campaign.

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Politics and the fair? Go to Magicvalley.com for a video story about how candidates are a big part of the Twin Falls County Fair.

He said Palin has great potential for reaching voters, adding that her qualifications are more important than her gender.

"I think in America, we're really definitely beyond whether they're male, female," he said.

Risch, who has traveled around the state for his Senate campaign, said Idahoans have been talking a lot about McCain's choice of Palin.

"It's been a real source of excitement for Republicans in Idaho," he said.

While Palin has been criticized by the Obama campaign, Risch said it's important to look at the whole ticket, which includes McCain's experience.

While the choice was a sur-

prise, Risch said that McCain has a solid reputation as an independent thinker who doesn't follow conventional wisdom.

Lisa Finley of Nampa, who was at the fair, said she thought Palin was an "interesting pick."

With Palin's background as a mother and an educated professional, it's a good combination, Finley said.

"It was probably pretty smart," she said, adding that Palin's gender helped fill the void left by Hillary Clinton's departure from the race.

Her husband, Brian Finley, said he needs to find out more about the candidate's stand on issues such as abortion.

"I don't know enough about her," he said.

## Fair

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from Idaho Falls to the fair to demonstrate and sell foot and body massaging equipment. He was one of dozens of vendors at the Twin Falls County Fair.

"We have a very good volume of people coming through the sale," he said.

For vendors, the fair provides a way for them to show their products in a setting with many people walking by. And for fair attendees, it's a chance to learn and experience new products without any obligation to buy them.

Brian Higgins, a coach with Success Martial Arts in Twin Falls, had a machine set up called "3 Kick" that would

light up. Passersby could try their skills at hitting the machine where it lights up.

"It shows the traffic down," Higgins said.

Though he passes out information about classes, Higgins said he doesn't sign up new students at the fair but follows up later. Still, the fair provides a good chance for people to learn about the benefits of martial arts like discipline and self-confidence, he said.

Katy Sorenson, a window evaluation officer after he was found disoriented on a temple roof of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He said the fair provides good visibility, adding that the

benefits are long-term because people might pick up business cards and call months later.

Blake Hessine, a sleep specialist with Sleep Solutions in Twin Falls, gave demonstrations with chairs that massage legs and backs.

"We're just here to let people know where we're at," he said.

As for Jack Lemmons, he jokingly said he doesn't usually get foot massages at home, let alone the fair.

"It kind of melts you," he said.

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## Idaho man in custody after Rexburg temple roof walk

REXBURG (AP) — A 35-year-old southeastern Idaho man was taken into police custody for a mental evaluation after he was found disoriented on a temple roof of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Rexburg police said the Ammon man was talking incoherently when they found him on the temple roof Thursday.

Capt. Randy Lewis said the man wasn't trespassing and did nothing illegal, but authorities were con-

cerned with his "mental welfare."

Lewis said the police have released the man from protective custody and he is seeking treatment.

Authorities have not identified the man because he did not break the law.

# Heart

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woman with whom both men had chosen to share it.

In 1989, Terry Cottle was living with his wife and two young daughters in one of the subsidized apartment buildings they managed in Jasper County, S.C. Cottle's boss had a daughter — a petite beauty with auburn hair and hazel eyes.

Cheryl Sweet had recently had her three-year marriage annulled on grounds that her husband was married to someone else. It was he who called Cottle's wife sometime later, saying, "I just want you to know that your husband is seeing my wife."

Cottle filed for divorce. Nine days after it was granted, in May 1989, he and Cheryl were married. At first, things seemed wonderful. Terry adopted Cheryl's two sons, Christopher and Timmy. A daughter, Jessica, was born. Cottle worked while his new wife studied for her nursing degree.

In late 1994, the couple graduated from a single-engine trailer to a new doublewide in the town of Monks Corner, S.C. Around Christmas, Cheryl's widowed mother moved in.

Terry had dropped out of high school but earned an equivalency diploma and worked around his limited prospects. He got a real estate license and, at 33, became an emergency medical technician.

But it never seemed to be enough. Terry talked frequently with his wife, having her call him on the 800-number at the exterminating company where he worked so Cheryl wouldn't find out.

"Talk to me," he said one day in 1995. "I've got a gun to my head."

Within a month of his mother-in-law's arrival, Cottle had moved out of the trailer and in with his sister, Timmy Graham. But before long, Cheryl started coming around, cooking dinner for the family and spending the night in Terry's room.

Erickson was pregnant with her second child and needed Terry's room for a nursery. She told her brother to make a decision. "If you love her and you want to make this work, then you need to go home and be with her," she said.

He did, but three weeks later, on March 15, the couple got into a huge argument. Cheryl told Terry that she couldn't stay married to a man who made less money than she did. At that point, her son Timmy recalls, she took off her wedding ring and threw it over the fence.

The morning, they had agreed that Cottle should leave.

As he prepared to depart, Cottle went into the bathroom. There was a gunshot.

Initially, Cheryl told sheriff's investigators she heard 10-year-old Christopher shouting that Cottle had shot himself. She said she ran into the bathroom and found him on the floor with the revolver still in his hand.

In a second version attached to a coroner's report, Cheryl said she was eating oatmeal when one of her boys yelled, "Mom, Dad has a gun!"



AP the photo/JAY KARR/The Island Packet

Heart transplant recipient **Sonny Graham, left**, and his wife, **Cheryl, pray** during a moment of silence at a reunion of organ recipients and donor families, at **Hilton Head Regional Medical Center** on Dec. 1, 2006. **Graham's transplant story has a twist; his transplanted heart belonged to Cheryl's first husband, who committed suicide.**

She said she ran toward the bathroom "and saw Terry standing up and looking at her with the gun in his hand." "She said that she yelled something like, 'Terry, wait!' and this was at about the same time as she pushed on the door to try to get into the bathroom and at the same time she heard a shot," the report says.

"Baby, help me, help me. I'm dying," he gasped, as she recalled his words.

The 22-caliber slug entered Cottle's skull just behind the right ear. There was no exit wound.

On March 20, after four days in the trauma unit at Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, Cheryl, at the urging of her father-in-law, agreed to take Terry off life support and donate his organs.

About a month to the south-west, 57-year-old Sonny Graham got the call he had been waiting more than a year for.

Remus T. "Sonny" Graham was a big man on Hilton Head.

As longtime manager of the central plant for Hargray Communities, a Hilton Head's telephone service provider, he knew just about everyone on the South Carolina barrier island. His Brunswick stew was a staple at fundraisers and community events. The local high school football field was named in his honor.

A native of Lyons, Ga., near Vidalia in the heart of sweet onion country, Graham was a fixture at the Heritage Golf Tournament at the Island's Sea Pines Resort. Even after he retired from Hargray, he would return each year as a fundraiser to run the tournament's communications trailer.

The redheaded Air Force veteran was an avid hunter and fisherman, what buddy Bill Carson called a "man's man."

He was also the consummate family man. He and Elaine, his wife of more than three decades, had two children, Gray and Michelle.

But in 1994, Graham contracted a virus that damaged his heart muscle. By early 1995, the strapping woodsman who'd once hunted lightning salamanders out of rushing Alaskan streams struggled to get up from a chair.

Graham's name went on transplant lists.

Around 5 p.m. on March 20, Graham learned that a heart had become available.

Cottle, it turned out, was about as close to a perfect match as they come.

Within six months of the transplant, Graham was well enough to go on a fishing trip with Carson to Alaska. He joked that having a 33-year-old's heart had done wonders for his libido.

When a doctor suggested he see a counselor in case of any grief, Graham declined. "I'm sorry the other guy died," he told Carson. "But this is my heart now."

But friends noticed some subtle changes — a new craving for beer, a taste for hot dogs, which happened to be one of Cottle's favorite foods. Pastor John Keller sensed a general restlessness, as if Graham were "looking for different avenues to travel."

In November 1996, Graham asked the South Carolina Organ Procurement Agency to forward a letter to the donor's family. His children said it was a bad idea, but he wanted to thank Cottle's wife in person.

After the exchange of another letter and some photographs, Cheryl Cottle called Graham.

In January 1997, he and his wife met her for dinner at a romantic waterfront restaurant in Charleston. Graham couldn't keep his eyes off the 30-year-old widow.

"I fell in love with Cheryl the first time we met," he would later confess in a letter.

The feeling was apparently not mutual — at least, not at first.

That April, Cheryl married husband No. 3, George Watkins. Elaine and Sonny Graham attended the wedding, and Sonny — standing in for Cheryl's late father — gave away the bride.

Cheryl bore Watkins a son in January 1999. Around that same time, Elaine Graham learned that her husband's relationship with the younger woman was more than fatherly.

In a poignant letter, Graham apologized to his wife for being "the S.O.B. you said I was" and destroying a relation that we had for 40 plus years.

"I let someone come between you + I, which should have never happened," he wrote. "I look back on everything + see where I

gave up love + companionship for attention + affection. It would be wonderful if I could turn back our lives for the past four years."

Both couples separated, and shortly after a judge declared the Graham's 20-year marriage over in October 2001. Cheryl and Graham moved into a mobile home on land he'd bought in his hometown while he built a house to her specifications.

The domestic bill did not last long.

In May 2002, Cheryl left — and Graham promptly sued, accusing her of reneging on some loans and refusing to return a diamond ring. She alleged in a court claim that when she told Graham their relationship wasn't going to work, he "became more possessive" and threatened her.

In the midst of the court case, she married again. Husband No. 4, John B. Johnson Jr., was a corrections officer at the Georgia prison where Cheryl had been working as a contract nurse.

But within a year, that marriage, too, began to crumble. On Thanksgiving 2003, sheriff's deputies were called, and both husband and wife accused the other of domestic abuse.

During a Volatile reconciliation, Johnson says, a chilling incident occurred. One evening, while they lay in bed, he says, Cheryl began talking about suicide. When she failed to return to a bathroom trip, Johnson went to investigate and says he found her clutching his 22 caliber revolver.

As they wrestled over the weapon, Johnson says, the children and Cheryl's mother rushed in. He says Cheryl told them that he had gotten the gun and was threatening to shoot himself.

The couple separated. By the time the divorce was final in August 2004, Johnson says, Cheryl was already wearing Graham's ring.

They married Dec. 8, 2004, at the Almost Heaven Resort in Gallatinburg, Tenn. He started a landscaping company and let Cheryl's two oldest sons work for him.

A few days before their second wedding anniversary, the couple attended an event on Hilton Head to honor the families of organ donors. The Island Packet ran a story under the headline "A love story unlike any told."

"It's true what it says in the Bible," Cheryl told the newspaper. "If you live God's will and give with a happy heart, you will reap the rewards."

Graham said he'd "put my life in God's hands," and Cheryl was the answer to his prayers.

Right up to his death, Graham was making plans for the future. He'd invited friends down to fish and was talking about the upcoming golf tournament.

When he no one knew was that Graham had drawn up a will.

Larry Lackey says he went fishing with his uncle the last week of February, and afterward Graham showed him the will and asked if he'd be alternate executor.

"Ain't nothing wrong, is there?" the nephew asked. "Ain't nothing wrong at all," Graham replied. But, "You never know."

He gave Lackey a copy and slipped another in a briefcase on a shelf at the back of the utility shed.

On March 20, the anniversary of his transplant, Graham left a playful message on his old poster's answering machine: "Do you remember where you were 13 years ago on this day?" When Keller

called back, Graham said he and his heart were doing great.

That week, Carson went down to Lyons to fish for bream and bass with his old buddy. Graham didn't complain about his marriage — that wasn't like him. But something just wasn't right.

"It just wasn't the happy-go-lucky guy I'd known all my life," says Carson.

A few days later, Graham's launch would stop beating for good.

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# Eighteen isn't enough

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Their house is also physically unusual, and not just because it has a drinking fountain.

It was originally a church, but was then purchased and used by the school district as a lunchroom and gymnasium. Now, it's a sprawling, one-level home with a series of shared rooms — kids of similar age and gender put together — that foster the ambience of a sober fraternity.

"Fifteen-year-old Yoshira related a story about a mother and child who walked into the McDaniel house one day and asked where the restrooms were. I told them, 'This is my house,'" she said.

"We paid for the carpet to be put in, but everything else, we gutted and renovated ourselves," Tim said.

"We kept the old church bell, just because we thought it was cool," Shelly said.

Cool, perhaps, but it's also much easier to ring a bell than to shout. "Come to dinner, Sterling, Maria, Tiffany, Vanessa, Valerie, Brant, James, Ruben, Yoshira, Britney, Tabitha, Daniel, Michael, Ethan, Sadisha, Anthony, Ladre, Kellani, Zachariah, Jameal, and Aaliyah."

### The family that works together ...

They don't have a staff to prepare meals or clean the house. There's plenty of help to be found and everyone has a job.

A constantly changing chore chart hangs above the kitchen sink. It's a large sink, just like everything else in the room — including a school-sized oven and four dinner tables.

"Let them choose their chores each week," Shelly said. "Either that, or we draw tickets out of hats."

Twenty-three kids would be financially prohibitive for nearly any family but especially the McDaniels. Tim is a high-school science teacher.



Tim McDaniel hugs one of his adopted daughters, Valerie McDaniel, 18, Tuesday at their home.

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News



Family members sit down for dinner Tuesday night at their Dietrich home.

Shelly is — not surprisingly, under the demanding circumstances — a stay-at-home mom.

So their income is subsidized to accommodate the unique needs of each child. Some have medical problems; others have come from abusive situations; one is autistic.

None of this bothers the McDaniels.

But they did admit to being somewhat bothered by a stereotype — that adoptive families are making money.

All of the adopted children are from Dallas and Houston. Texas provides a living subsidy for each child, and Medicaid covers medication.

"People think we're getting rich by adopting, but we have credit cards just like everyone else. We have a mortgage — and our food bill runs \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month," Shelly said.

"We're like the family in 'Cheaper by the Dozen' — we zero out our balance each month," Tim said. It was his third reference to the movie.

Up until gas prices jumped significantly, the family always tried to take a vacation each year. But now, their recreational activities occur closer to home — watching movies together and taking rides around Dietrich on their Kawasaki Mule and Polaris Ranger.

### The biggest household in town

Aside from the myth of adoption creating wealth, the McDaniels have con-

tributed to altering the stereotype of almost exclusively Caucasian small Idaho towns.

"When we first started adopting, people stared — but not anymore," Tim said, referring to their neighbors in Dietrich.

"The whites are the ones who get made fun of," Shelly said. "Our black kids think they're white, and our white kids think they're black."

She then scanned the room and asked, to no one in particular, "It doesn't matter what color we are, does it?"

Sadisha, 11, immediately walked into the kitchen, smiled, kissed her dad's balding white head, and said, "Nope. Not at all."

The McDaniels emphasized that they're a family — not a boarding house, not a foster home — just a family. And they act like one — constantly telling stories about

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each other, discussing upcoming games, jumping on the several couches.

One difference, though, is that they don't appear to fight as often as birth siblings.

"They know, once they're here, they're McDaniels — and you're here forever. They stick up for each other at school," Shelly said.

"They're also glad to have a real home. I mean, we have kids who have been stabbed by their biological parents," Tim said. "But just because you've been in a car wreck doesn't mean you're never going to get in a car again."

Both Tim and Shelly insist that, while their situation can be difficult, it's more than worth it and not at all impossible. It's for people who really want kids, they said — not a novelty or a project.

They strongly encourage others to adopt, but acknowledge that it requires diligent work — including navigating the headaches presented by lawyers and government agencies.

"Idaho isn't fond of large-family adoptions," Tim said. "It just depends on the state."

Texas is more receptive. But anybody can adopt. It doesn't take a special person. You just have to be persistent. We're hoping one of our kids will take over the house and continue the legacy."

But they aren't done yet. The McDaniels intend to adopt a few more teenagers.

Looking around the room, appearing exasperated, absorbing the background conversations among his brothers and sisters, 5-year-old Jameal said, "I'm going to have two kids."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Highway 75 at Galena to be blocked in Sept.

Road maintenance on Idaho Highway 75 near Galena Summit will block traffic on several occasions during September...

Beginning Wednesday, a pair of rock outcroppings will be reduced in size to provide for additional shoulder width. Widening will reduce snow drifting and assist in snow removal activities...

The cuts will be made at mile post 155 on the south slope and at mile post 188 on the north slope. The rock cuts will be made using minor blasting.

All traffic in the area will be stopped during the blasting and while the area is cleared of debris. Drivers should anticipate delays during and after each blast...

fic after the areas are cleared of loose rocks. Flaggers and a pilot car will be used to assist traffic through the work zone.

Drivers can expect 15 minute delays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Sept. 30. Dan Lafferty Construction of Iugerman is the contractor.

Drivers are asked to follow all temporary traffic control signs and use caution through the work zones.

For up-to-date schedules of planned closures, dial 511 or visit 511.idahogov. ITD and the Idaho State Police warn motorists to slow down and pay attention when driving in work zones, where increased speeding fines and other penalties apply.

Minico High School pictures scheduled

Minico High School announced its 2008-2009 school picture schedule. Junior, sophomore and

freshman class pictures will be taken Tuesday throughout the school day.

Senior pictures that were not taken during the summer will be taken between 7 and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

All retakes will be done between 7 and 8:30 a.m. Sept. 23. The senior class picture will be taken Oct. 7. Deadline for fall team sports and group pictures is Oct. 8.

And club pictures will be taken from 9 a.m. until finished on Nov. 21.

Attention seniors: This year's theme calls for a picture of you as a youth. Please get this picture in Ms. Dallolio in Room 329. To Cayle Pfeifer (yearbook editor) or to Michael DePhillips (technical editor) before Sept. 18 if you want to be included. Be sure to make a copy of the picture as they will not be returned.

— Staff reports



Honk if you have no idea where you are

Everybody's not so good at something in my wife's case, it's geography.

She has no sense of direction. None whatever. Which is why the last year at the Twin Falls County Fair, well, she didn't lose it, exactly. It was misplaced.

OK, it was towed. It happened several years ago. Victoria and I went to the fair with my two step-daughters, then 14 and 12. My wife was driving, and she parked her Subaru at the end of a long row of cars near the front gate of the fairgrounds.

When we came back two or three hours later, it was gone. "Mom, you've done it again!" howled my oldest step-daughter, Geneva.

Four years previously, Victoria had taken Geneva and Avalon to the Western Idaho Fair in Garden City. The fairgrounds have a concrete, featureless asphalt parking area, helpfully labeled with the names of Idaho counties.

So with some regularity someone in the section labeled, say, "Fremont." When they returned from the fair, she'd look for her car in "Franklin."

Danged if she couldn't find it. The girls, then pre-teens, exhausted after hours on the rides and hopped up on cotton candy, would wait as they trudged through the parking lot.

"Mom, you've done it again!" But not at the Twin Falls fair, Victoria, it seems, parked too close to a major corridor on the fair's all-grass parking lot and got towed to the neither regions of the fairgrounds.

Which, of course, we didn't know when we couldn't find her car. "I didn't lose it," my wife explained in words of one syllable. "It was right here!"

We went to the fair office and asked. They knew nothing of Victoria's wayward SUV. So after we finally found it on the southern fringes of the south 40 at the fairgrounds, my wife never let us live it down.

"Don't start with me," she'll say to this day. "I know where I left my car." Accusatory, she has no idea. But we humor her.

Or we did until that embarrassing incident in the Fred Meyer parking lot in Twin Falls not long after the store, spotted a blue Subaru exactly like mine, and the loaded groceries in back. Then I slid

into the driver's seat and put my key in the ignition. It didn't fit. And just about the time I noticed a sticker on the dashboard that read, "What would Jesus do?" I heard a voice in my left ear.

"What do you think you're doing?" Yep, I was sitting in somebody else's blue Subaru.

This lamentable episode might have passed unnoticed had Victoria not been right behind me. "I believe you owe me an apology," she said evenly.

"Sure, sweetie," I replied. "As soon as this nice officer takes these handcuffs off."

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Structure fire damages auto shop

A Jerome automotive shop was heavily damaged by a fire Saturday morning.

The Jerome City Fire Department responded at 9:35 a.m. to a fire at Fred Kenyon Auto Repair, 143 Bridon Way. Crews were able to contain the fire and save the structure, but its contents were heavily damaged, including four vehicles, according to Interim Fire Chief Craig LoSasso.

The shop was located in a commercial district, so no homes were nearby. No one, including fire crews, was injured, he said.

Three fire trucks and about 15 personnel battled the flames, which burned hot and fast because the building had little ventilation, LoSasso said.

It was unknown Saturday what caused the fire, which is still under investigation. LoSasso said more information, including damage costs, should be available by Tuesday.

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# Officials: St. Ben's making progress on new facility

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Officials with St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome broke their silence this week on plans for their new facility at Crossroads Point.

Officials had declined to comment on the project for several months after reporting last year that they were starting the process over. But a Thursday release offered a few more details, including that the hospital is interview-

ing architects to design the facility and that Woffit LLP is completing a market demand and financial feasibility study.

The move has been in the works since 2002. Hospital officials said in 2006 that a new building could cost between \$20 million and \$30 million and would likely keep the current 25 patient beds. It's not clear, however, how time has affected that figure.

Hospital CEO Alan Stevenson said Friday that new numbers would be

released once an architect is selected and the various studies and plans are completed. The new building won't have more than 25 beds, he said, because St. Benedict's will maintain its status as a critical-access hospital — a rural hospital specializing in acute care.

"It could be something less," Stevenson said.

The hospital is owned by Essentia Community Hospitals and Clinics, a subsidiary of Minnesota-based Benedictine Health System.

As a private nonprofit, it has several financing options open to it, Stevenson said, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development loan program that nearby Gooding County Memorial Hospital is using to finance its new facility.

St. Benedict's can also turn to the revenue bond market operated through the Idaho Health Facilities Authority. And the hospital's foundation will launch a capital campaign soon to "gather com-

munity support" for the project, Stevenson said.

The new building will be on 30 acres acquired in June 2007. No groundbreaking date has been released yet.

The project is one of three new hospitals planned to be built in the area over the next couple of years.

Officials with the Gooding hospital will break ground on the new North Canyon Medical Center on Sept. 16. And the new St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls should be com-

pleted by 2010.

St. Benedict's officials are still talking to other health providers, including St. Luke's Magic Valley, about collaborations and partnerships. St. Benedict's spokeswoman Christy Davies said, "We're still very committed to working on a collaborative basis with all the other hospitals in the Magic Valley," Stevenson said.

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## Crews continue to battle Nevada fire

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

Crews continued to battle the East Slide Rock Ridge fire in Nevada's Partridge Wilderness Saturday in what firefighters called a "decisive day" due to high winds in advance of a cold front expected to pass through the area today.

Firefighters were focused on battling hot spots in the central and east-central portions of the fire.

The National Weather Service upgraded its Fire Weather Watch to a Red Flag warning through 9 p.m. Saturday. Southwesterly winds with gusts of up to 40 mph over the ridge were expected to last through the evening.

"We've done everything we can to prepare for today's weather event, but our containment lines will surely be tested today," incident Commander Paul Summerfield said in a news release Saturday morning.

More than 700 personnel were on scene. "I've heard it's very, very windy up there," Pam Wilson, fire information officer for Type I Incident Management Team, told the *Times-News* Saturday afternoon. "But so far there have been no major runs."

By evening, she said the fire was "slowing just what we wanted it to do today."

Crews were using a Radiometric Airborne Mapping System to detect hot spots underground, Wilson said. After finding hot pockets, some outside the fire lines, and because of high wind gusts the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management extended the closure surrounding the fire, which had reached 46,157 acres and was 25 percent contained.

Closures included the lands south of the Idaho/Nevada border, in the Red Elephant Butte, Elk Mountain and Lime Creek areas.

"We just wanted to be sure that if the fire picked up and made a run ... we didn't want to have to worry about a lot of hunters and campers in the area," Wilson said. "It might be an inconvenience for some of them, but it's better to be safe than sorry."

The fire, which was started by lightning on Aug. 18, should be contained by Friday — unless high winds cause it to spread late Saturday night or today, Wilson said.

Also on Saturday, the South Barker fire, northeast of Reatherville, received wind gusts that caused flames to be active in the Lower Willow Creek, Stevens Gulch and Cams Gulch areas.

About 151 personnel were battling the fire, which was at 31,744 acres. The fire was started by lightning on Aug. 7. The Nature Fire southwest of Pheasant, which burned 14,674 acres and was contained Friday night, was declared controlled by 7 p.m. Saturday, fire officials said.

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## Flames damage abandoned T.F. house

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

Smoke billowed from the rooftop as flames engulfed the attic of a house on the corner of Addison Avenue and Eastland Drive Saturday evening in Twin Falls. But fire crews, who responded at 7:23 p.m., were able to quench the flames before they did any structural damage.

And luckily, no one was injured.

The house, 2193 Addison Ave., with bidders on its windows and doors, was abandoned and had been for some time, according to neighbors. And it was the second time the house caught fire within about two months, said Twin Falls Fire Battalion Chief Dick Capps.

The fire started in the attic, where most of the flames remained as they tried to crawl through roof shingles and out attic vents.

A neighbor, Ken Stewart, said he saw smoke billow toward his home, but by the time he arrived at the scene just a block away, fire crews had already been called.

Three fire engines and 11 crew members responded to the fire. While Twin Falls Police blocked roads and directed traffic, fire crews pried boards off windows and doors. After the fire was contained, firefighters sprayed the roof with



A Twin Falls firefighter sprays an abandoned house at 2193 Addison Ave., which caught fire a little after 7 p.m. Saturday. Most of the flames remained in the attic of the house.

foam, which helps water to better sink into the woodwork, Capps said.

Cause of the fire and estimated damage to the house will be determined in the coming days, he said. "Right now we're just trying to get

this thing out," Capps said at the scene.

The incident is still under investigation.

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## Head-on crash kills T.F. woman

Friday evening accident was near Nevada/Idaho border

A Twin Falls woman was killed Friday night in a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 93 near the Nevada state line, according to air ambulance to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Rumber's condition was not released either by ISP or St. Luke's Saturday afternoon.

Cecilia Cornelison, 43, was driving south near mile post 1 on Highway 93 in a 2000 Volkswagen Bug when she attempted to pass a semi-truck and collided with a northbound 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe driven by Shuyleen Rumber, 31, also of Twin Falls.

ISP responded to the scene at 6:30 p.m. where Cornelison died of injuries from the accident. Rumber and her passenger, a juvenile, were both transported by air ambulance to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Rumber's condition was not released either by ISP or St. Luke's Saturday afternoon.

ISP was assisted at the scene by Elko County Sheriff and Twin Falls County Sheriff deputies. ISP is still investigating the incident.

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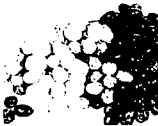
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(AP) For the week, Dow fell 1 percent, the S&P 500 lost 1.18 percent and the Nasdaq fell 3.47 percent. And in August, the Dow rose 1.45 percent, the S&P 500 gained 1.22 percent and the Nasdaq added 1.80 percent. Bond prices

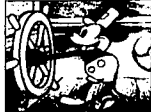
fell Friday. The 10-year note's yield, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.83 percent from 3.79 percent late Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

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## THE UPS AND THE DOWNS

### Community college courses change with economic factors

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

As economic growth slows in south-central Idaho and the rest of the nation, community colleges are again experiencing a rise in student enrollment.

Only days into the 2008 academic year, the College of Southern Idaho is adding new courses to reflect demand in emerging fields such as alternative energy, nursing and animal science. Instructors in academic courses such as math and science are preparing for more students, who plan to complete college-level courses for a fraction of the cost charged at four-year colleges.

Two-year community colleges such as CSI are seeing enrollment grow as families squeezed by tough economic times steer high school graduates away from more expensive four-year universities. Colleges also report an increase in student enrollment during a slowing economy as unemployed workers seek new skills that will make them more competitive in local job markets.

Preliminary reports from community colleges across the nation, which had overall enrollment of 11.5 million last year, show summer enrollments increased, a trend predicted to extend into the fall, according to Norma Kent, a spokeswoman for the American Association of Community Colleges. Kent said the trend is in line with other economic downturns.

But Kent, as well as other community college officials, stop short of saying that the ebb and flow of the economy is directly tied to student enrollment.

"The generalization is that that community college enrollment is tied to the economy," said Dong Maughan, public relations

director at CSI. "Although it certainly seems as if it works that way, the evidence we have is purely anecdotal."

Still, the numbers seem to support the theory.

During the 2006 and 2007 academic years, CSI saw its enrollment numbers level off as the region reported record job growth — Maughan notes that the student head count in Fall 2006 was lower due to a reporting change.

Now that economic growth has slowed in south-central Idaho, college officials expect enrollment to resume its steady increase.

Kari Orem enrolled as a freshman at CSI this year even though she was sure she would be accepted at most four-year colleges in Idaho.

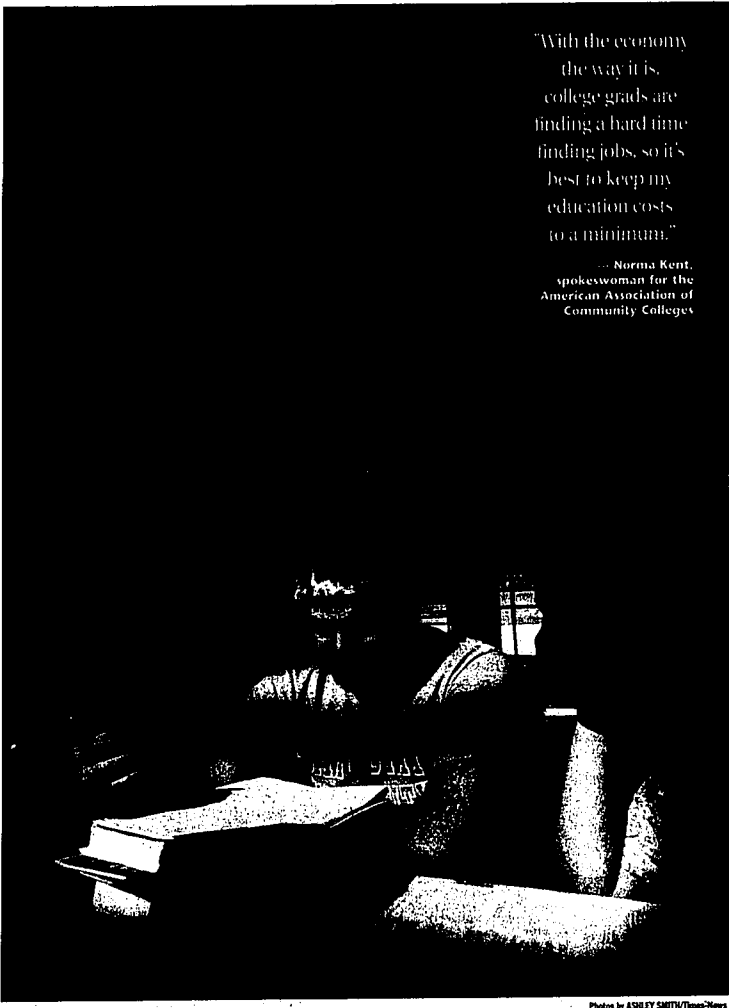
"It's a cost issue," she said. "The first year or two of college is getting core classes out of the way, so I decided to complete them (at CSI)."

Orem estimates that she will save more than \$10,000 during her freshman year because of lower tuition costs and being able to live in her parents' home.

Nationwide, the average annual cost of attending community college is \$2,361, compared with \$6,185 in tuition and fees for an in-state public school. Average annual room and board at a public four-year school is \$7,404, according to the most recent figures from the College Board, which tracks average tuition costs.

Besides cost savings in academic programs, community colleges also provide job training opportunities to workers who may have lost their jobs during a sour economy or are otherwise looking to enter a new career.

"A lot of adults come back to be retooled for jobs that might provide better fringe benefits," said Jerry Beck, president of CSI. "So we have to predict to a certain degree



Robby Fox and Patricia Blay study for their Anatomy and Physiology Thursday morning at the College of Southern Idaho.

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

what those jobs will be and what training workers will need."

He said CSI frequently works with state employment agencies to determine what industries will likely see growth and if there will be increased demand for employee training.

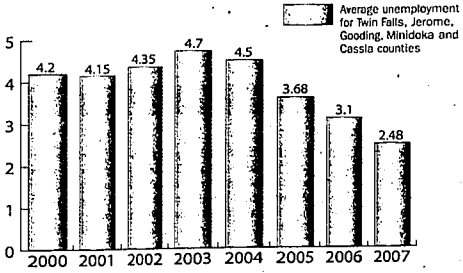
Although community colleges focus on being flexible to regional labor markets, they also must find a way to



People walk make their way through the College of Southern Idaho campus Thursday morning.

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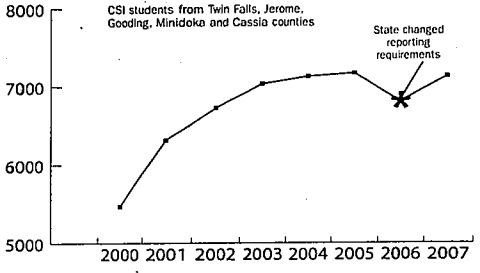
### Magic Valley unemployment



As numbers of CSI students have shot up in the last years, area jobless numbers have fallen.

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### Magic Valley CSI student enrollment



CSI students from Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Minidoka and Cassia counties

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## MILESTONES

### NAIFA BOARD MEMBERS



The 2008-09 NAIFA (National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors) board members are, from left, Kurt Geary, board member; Phil Younger, board member; Wayne Bobber, board member; Steve Moore, board member; Craig Dahl, national committee; Neil Christensen, secretary; Steve Widmer, vice president; David Hruza, president; and John Bellamy, state president. Not pictured are Alex Sitter, past president; Laura Drake, executive secretary; Shay Chesney, board member; Ryan Heider, board member. NAIFA members meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Loong Hing restaurant in Twin Falls.



Four generations of the Blastock family include, from left, back row, Angie Blastock Carter, granddaughter; Dalton Carter, great-grandson; Lukas Monroe, great-grandson; Lisa Blastock Monroe, granddaughter; Reagan Carter, great-grandson; Greg Blastock, son; front, Marli Carter, great-granddaughter; Lucy Monroe, great-granddaughter; and matriarch, Georgia Blastock. Not pictured, Bob Blastock, son.

### Local u-pick vegetable business celebrates 20 years in community

B & G Produce, a u-pick fresh vegetable-farm, recently celebrated 20 years of providing quality, locally grown produce to area residents. B & G's seven-acre vegetable farm, located on Pole Line Road in Filer, 8.5 miles south of Twin Falls, is owned and operated by Georgia Blastock. Four generations of the Blastock family were on hand to share in the celebration.

B & G Produce opened its gates in 1988 and specializes in naturally grown vegetables and melons. "Twenty years ago my husband, Bob, and I decided to expand our farming operation to include a few

vegetables," Blastock explained, "and we've been expanding ever since." B & G Produce currently offers over forty types of fresh vegetables and melons, and has received the Idaho Preferred designation. Blastock, along with her son, Greg, are University of Idaho certified Advanced Master Gardeners.

This year, Blastock noted the addition of a new variety of cantaloupe and additional rows of cucumbers and green beans. B & G is open to the public seven days a week from 7 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m. weekdays, and 7 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. on weekends. A family-friendly corn maze and hayride operate during October. For more information: 326-3302 or www.bggproduce.com.

### FIRST FEDERAL



First Federal opened the doors of its newest branch located at 22349 Kimberly Road in Kimberly recently. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors celebrated along with First Federal and assisted in cutting the red ribbon. Visit their new location and their staff can assist you with your financial needs. For more information: 423-6226. From left, Samantha Perkins, Aleece Skaggs, Kiley Johnson, Jake Tolman, Julie Jorgensen, Ginger Butler, Travis Wray, Dena Young is standing behind Ginger Butler.

### SAMUELS JEWELERS



Samuels Jewelers located at 799 Cheney Dr., Ste. F, in Twin Falls recently held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. The Samuels Jewelers chain recently announced that they were under new ownership. For more information: 734-0862. Pictured from left, Tony Draper, sales consultant; cutting the ribbon, Teresa Packard, store manager; Jennifer Devine-Hatch, sales, marketing and event planner.

### RED'S TRADING POST



Red's Trading Post opened the doors to its new location and celebrated with a ribbon cutting assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Red's Trading Post, Idaho's oldest gun shop, also celebrates the grand opening of their new building at 203 Fifth Ave. S. in the Historic Warehouse District in Twin Falls. Red's is a family business that was started in 1936 by Lowell 'Red' Kinney. For more information: 733-3546 or www.redstradingpost.com. Pictured from left, Brayden, Miah, Terry and Ryan Horsley.

## CAREER MOVES

### Kelly Crane

The College of Natural Resources and University of Idaho Extension announced that Kelly Crane has been hired as Rangeland Extension Specialist. He will begin work on Sept. 1 and will be stationed at the Twin Falls Research and Extension Center.



Crane is the son of Keith and Burley High School graduate. He has strong background in extension and outreach gained through seven years of experience as a rangeland extension specialist with the University of Wyoming. He received his Ph.D. in Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management from the University of Wyoming in 2002. His dissertation work focused on the influence of cattle grazing on feeding site selection by Rocky Mountain elk. Crane's most recent professional experience was as owner and principal consultant of Frontier Natural Resource Consulting, a firm that has conducted projects related to rangeland and habitat management in seven western states with offices in Prineville, Ore. Crane will develop an applied research and extension program centering on the ecological implications of grazing and sustainable livestock production on rangelands.

He attended the University of Idaho and earned a B.S. degree in Rangeland Resources. He received the College of Natural Resources Alumni Achievement Award in 2000 for his work in Rangeland extension.

### Kraig N. Dahl

Kraig N. Dahl, LUTCF, an agent with Beneficial Financial Group in Twin Falls, was awarded Advisor of the Year by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Southern Idaho, at their annual awards banquet held recently.



This honor is awarded by his peers and colleagues for excellence and commitment to the insurance and financial advisory profession. Dahl has been a member of NAIFA since 1984 and is located at 252 Deere St. in Twin Falls.

### Karolee Gregory

Karolee Gregory recently completed Fundamentals of Kindermusik and earned her educator's license from Kindermusik International. She will be offering classes in Jerome starting this fall.

Gregory has taught piano in her home in Jerome for the past seven years, and looks forward to adding Kindermusik classes to her offerings for the families of Jerome and the surrounding areas. She is starting her Kindermusik program, Kindermusik with Karolee, because she recognizes that

music is a powerful conduit for influencing the development of children of all ages. She believes that every child is musical, and seeks to provide a high-quality musical experience for children to enjoy with their families, promoting development in all areas of their lives.

### Christina Gonzales

Christina Gonzales, executive officer for the Magic Valley Builders Association, was recently recognized at the Idaho Building Contractors Association summer convention in Post Falls for her leadership as the IBCA Executive Vice Officers Committee Chair for 2007-2008.



Gonzales has been involved with the MBVA for more than two years. The MBVA is non-profit trade association that promotes quality business practices, standards and ethics within the building industry in the Magic Valley.

### Linda Lee Ekren

Linda Lee Ekren recently returned from the Wisconsin Realtors' Leadership Academy in Chicago, Ill., and was named 2008 South Central Idaho WCR Chapter president.



The WCR Leadership Academy is an intense one and a half days of training in real estate performance management, leadership skills, business communication, and networking as a professional at all levels in the real estate industry.

WCR is an educational arm to the National Association of Realtors and provides the resources for which realtors can enrich their careers with advanced education and knowledge.

Ekren is a realtor with Canyonside Irwin Realty in Jerome.

### Dan Kennedy

Detective Dan Kennedy of the Jerome Police Department won a gold medal at the Western States Police and Fire Games held in Boise, Aug. 18. Detective Kennedy competed in the 10-kilometer cross country event and won the medal in the master's category.

Detective Kennedy has been with the Jerome Police Department for about eight years serving as a patrol officer and an investigator.

He has been a police officer for 26 years in various Idaho law enforcement agencies. He is currently assigned to the Jerome Police Department's detective unit.

Detective Kennedy also serves in the Idaho National Guard and has performed a tour of duty in Iraq. Detective Kennedy is an avid runner which keeps him in shape for both his police and military careers.

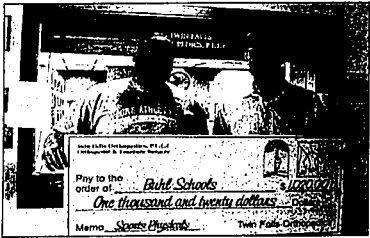
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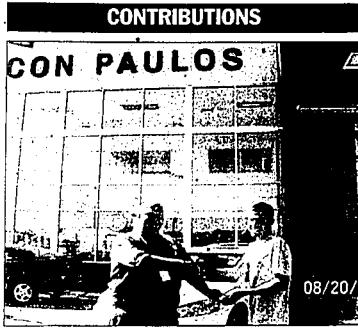


FAR LEFT: Twin Falls Orthopedics performed sports physicals for Filer schools in May. All money received from the physicals was donated back to each school for use in their athletic departments. The total donation was \$675. Pictured from left, Anna Hawker, FNP; Gary Moon, athletic director of Filer Schools; R. Tyler McKee, D.O.; Randal L. Wraastad, DPM.

LEFT: Twin Falls Orthopedics performed Sports Physicals for Buhl Schools in May, all money received from the physicals was donated back to each school for use in their athletic departments. Total donation was \$1,020. Pictured is Buhl Athletic Director Stacey Wilson and R. Tyler McKee, D.O.

# OUR BUSINESS

# Will this economy's path be shaped like a U, V, W or L?



Ross Mason, GM sales specialist for Con Paulos Chevrolet-Pontiac-GMC congratulates Ira Olson, who won \$500 in fuel on Aug. 16 at the new Con Paulos dealership in Jerome.

By Ellen Simon  
Associated Press writer

Wall Street, meet Sesame Street.

Bulls, bears and Nobel laureates are taking a lot about letters as they try to predict the shape of the charts that will describe the economy's downturn and recovery.

Will this roller coaster follow the path of a "U" — a stretched-out slump with a sharp upturn? Or will it be shaped like a "W" with a vertiginous descent followed by a quick recovery? Will we wrestle with a "V"-shaped double dip, or labor through an "L" of long-term languishing?

(Global Insight Inc.'s May presentation "U.S. Recession and Recovery: U, V, or W-shaped?" answered with a "W," saying a second dip would come as spending from stimulus checks dries up.

"There's been debate about whether it's V-shaped or U-shaped," Nobel-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz said recently on CNBC. "I think there's growing consensus it's an L-shape."

While focusing on letters, Wall Street is "trying to make a desperate situation look sort of technical — it's not that much of a fuss, the big boys can take care of it, don't you worry," said Wall Street historian Charles Geisst. "Except the big boys here, their trousers are getting a little short. I'm afraid."

As for the downward ride has included record bank write-downs and home foreclosures, the wipeout of \$1.9

trillion in shareholder wealth and a spike in unemployment.

The alphabet-shaped charts represent the rise and fall of economic indicators over time — such as Gross Domestic Product, real income, employment, industrial production and wholesale sales. The National Bureau of Economic Research, the chart-watching private group that gauges economic peaks and troughs, has yet to declare the current downturn a recession.

Plenty of others have, saying the charts are proving their point to the letter.

This could extend itself well into 2009, with repercussions that could keep the country stagnant for two or three years," said Jay Brew, chief bank strategist at community bank strategy firm M. Rae Resources Inc. and an "L" proponent.

Past recessions did, in retrospect, follow certain scripts. The 1980 recession proved to be a quick "W" as measured in changes in GDP. The next recession, in 1981 and '82, looked more "W"-like. The 1990-'91 recession showed "U"-like traits, while the 2001 recession was another "W."

The obsession with shapes is a departure for Wall Street, where metaphors tend to be about hunting strategy or sex. Partners at Wall Street firms who bring in good deals are said to "eat what they kill" come bonus time. When one company reveals its finances to another, it "spits the kimono" so the two sides can conduct an "open kimono transaction."

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Some players are sticking with macho themes, spurring the alphabet and naming with sports metaphors.

"We're not expecting this to be a hockey stick in the true sense of a hockey stick of a year at all," said Dominic A. Roman, vice president and chief financial officer at pump products maker Ilex Corp., according to a transcript of the company's fourth-quarter earnings call in February.

Comparing the downturn to foorthall, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. CEO Lloyd Blankfein said in April, "We're probably in the third or fourth quarter," adding, "We're closer to the end than we are to the beginning."

Likewise, Morgan Stanley Chief Executive John Mack said in April that Wall Street was facing the most difficult conditions in 40 years, but added the global credit crisis might be "in the final innings."

Critics say those predictions struck out. Bearish Theodore Forstmann, co-founder of private equity firm Forstmann Little, said in early July that the credit crisis was in its second inning. John B. Hussman, president of mutual fund company Hussman Investment Trust, told shareholders in April that the economy was in the downturn's third inning, with each inning lasting three months.

M. Rae Resources had been posting a debate called "The Great Recession Game of '08. What inning are we in?" that pitted Jay Brew against the company's chief economist, Edmund Seifried.

"They were at the top of the sixth when Seifried threw in the towel following grim July unemployment numbers, Brew said.

"The game will be called," he said.

Some economists shoot down all the metaphors used by others.

Writing in The Wall Street Journal in July, David Ranson, head of research at H.C. Wainwright & Co. Economics Inc., reiterated a point he made during a past downturn that the economy is "in the 'red zone,'" but is more like a beehive.

"The future of the hive does not depend on all the worker bees," he wrote. "In fact, an accident can put many bees out of action without compromising the hive as a whole."

"Good metaphors can help maintain perspective amid chaos," he wrote.

Ellen Simon covers the economy. She can be reached at [esimon@sp.org](mailto:esimon@sp.org).

## Success Martial Arts awards scholarships

Success Martial Arts has given more than \$170,000 in one-month scholarships to schools and other groups throughout the Magic Valley. With the increase of violence and disorder in our society, Brian Higgins, senior instructor, feels an obligation to provide support and to work with other organizations to help maintain and teach personal responsibility to children. Both to help them learn how to protect themselves from violence and to learn not to be the cause of social disorder themselves.

Cauch Higgins has provided similar opportunity three times every year for the last 13 years. The purpose of this scholarship program is to expose youngsters and

adults to the discipline, fitness, and character building opportunities of this great martial arts program.

Success Martial Arts is owned by Brian Higgins, who has helped thousands of students of all ages with his messages of Focus, Positive Thinking, Respect, Self-Confidence and High Personal Standards in the last 13 years. He has also authored a martial arts vocabulary book called Black Belt Minds. He volunteers with his Partners in Education program he offers to local schools.

For more information: 733-8910.



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# Renters insurance: Why it's so essential

By Candice Choi  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The population of renters across the country is growing, edged in part by a slumping housing market.

Yet as graduates and others enter the workforce and set up their first apartments, renters insurance probably isn't a burning issue. It's often only after a robbery that a policy suddenly seems like a no-brainer.

Renters insurance typically costs less than \$200 a year for around \$30,000 in coverage and generally includes items stolen from your car. Perhaps more importantly, most policies from major underwriters such as Allstate Corp. and State Farm Insurance Cos. include \$100,000 or more in personal liability coverage. So, if someone slips and falls on your property, you've got some protection.

Nevertheless, convincing people they need renters insurance remains a big hurdle. Online tools offered by insurers can help assess your belongings and determine how much coverage you need. Agents can also walk

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you through the process over the phone.

Taking stock of your possessions is often a wake-up call. "People are always surprised by how much it would cost to replace everything they own," said Jake Engle, a certified financial planner with Wealth Planning and Management in Seattle.

It's a fact that touches on an important consideration in selecting a policy — deciding whether you want a cash value or a replacement value policy.

A cash value policy will only pay out the value of the property at the time it was damaged or stolen. Engle recommends a replacement value policy, which will pay out an amount that will allow you to replace your valuables.

As a practical matter, insurers typically won't give renters a hard time about claims within reason, Engle said.

But having a written

record of your belongings is a good safety measure, particularly if you own a number of items. Without that proof, agents may ask neighbors or friends to confirm that you really did own a \$5,000 painting or rare vintage guitar.

A written list with photographs should do the trick. Even better: Take a room-by-room video inventory of your home, with a voiceover describing the brand and model of major belongings. You don't need to capture every refrigerator magnet and tell the story behind every stuffed animal, but give a sense of the type and volume of clothing you own.

You might want to note, for example, that you own five suits from Jos. A. Bank, three pairs of Lucky brand jeans, and eight pairs of Italian dress shoes.

Whether it's a written or video record, keep the record in a safe location — away from your home.

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"It's a benefit to you, so you don't have to rely on your memory after a traumatic experience," Engle said.

Even though awareness of renters insurance is low, there are some signs that it's starting to grow as more families and higher income households are renting, said David Bank, director of Cornell University's program on real estate. They have mindsets like homeowners, and understand the need for it," he said.

Another reason is that people of all ages now own smart phones, iPods and laptops, which can cost a bundle to replace. Such electronic gear is more likely to

be stolen in an apartment complex or car parked on the street than in a home. At Allstate, theft accounts for more than 30 percent of claims on renters insurance policies, according to Jeff Morece, a company spokesman.

Finally, college students heading to a dorm, sorority or frat house, should know they are still considered a resident of their parents' home and are automatically covered as part of their policy, assuming they have homeowners or renters insurance.

But anyone opting for an off-campus apartment will need to get a separate policy, as will each roommate.

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find additional courses and training programs.

The bulk of federal higher-education funding goes to four-year schools, yet two-year schools enroll almost half the nation's undergraduates, according to the American Association of Community Colleges. Salaries and infrastructure costs are higher at four-year schools, but community college officials say they've long been expected to do more with less.

At least 30 states have budget shortages, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the rising costs of energy and other operating expenses will likely

make education funding tougher.

Community colleges on average get 60 percent of their funding from state and local sources. As a result, if states are having trouble, community college funding could dwindle, Kent said.

"It's a perfect storm in a negative sense," she said. Oregon Community College in Bend is seeing a 31 percent enrollment increase, but officials expect that to moderate, saying they are running out of classroom space and faculty to meet capacity.

Because two-year schools are intended to be open-access institutions, it's antith-

ema to turn students away. But "if there's not enough faculty, not enough courses, we have a de facto enrollment cap," Kent said.

A study released Wednesday by educational loan provider Sallie Mae shows that many people fail to consider post-college income in determining how to pay for school, but Tarcoite is already looking ahead to after graduation, when many people are saddled with repaying student loans.

"With the economy the way it is, college grads are finding a hard time finding jobs, so it's best to keep my education costs to a minimum," Kent said.

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### John Robert Anderson Sr.

DEULO — John Robert Anderson Sr., formerly of Deulo, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, at the age of 81.

He was born Oct. 29, 1926, to Walton Raymond and Cynthia Leota Jane Vipperman Anderson in Wortham, Texas. He served two years in the United States Navy at the end of World War II, and married Nina Taylor in Silver City, N.M., on Dec. 13, 1948. They raised their five children in Deulo.



He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, now residing at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley, his children, John (Deleors) Anderson of Rupert, LaQuita (Robert) Burton of Burley, Clinton E. Anderson of Deulo and Marjann Harrington of Burley, a daughter-in-law, Leva Anderson of Deulo, two sisters, Bessie Lee of Texas and Lucille Lyda of Colorado; one brother, Clarence Anderson of Texas; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many much-loved nieces, nephews, and a large extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Mary Anderson, Margaret Houser, Fannie Anderson and Dorothy Bosley Parker;



two brothers, Alex and Hayden Anderson, and his son, David L. Anderson.

A private family memorial service has taken place at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center. Cards may be sent to Nina and family in care of Blossmussen Funeral Home, 80, Box 478, Burley, ID 83316.

The family expresses their sincere appreciation to the awesome staff at Parke View for the loving and tender care rendered to John and Nina.

Ada Grimm, 88, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, Aug. 25, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.



She was born April 20, 1920, in Inkorn, to Wilford (Bill) and Mary (Mae) Grimm. She was the sixth child of seven. Ada was raised and educated in Inkorn. She worked for E.S. Harper until 1942.

In September of 1940, she met James H. Grimm; a romance was born and they were married on Christmas Eve in 1941. When James went into the service on Jan. 31, 1942, she went to work for the Civil Service as an aircraft mechanic, working at Buckley Air Base in Denver, Colo., Hill Air Base, Ogden, Utah, and March Air Base, Calif. Her job was to replace starters and generators, of course, motor outshined all the men.

When James returned

home, they began their farming; they farmed in Inkorn, Kimberly, Hollister, Bull and Murtaugh, in 1973, with their children, they bought the Idaho Ranch and farmed until 1989, when they retired and moved to Twin Falls.

Ada was a very gifted athlete playing basketball and track. She also played the trumpet and harmonica in the school band. Ada was a very good horsewoman riding her big black horse to and from school.

She is survived by her children, Carma (Ron) Angelo of Hailey, Kelly Grimm of Twin Falls and Steven (Melanie) Grimm of Man. However, eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Ada also had two very dear and near soul mates, Ideley Van Ostran and Toors (Haumton); thanks ladies for being there for all of us.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, four brothers and one sister.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com).

### Ada Grimm

### James Charles Vines

BUHL — James Charles Vines, age 88, was born Feb. 24, 1920, in Gillette, Wyo., the son of James L. and Mattie Davis Vines, and died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, at Heritage Assisted Living in Twin Falls.



His parents divorced and his mother married Geo. Eisele, and Jim was raised with three brothers and two sisters on a ranch with the post office of the area named "Wild Cat." Jim graduated from Gillette High School and, at the age of 17, joined the Navy on a minority enlistment, which required discharge at the age of 20. Shortly after his discharge, World War II broke out and he reenlisted and served most of his time on the East Coast and Atlantic Ocean.

He married Marjann McKenzie and three children were born. They were later divorced, and Jim met and married Jean Kendrick Jones in Reno, Nev., in 1972. This marriage was filled with 36 happy years, especially traveling in their recreational vehicle to Arizona winters and other places of interest. Jim had a love of garden-

ing, especially tomatoes and raspberries, which he sold many to Farmers Market in Twin Falls. He was a member of Mt. Rose Masonic Lodge No. 40 and Scottish Rite in Reno, Nev., and past patron of the Nevada Chapter 13 Eastern Star. He was past secretary of the Buhl Kivans Club and of the Buhl Shrine Club. He was a member of the Clear Lake Country Club and golfed until ill health forced his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Jean of Buhl; son, Russell of New York; daughter, Sandra McKay of Washington; sister, Nellie Watson and Jane Warren; and brothers, Bill, Allen and Jean Eisele; three grandsons, Michael, Todd and Lee Skuruk; step-daughter, Leva Wanda Jones; four step-grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Jim's step-grandchildren adopted him as their "Grandpa." He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Dale; brother; and a stepson, Denny Jones.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Interment will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel. Donations may be made to the Shiner's Hospital.

### James Dale Mizer

HADLEY — James Dale Mizer was born Oct. 23, 1920, and passed away May 24, 2008.



Please join the Mizer family for a celebration of his life at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Grange Hall, 609 S. Third, St. in Hailey.

### Benjamin Ruben Walters

RUPERT — Benjamin Ruben Walters, 43, of Rupert, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, at his home of natural causes.



He was born Aug. 26, 1965, in Rupert, to Robert and Dorothy Walters. He was a lifetime resident of Rupert, graduating from Minico High School class of 1985, working on his father's farm and at Doc and Dan's and the Amalgamated Sugar factory. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and was involved in many activities, relay for life, snow skiing, and loved hunting geese and ducks.

Benjamin is survived by his father, Bill Walters; Rupert brothers, Henry (Clint) of Rupert and Vernon (Claude) of Ohio; one sister, Hope (Bob) of Colorado; six nephews; two nieces; and great-nephews and one great-niece. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy, and brother, Owen. Benjamin loved getting together to visit with family and friends. He always had his hunting dogs and was great at training them. No one could mistake the love he had for his geese. One of his favorite things to do was sitting in his blind waiting for the geese to come in.

Benjamin was loved by all he met and his family will miss his care and love and most of all his famous "Hey You Guys."

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert.

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### Phyllis C. Wasko

FILER — Phyllis C. Wasko, 71, of Filer, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2008, at home.



She was born Oct. 5, 1936, in Hadar, Neb. She was the second of three children born to Louis and Mable Bohne. The family moved to Idaho in 1944 and settled in the Filer area. She graduated from Filer High School in 1955. She met and then married the love of her life, Stephen A. Wasko, on July 2, 1955.

Phyllis was a stay-at-home mom, raising eight children until the mid '70s, when she went to work for the Magic Bowl and later the Twin Falls School District as a cook and kitchen manager. It was her passion to cater to the children, whether it was taking to them, decorating for the holidays or having treats for them.

She is survived by her brother, Marvin Bohne of Filer; all eight of her children, Betty (Jeff) Stevens and Mary Jensen, both of Buhl, Patty Wasko and John Wasko, both of Filer, Mark (Sandra) Wasko and Karen Wasko, both of Filer, Eric (Cathy) Wasko of Campbell, Calif., and Jeff (Lisa) Wasko of Ocean Springs, Miss. Phyllis also has nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, with one more due in December.

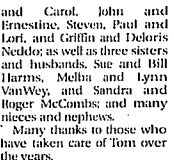
She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Mable Bohne; her husband, Stephen Wasko; her sister, Eleanor Bohne; and her granddaughters, Angela Soss.

The funeral Mass for Phyllis Wasko will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at St. Edward the Confessor, with Father Boniface Lantz, OSB, officiating.

A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Edward the Confessor, with Deacon John Hurley officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Idaho.

### Thomas Lloyd Neddo

MALTA — Tom went to be with his Mom, Dad and dear God on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008.



Tom was born June 17, 1947, in Brigham City, Utah. The 21st of 14 children, Tom was a delight and joy to the whole family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister, Lynn Teeter, and brother, Larry. He is survived by eight brothers and their wives, Debert and Maryl, Park and Ruth, Brent and Charlotte, Bill

and Carol, John and Ernestine, Steven, Paul and Lori, and Griffin and Deloris Neddo; as well as three sisters and two brothers, Sue and Bill Harms, Melba and Lynn VanWay, and Sandra and Roger McCombs and many nieces and nephews.

Many thanks to those who have taken care of Tom over the years.

A graveside service will be in Malta. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at the Malta LDS Church. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, in Valley View Cemetery in Malta.

### DEATH NOTICES

#### Ernest Pinther

RUPERT — Ernest "Curt" Pinther, 74, of Rupert, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

#### Eroy J. Keen

CASTLEFORD — Eroy J. Keen, 75, of Castleford, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

#### Billy D. Kraus

RUPERT — Billy D. Kraus, 65, of Rupert, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen

#### Funeral Home of Burley.

#### Herbert L. Barnes Sr.

Herbert L. Barnes Sr., 78, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008, at Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

#### Elaire Reynolds

BURLEY — Elaire McCluson Ferbrache Craig Reynolds, 73, of Boise and Burley, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at Gem Memorial Garden; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Hansen Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley.

### SERVICES

Handall Demont McCullough, service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; get-together follows at 1013 Lincoln St. in Twin Falls (flowers will be provided, all are welcome).

Debra Lynn Keas of Mountain Home, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First Congregational Church, 515 E. 15th N., in Mountain Home (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home).

Shirley Anne Whitesell of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and

one hour before the service Tuesday at the mortuary.

Darlene Beth Stevers Petersen of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Betty J. Emerson of Salem, Ore., and formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Willamette Memorial Park; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Fisher Funeral Home in Albany, Ore.

Lois Ann Lattin Hall of Hemet, Calif., and formerly of Kimberly, memorial service at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Hemet First Christian Church.

## Dr. Hugh R. Butt, vitamin K researcher, dies at 98

By Thomas H. Maugh II  
Los Angeles Times

Dr. Hugh R. Butt, the Mayo Clinic physician who discovered the role of vitamin K in clotting and developed anticoagulating techniques that paved the way for open-heart surgery and transplants, died Aug. 16 in Rochester, Minn.

He was 98 and died of natural causes after suffering a fall in his home.

A president of the American College of Physicians in the early 1970s, Butt played a key role in establishing that group's system of self-testing for doctors to ensure their accuracy of the most recent

advances in medicine.

He was also one of the last assistants to work directly with Dr. William Mayo, one of the founders of the famed clinic. In his later years, he was a crucial player in efforts to expand the clinic, soliciting large donations from his celebrity patients, such as hotel magnate Conrad Hilton and Winn-Dixie co-owner James E. Davis.

"Hugh bridged the gap between the founders and the current leaders of the Mayo Clinic," said Dr. Robert Waller, chief executive of the clinic from 1988 to 1999. "He never stopped thinking of ways to be helpful to Mayo."

While Butt was a resident

at Mayo in the 1930s, he learned that Danish nutritionist Henrik Dam, who received the 1943 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for the discovery of vitamin K, had shown that chickens deficient in the vitamin were susceptible to internal bleeding.

He suspected that an inability to absorb the vitamin properly was at the root of the hemorrhaging and confirmed this in children. Shortly thereafter, he was confronted with a jaundiced patient who was bleeding to death internally. He administered vitamin K combined with bile salts to increase absorption and, within an

hour, the bleeding had ceased.

It was "the first kind of miracle I had ever seen," he later recalled. After studies in several other jaundiced patients, he published the research in 1938 and the technique is now widely used to control bleeding problems. One benefactor was William Mayo, who was suffering from jaundice after cancer surgery.

Butt later recalled Mayo calling him into his hospital room. "Now, since you've discovered that vitamin K will stop the blood, I know I am not going to die," Mayo said, and I wanted to thank you," Mayo told him.

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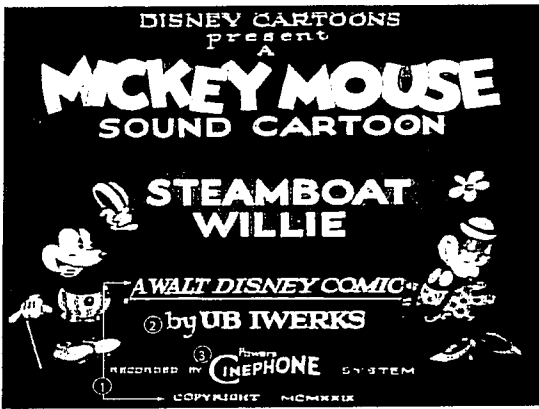
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# For early Mickey, trademark goof might open ownership to all

By Joseph Mann  
Los Angeles Times

## Free Mickey?

The title card on Disney's 1928 "Steamboat Willie" has prompted a debate over copyright. Mickey Mouse was protected originally under the Copyright Act of 1909, which states that the owner's name must accompany the word "copyright." Nimmer on Copyright says that if multiple names create uncertainty, the copyright is void.



1 In the title cards of early Mickey Mouse cartoons, Walt Disney's title is separated from the word copyright by two other names.

2 Ub Iwerks, the artist who drew the cartoon cells.  
3 Powers Cinephone System, the company that recorded the cartoon

Disney has maintained that because the title card calls it "A Walt Disney Comic," it should be obvious that Disney owns the movie.

Source: Times research

Los Angeles Times

It is the world's most famous personage better known in this country than anyone living or dead, real or fictional. Market researchers say his 97 percent recognition rate in the U.S. edges even Santa Claus.

He is the one — and for now only — Mickey Mouse.

As Mickey turns 80 this fall, the most beloved rodent in show business is widely regarded as a national treasure. But he is owned lock, stock and trademark ears by the corporate heirs of his genius creator, Walt Disney.

Brand experts reckon his value to today's Walt Disney Co. empire at more than \$3 billion. Acts of Congress have extended Mickey's copyright so long that they have provoked a Supreme Court challenge, making Mickey the ultimate symbol of intellectual property.

All signs pointed to a Howard and ending with Disney and Mickey Mouse living happily ever after — at least until a grumpy former employee looked closely at the print long forgotten in company archives.

Film credits from the 1920s revealed imprecision in copyright claims that some experts say could invalidate Disney's long-held copyright, although a Disney lawyer dismissed that idea as "frivolous."

Although studio executives are not yet hurling themselves at the prospect of Sleeping Beauty, the unexpected discovery raises an intriguing question: Is it possible that Mickey Mouse now belongs to the world and not his creator, as is usable by anybody for anything?

For the record, any knock-offs would have to make clear that they did not come from Disney or the risk violating the separate laws that protect trademarks. And the potentially free Mickey is not the most current or familiar version of the famous mouse.

Copyright questions apply to an older incarnation, a rendition of Mickey still recognizable but slightly different. In 1915, the star of the first synchronized sound cartoon, "Steamboat Willie," had longer arms, smaller ears and a more pointy nose.

The notion that any Mickey Mouse might be free of copyright restrictions is about as welcome in the Magic Kingdom as a poisoned apple. Yet elsewhere, especially in academia, the idea has attracted surprising support. "That 'Steamboat Willie' is in the public domain is easy. That's a foregone conclusion," said copyright scholar Peter Jaszi of American University's Washington College of Law.

The issue has been chewed over by law students as class projects and debated by professors. It produced one little-noticed law review article: A 23-page essay in a 2006 University of Virginia legal journal argued that "there are no grounds in copyright law for protecting" the Mickey of those early films.

Gregory S. Brown, 51, a former Disney researcher who has lived in the same one-bedroom Hollywood apartment for two decades, seems an unlikely giant killer. Thin, pale and bespectacled, he looks the part of an obsessive archivist. He has worked little since a heart attack in 1998, getting by mostly on disability payments.

As a child, Brown was intrigued by a book on the hard-slogging by Walt Disney and his brother Roy to establish themselves in the early days of film and animation. That launched a lifelong fascination with the business side of the Disney empire.

While in high school, Brown visited Disney offices to research a term paper and ended up getting hired as an assistant to Disney archivist David I. Smith in 1974. Brown helped catalog correspondence between the Disney brothers and had access to other internal records.

Brown was struck by the Disney's early disorganization. It took years, for example, for the brothers to decide whether their company should be a corporation, a proprietorship or a partnership.

Brown moved on from Disney to the University of California, Los Angeles, the American Film Institute and a brief producing career, and then he teamed with a friend in a 1980s takeover bid for Harvey Productions, a distributor of Casper the Friendly Ghost.

Conducting a "due diligence" assessment of Harvey's assets — making sure that no legal or financial problems could haunt the purchase — Brown found a stinker.

After release of the movie "Ghostbusters," Harvey had sued Columbia Pictures in 1984, complaining that a cartoon ghost in the logo of Bill Murray's crew looked an awful lot like Casper's sidekick, Fatsy.

Columbia Pictures convinced a judge that a lapsed copyright had dumped Fatsy into the public domain, ending the case.

Brown also discovered that Harvey had failed to renew other copyrights covering the company's ghosts. Casper was public property too.

Now armed with knowledge about the frequency and implications of copyright confusion, Brown launched a business venture exploiting some of that murkiness. He would market recreated animation cells from a 1933 Mickey Mouse short called "The Mad Doctor." Brown had discovered that the Disneys failed to renew copyright claims on that film.

But the Disney company sued so quickly that Brown never sold a cell. While "The Mad Doctor" was indeed out of copyright, that long-ago oversight did not breed Mickey, whose ostensible copyright protection predated the short.

Brown lost. Worse, he was clobbered with a \$500,000 judgment.

In the waning days of his case, Brown returned to the arguments of Disney lawyers who wrote that Mickey Mouse had been created by Walt Disney Co. in 1928. The former archivist knew that the company didn't exist then. He wondered: Whose name is on the original copyright?

Brown was one of the few who knew that odds of a mistake were high. "Everybody screwed up copyright in the '20s, '30s and '40s," said Schechter, the author of several books on copyright law.

"Under the 1909 Act, courts were really inconstant on formalities."

Brown went searching for flawed formalities — and found one. It was on the title card at the beginning of a "Steamboat Willie" cartoon that had just been rereleased on a 1993 LaserDisc honoring Mickey's 65th birthday. It said in full:

"Disney Cartoons Present  
A Mickey Mouse Sound Cartoon  
Steamboat Willie  
A Walt Disney Comic  
By Ub Iwerks  
Recorded by Cinephone  
Powers System  
Copyright MCMXXIX."

For Brown, it was as if the glass slipped fit him perfectly. The key was location of the word "copyright" in relation to the name "Walt Disney." There were two other names listed in between — Cinephone and Disney's top studio artist, Ub Iwerks. Arguably any of the three could have claimed ownership, thereby nullifying anyone's claim under arcane rules of the Copyright Act of 1909.

Brown leapt on the ambiguity, asking the court to reconsider its ruling against him on grounds that Mickey Mouse was out of copyright. But he was too late. Without ruling on the merits of

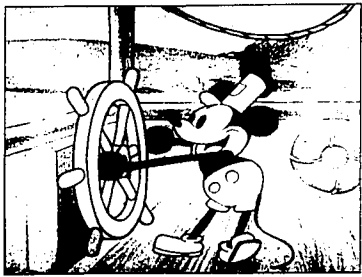


Photo courtesy of Disney Enterprises, Inc.

Copyright questions apply to an older incarnation of Mickey Mouse, as seen in 1928's "Steamboat Willie."

Brown's arguments, the judge tossed it aside as untimely.

Arizona State University professor Dennis Karjala, a Brown acquaintance, suggested that "one of his law school students look into the claim as a class project. Lauren Vuppel took up the challenge and produced a paper agreeing with Brown. She posted her project on the Internet in 1999.

Across the continent, a Georgetown University law student stumbled across Vuppel's paper more than a year later. "I just came across it," Douglas Hedenkamp said. "I was intrigued."

"Today, title-card claims are no longer required. But when courts rule on historical copyright issues, they follow the laws in place at the time — in this case, says Hedenkamp, the 1909 law requiring that the word copyright or its symbol be "accompanied by the name of the copyright proprietor" — a rule scholars said means in the immediate proximity.

The author of "Nimmer on Copyright" says that a copyright is void if multiple names create uncertainty, and courts have agreed. In 1915, Massachusetts cited the "accompanied by" rule in throwing out a copyright claim by newspaper cartoonist Art Moger's mouse.

Not was he surprised. He above his panels, but the name of another artist ran inside the boxes. "The fact that (Moger's) name is prominently displayed ... does not, by any means, raise out the possibility" that the other artist is the copyright holder, the judge wrote.

Hedenkamp finally wrote to Disney in-house lawyers, an attempt to satisfy his curiosity. Had he missed

something? Or was there really a problem with Mickey's copyright?

Disney legal advisers were not amused. General Counsel Mark A. Steinberg wrote back that it would be "inconceivable that an modern court would find any confusion about the identity of the proprietor of Mickey Mouse traits."

Nonetheless, Hedenkamp spelled out his arguments in the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Journal, a publication of the University of Virginia's law school. It attracted little attention off-campus.

Hedenkamp never heard from Disney again. Now 32, he works at an Irvine, Calif., firm handling commercial law.

He describes himself as a "huge fan" of Disney. He also says that because Disney has taken advantage of so many characters created by others, it is only fair that artists get to borrow from Disney.

"Other people should get to put their spin on those old characters," Hedenkamp said.

Roy Disney said he had never heard the theory about problems with the title cards.

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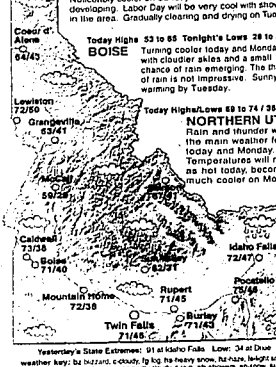
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BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Much cooler with cloudy periods and light showers possible. High: low 70s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, rain showers in the area. Lows: low 40s. Tomorrow: Cool, almost chilly and raining at times. High: moderate to upper 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Noticeably cooler on Sunday with a small threat of rain developing. Labor Day will be very cool with showers in the area. Gradually clearing and drying on Tuesday.



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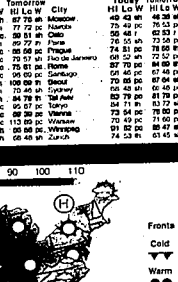
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

...never hang down. Never give up and sit down and give... weather say. And don't pray when it rains if it only rains when the sun shines."

With these savings, I thee wed. By Andrea Chang Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A typical bride-to-be. Katrina Metcalf wears a ivory-colored, beaded, brosewed waistline dress and settled on a date and location for her April nuptials. But her bridal gown is actually a ivory-colored, prom dress that she picked up for \$160. The flowers will be bought wholesale the day before the wedding. And she's getting married to her fiancé, Scott Smith, on a Sunday, when location fees are usually cheaper.

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## What, me worry? Bush says economy on the upswing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Sunday that Americans may have caused this Labor Day weekend to start worrying less about the nation's — and their families' — economic health.

"There have been some recent signs that our economy is beginning to improve," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

Among the positive signs that Bush referenced was a report Thursday that the

overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, rose by 3.3 percent in the April-June quarter. This surprised analysts, and was the significant rebound from growth of just 0.9 percent in the first quarter of the year. Most credit was given to the \$93 billion in economic stimulus payments the federal government has sent to households since May.

However, other economic news this week showed that right after that second quarter,

in July, consumer spending slowed to a crawl and personal incomes plunged.

With few stimulus payments still to go out, some economists worry consumer spending will continue to falter. Since it accounts for two-thirds of economic activity, that could send economic growth tumbling again in the second half of the year, particularly given rising unemployment, a continuing credit crisis and the deepest housing slump in decades.

Democrats, including presidential nominee Barack Obama, are calling for the government to pass a second stimulus package to guard against that.

But Bush has resisted, expressing concern about the impact on the budget deficit and insisting the rebate payments will continue to support the economy in coming months.

He praised the impact of the current stimulus package in language that suggested he

remains opposed to another.

"The economic stimulus package that I signed earlier this year is having its intended effect," the president said. "Many Americans who received tax rebates are spending them. Businesses are taking advantage of tax incentives to purchase new equipment this year. And there are signs that the stimulus package will continue to have a beneficial impact on the economy in the second half of the year."

Still, despite his optimistic outlook, Bush took care to express sympathy with those grappling daily with pocket-book worries.

"There are families across our country struggling to make ends meet," he said. "There is an understandable concern about the high price of gas and food. And many Americans are worried about the health of our housing and job markets. I share these concerns about our economy."

## Gustav threatens those hardest hit by Katrina

The Associated Press

CHALMETTE, La. — A big sign at the harbor here encourages: "Think Positive, St. Bernard!" But after three years in a government trailer, both Bastie is finding that hard to do.

Nearly every structure in St. Bernard Parish, east of New Orleans, was damaged or destroyed when the earth-en levees protecting the area failed during Hurricane Katrina. Bastie was about a month away from finding out whether a grant would come through to finally redo the floors and replace the asbestos siding on the two-bedroom house she and her husband, Bobby, were renting to own.

Hurricane Gustav — predicted to be at least a Category 3 when it makes landfall along the Gulf Coast — was just a few days away from striking. As she prepared to evacuate, she wondered whether there would be anything left.

"If it's like Katrina, they might not let us back," says the 52-year-old old Wal-Mart cashier, her eyes baggy and smudged with worry. "They might put a fence around the whole parish and say, 'Go away.'"

In places like St. Bernard, the Lower 9th Ward, and trailer parks along the Gulf Coast, those still reeling from Katrina are now the most vulnerable to Hurricane Gustav.

Gustav swelled into a major hurricane south of Cuba and could strike the U.S. coast anywhere from

Mississippi to Texas by Tuesday. It had strengthened to a Category 4 storm Saturday afternoon, making it the most powerful Atlantic storm of 2008. It had already killed more than 80 people in the Caribbean.

Forecasters said if Gustav follows the projected path it would likely make landfall on Louisiana's central coast, sparing New Orleans a direct hit. But forecasters caution it is still too soon to say exactly where the storm will hit.

Gary Sass performed last-minute oil changes on the family's car and truck in preparation for leaving. His wife Deana's shirt was soaked through from her efforts to make room in the truck for their belongings, two dogs and four rabbits. They left two rabbits behind in 2005, and they drowned.

The family's red and white house looks as good as new. But Sass owes a \$40,000 small business loan, and his mortgage isn't getting any lower.

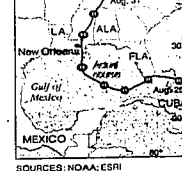
"I'm trying to be optimistic," the 46-year-old construction worker said, rubbing grease from his hands. "But, Kentucky's looking better and better."

The Sasses' neighborhood, like most in St. Bernard, is still a patchwork of renovated homes, government trailers and empty slabs. The gate on the house next door to the Sasses will be a bright red "X" left by rescuers searching for survivors after Katrina; a yellow sign with another red "X" hangs in the window, marking the house for "involuntary demolition."

## The Gulf Coast braces for another storm

Hurricane Gustav barrels toward the Gulf Coast on the third anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Although both storms approached on different paths, the warm Gulf waters fueled Katrina as present one and leading Gustav toward a similar landfall.

Hurricane Katrina  
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Hurricane Gustav  
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## STUMPIN' IN PENNSYLVANIA



Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., talks with voters outside Tom's Diner with his wife Cindy, center, and his vice presidential running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, right, in Pittsburgh, Pa., Saturday morning. Palin's daughter, Piper, stands next to her.

## McCain, Palin campaign in Pittsburgh, convention monitors storm

By Tom Rasmussen  
Associated Press writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain introduced new running mate Sarah Palin to voters in a battle-ground Pennsylvania on Saturday as they wound their way toward St. Paul and a Republican National Convention where the mood was suddenly threatened by Hurricane Gustav.

Gulf state governors could decide to remain at home if the storm threatens to bring serious damage. It could also affect Monday's opening-night address by President Bush. Gustav's projected path suggests it will make landfall late Monday or early Tuesday on Louisiana's central coast.

Said McCain: "You know it just wouldn't be appropriate to have a festive occasion while a major tragedy or a terrible challenge is presented in the form of a nat-

dinal disaster, so we're monitoring it from day to day and I'm saying a few prayers, too."

He commented in an interview taped for Fox News Sunday.

A top McCain aide, Mark Salter, said the campaign is drawing up contingency plans for what to do about the convention depending on when and where the storm hits. But he cautioned that it didn't mean the gathering would be canceled outright.

"It might change what we do at the convention" but wouldn't necessarily mean calling it off, Salter said.

Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama in his first direct comment on McCain's unexpected running-mate choice, said he had called her on Friday to wish her luck "but not too much."

McCain and Palin made a morning stop at Tom's Diner in Pittsburgh's trendy Southside neighborhood. The running mates, with spouses in tow, greeted patrons and posed for pictures.

Palin's daughters Willow and Piper were also on hand, with Willow carrying Palin's 4-month old son, Trig.

The first-term Alaska governor told reporters she was having fun in her new role. "It's great to see another part of the country," she said. She also said she'd managed to get a little sleep during the night.

"We're used to not getting too much sleep," she said, nodding her head toward the sleeping infant.

Palin also issued her first fundraising appeal, saying in an e-mail, "Some of life's greatest opportunities come unexpectedly, and this is certainly the case for me."

A day after his surprise selection of Palin, McCain planned to work part of the day on his convention acceptance speech.

The Democratic team of Obama and Joe Biden also began their day with a diner stop — in the Youngstown, Ohio, suburb of Boardman — as they pressed on with their post-Democratic convention bus tour of Rust Belt battleground states.

Obama said in a television interview that he had wished Palin luck "but not too much luck on the campaign trail" in a brief congratulatory phone call on Friday. He told CBS' "60 Minutes" he had yet to meet Palin but "she seems to have a compelling life story. Obviously, she's a fine mother and an up-and-coming public servant."

Of his own choice for a ticket-mate, Obama said Biden "can step in and become president. And I don't think anybody has any doubt about that."

## United Nations: Georgians effectively blocked from homes

By Jim Heintz  
Associated Press writer

TBILISI, Georgia — Russian troops remaining in Georgian territory are effectively preventing Georgians from returning to their homes, a U.N. representative said Saturday.

Melita Sunjic, spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner of Refugees in Georgia, said that although it was not clear if Russian soldiers were actually preventing refugees from returning, the warnings by the troops effectively block them.

Some 2,000 refugees are at UNR camps in Gori, and possibly thousands of others

are in the region, hoping to return to villages that are in the so-called "security zones" that Russia has claimed for itself on Georgian territory.

The zones are near the border with separatist South Ossetia, the disputed province at the heart of the conflict that has ruined Georgia-Russia ties and caused the biggest crisis in Moscow's relations with the West since the 1991 Soviet collapse.

Fighting broke out Aug. 7 after Georgian forces launched a barrage on the South Ossetian capital of Tskhinvali, hoping to retake control of the province. Russian forces poured in, pushed the Georgians out in a

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— Georgian Foreign Minister Eka Tkeshelashvili

matter of days and then drove deep into Georgia proper.

On Saturday, Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., a member of the chamber's foreign relations committee, visited Gori on Saturday to observe the distribution of U.S. food aid.

The United States has sent substantial aid to Georgia in the wake of the war, using

naval ships and military aircraft. Russian officials raised speculation that the military involvement could indicate the United States was seeking to restore Georgia's armed forces, which had received massive military aid from Washington in recent years.

Asked whether the United States was considering new

Russian troops on its territory, saying as the West does that Russia is in violation of the EU agreement. They also announced Friday that diplomatic staff would leave Georgia's Moscow embassy on Saturday, though Georgian Foreign Minister spokeswoman Khutunava said they had not left as of 6:30 p.m. local time.

"We found ourselves in an awkward situation when a country militarily invading and occupying our country then recognizing part of its territories, is trying to create a sense of normalcy" by maintaining diplomatic relations, Georgian Foreign Minister Eka Tkeshelashvili said in Sweden earlier.

Refugees coming into Georgia from these zones say they are being terrorized, beaten and robbed by South Ossetians.

Georgia has severed diplomatic ties with Moscow to protest the presence of



# Main St. voters ponder presidential election while living the issues

**EDITORS NOTE** — As the presidential campaign rolls through its final weeks, The Associated Press is offering an occasional series of stories looking closely at how ordinary voters are tuning up the issues and candidates and making up their minds. This is the first in the series of pieces along Main Street in communities coast to coast.

By Pauline Arrigo  
Associated Press writer

As the political conventions play out on TV, real life plays out along America's main streets.

Let's start with those who are living the issues that convention speakers go on and on about. To them, the upcoming economy is not a scary dilemma. It's a stark extra shift to cover the bills. Energy? They want it at the pump and in the passenger pockets at their annual drives. The war? They worry for kids they've never met and for a war that's dragging on in Iraq and Afghanistan.

They want jobs. They're worried about the thousands of layoffs and the 10 million unemployed. Pedro Scaevola, a 40-year-old internet designer who lives on Central Avenue, has his version of "Main Street."

Having all credit cards and a truck and a car driving a friends out after selling her house, he says he can't pay her mortgage. He describes himself as a "middle class" guy who is being squeezed. Americans the politicians on TV talk about as the parties gather in Democratic last week in Denver. Republicans this week in Tampa.

But that's politics. Scaevola's "Main Street" is the everyday life of an American. He says he's not a Republican, but he's not a Democrat either. He's just a guy who's trying to get by.

Real life's found on Central Avenue and streets like it in places like San Jose, Calif., and Miami Beach — where more Americans who think of themselves as "ordinary" are grappling with the issues and promoting the "reflect good living" in their leaders.

These main streets of America — hubs of their respective communities and, in a larger sense, the heart of the nation — reflect good times past, the struggles of the present and a mostly optimistic, sometimes cynical, spirit guiding the future.

From the front porch of "Poy" Snyder's Lunch, owner Bill Hudson takes a drag on his cigar and surveys the world in front of him. This is Main Street, the heart of the neighborhood of Searby Park, pop. 16,000. It's mostly downtown, with classic architecture and a small-town bustle that makes "Poy" Snyder's Lunch a neighborhood hub. Hudson sees traffic, but the cars seem to be passing through. Parking that's plentiful. A large commercial building that sits vacant.

High economists say otherwise. Hudson, 61, believes the country is headed for another depression. He sees it in his own business. He says he's trying to hold the line on prices. He sees it in Searby, and in the nation as a whole. "I don't know how people who are retired and living on Social Security are going to survive the winter with food prices and oil prices."

His voting, unenthusiastic, for the Republican, John McCain, though Hudson admits he doesn't pay much attention to politics. Working 12-hour days, he doesn't have the time.

Life hasn't turned out as Cornell envisioned it. When her daughter Kianna was born five years ago, she planned to be a stay-at-home mom. But a while later her husband's income was enough,



Bill Hudson sits on a stool at the counter of his restaurant, 'Poy' Snyder's Lunch, on Market Street in Searby, Pa., Aug. 27. As the presidential election campaign rolls through its final weeks, The Associated Press is offering an occasional series of stories looking closely at how ordinary voters are making up their minds. This kickoff story takes the pulse of people along Main Street in communities coast to coast.

But gas was \$1.50 then, and everything else a bit cheaper too.

She says she's been working Tuesday through Friday, and five hours each on Wednesday and Thursday at McGuigan's, earning \$4 an hour plus tips. She cleans houses to boot.

Cornell, a registered independent, is avidly following the campaign — "I'm a huge CNN fan" — but is torn about her choice.

Neither McCain nor Democrat Barack Obama are talking about the things that matter, she says. Maybe they don't know how.

"I want McCain or Obama to walk on weekdays in Searby. Neither one of them are like me. I don't get called out to Hawaii and don't have a vacation house. I don't have a beach. I don't know Obama being in Hawaii. McCain's wife owning — what is it — a brewery — and not even trying to own."

"I know how many politicians like I own," she says. "I own one."

Twenty-five minutes after Cornell picks herself up off the sticks and heads back inside the restaurant, still waiting for her first customer.

As main streets go, Wade Forest's South White Street has done a better job than most at reinventing itself. Except for the occasional and stucco buildings are occupied by businesses that have found a niche — like Shorpy's grill. Here for 92 years.

For \$1.65, third-generation proprietor Bill Joyner will serve you the house specialty — a beef-and-pork hot dog with onions, mustard and homemade chili, "all the way."

"We ain't got anything that's low-cholesterol," the 56-year-old Joyner says, from behind a counter lined with honey buns and Moon Pies.

When times are tough,

Joyners' trade blooms. People want "something cheap." Nonetheless, during the month week longer had to raise prices: hot dogs, by 20 cents; everything else, by a quarter.

Fuel delivery charges, he explains. "They used to not even charge."

Across the counter diner Barry Kelley who owns a greasing and hauling company notes his fuel charges have jumped to about \$150,000 a month, which has profits barely dipped 10 percent.

"As smart as our country is, we didn't see the need for alternative fuel. Whether it's water, whether it's steam or whether it's electric, we as a whole are smart enough to get away from some of this fuel. The 45-year-old registered Republican thinks Obama is leaning in the right direction in that issue, but he worries about the candidate's youth and inexperience. That bothers Joyner, too, but so does McCain's age.

"He's not," he says. "I'll take a bet on your 'best president.' It does everybody else."

The woman is hard at work, smoothing out and folding four baskets of clothes at the Wash and Dry on Thornton Avenue in Fremont, nestled between San Francisco and Silicon Valley. But Leticia Penado knows hard work. It is as much a part of her as her Mexican heritage, or the children she put through college on money earned baking bread.

This main street is a pollster's dream. If the statistics tell us the economy and "foremost" on Americans' minds, the Americans here agree.

There's Penado, 61, for whom retirement is a fantasy, who and her 55-year-old husband share a house with a grown daughter, a son and his wife, helping them out as they look for work. She hears the candidate speeches on Spanish-language television, but she wishes she could

address them instead. Fix the economy, she'd say. Now, "I go shopping. I can't buy meat, we're seeking to chicken. We don't go out to eat," she says in Spanish, smoothing and folding.

Next door, his offices on the worn counter of Tariq Insurance Agency, Tariq Malik has given the election a lot of thought. He has nothing but time to think and worry, ever since the bottom fell out of the housing market and his business went from issuing 200 policies a month to two or three.

"No one is refinancing, no one is selling, there is nothing nothing nothing," says Malik, 44, waving the Pakistan Times as he talks, frustrated with standing all day in an empty shop and with his nerves being soaked by his wife and four boys. Her loss much of what had built since arriving in the United States from Pakistan in 1991 and then becoming a U.S. citizen.

Escalating mortgage payments cost the family their five-bedroom home; they moved now into a three-bedroom place. Credit card bills have gone unpaid, and creditors are clamoring. There were no vacations this summer. Instead, Malik blew off steam playing pickup soccer with other Pakistani-Americans against a team of Brazilians in a local park. His team lost.

As for the presidential race: "I don't care who wins or who loses, as long as there is food in our kitchen, and the killing stops," he says, referring both to the violence in Pakistan and the war in Iraq.

This killing weighs heavily on Rick Gonzalez, too, a barber nearby. He knows eight young men and women who have served in Iraq or signed up, including a nephew.

"These are kids I saw grow up, and join right out of high school. One of them, he came back, tried to get a job, but was really shaken up. You know how they come back. He couldn't make it outside the service, so he signed up for another round."

# Lights out? Experts fear fireflies are dwindling

By Michael Casey  
Associated Press writer

BAN LOMTUAN, Thailand — Precha Pichay used to take tourists on a rowboat to see the banks of the Mae Klong River aglow with thousands of fireflies.

These days, all he sees are the fluorescent lights of hotels, restaurants and highway overpasses. He says he'd have to row a good two miles to see trees lit up with the magical creatures of his younger days.

The firefly populations have dropped 70 percent in the past three years, said Precha, 38, a former teacher who started providing dozens of row boats to compete with polluting motor boats. "It's sad. They were a symbol of our city."

The fate of the insects drew more than 100 entomologists and biologists to Thailand's northern city of Chiang Mai last week for an international symposium on the "Diversity and Conservation of Fireflies."

The group traveled Friday to Ban Lomtuam, an hour outside of Bangkok, to see the synchronous firefly Pteroporyx malaccae — known for its rapid, pulsating flashing that look like Christmas lights.

No other, much-loved species imperiled by humankind? The evidence is entirely anecdotal, but there are anecdotes galore. From backpackers in Tennessee to riverbanks in Southeast Asia, researchers said they have seen fireflies — also called glowworms or lightning bugs — dwindling in number.

No single factor is blamed, but researchers in the United States and Europe mostly cite urban sprawl and industrial pollution that destroy insect habitat.

The spread of artificial lights also could be a culprit, disrupting the intricate mating behavior that male fireflies use to attract a female with its flashing backside.

"It is quite clear they are declining," said Stefan Ineichen, a biologist who studies fireflies in Switzerland and runs a Web site to gather information on firefly sightings.

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# Border patrol guards against foreign bugs, too

By Dan Catchpole  
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Alishia Beckham uses a hand-mirror and a flashlight to defend the United States from foreign invaders.

Working aboard ships three football fields long that arrive in Seattle's bustling port stacked with truck-sized cargo containers, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agricultural specialist scours for bugs, plants or pathogens that could lay waste to native species.

She checks around door frames, pipes, lifeboat winches and other nooks where an Asian gypsy moth might have laid its eggs.

Invasive species can quickly become ecological and economical disasters. The Asian ash borer beetle has killed over 30 million ash trees since it was detected in North America in 2002. European gypsy moths defoliate millions of forest acres every year from North Carolina to Wisconsin to Maine.

"There are so many places on a ship, it could literally find any if you inspected every inch of the ship," Beckham said. We do what we can."

Beckham carries a backpack full of tools can identify the moth's life stages, binoculars to inspect areas of the ship she can't reach, a paint scraper to pry off any egg masses, and a plastic container with a dead adult male and an egg mass to show crew members what she's looking for.

Most crews are very cooperative and want to look for Beckham says.

The Asian gypsy moth, like its European cousin, is a ravenous leaf-eater, but it eats a wider variety of trees than the flightless European female. The Asian female can fly up to 25 miles before laying its eggs, meaning it could quickly spread across the country.

In early August, Beckham stepped aboard a ship in Seattle plastered with more than 100 Asian gypsy moth egg masses, each containing up to 1,000 eggs.

Beckham ordered the ship escorted out of U.S. territorial waters immediately by the Coast Guard before the eggs started hatching.

"If there are a hundred egg masses and they start hatching, we can't send the ship through Puget Sound, because there are so many islands the caterpillars could land on," she said.

After hatching, the caterpillars let out a silken thread that the wind catches — this is called "ballooning." They travel up to five miles depending on conditions.

"Once the larvae start ballooning, we're in trouble," said Customs and Border Protection Chief Eric Johnson. He estimates if they hatched at a Washington port, they could infest the forest of the Cascade Mountains within five years.

The federal government spends over \$1.3 billion every year on detecting, eradicating and controlling invasive species, according to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Very few nonnative species become invasive, but a single species can cause millions of dollars in costs. Zebra mussels annually cause over \$2 billion in damages in the Great Lakes. Cornell University researchers estimated in 2004 that invasive species cost the U.S. economy almost \$120 billion each year.

The rise in international trade has increased the opportunities for invasive species to hitchhike into the U.S.

"A continued influx of invasive species is going to be in our future," said Jim Marra, an entomologist with the state's Department of Agriculture.

Russia and Japan monitor Asian gypsy moths, and share the information with U.S. officials, who use it to identify high-risk ports. The moth was

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<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>  
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detected this year in a port in China, which does not collect or share such information yet, according to Johnson.

Infestations can prompt bans on a country's exports. "It might be in the best interest of a foreign country to not disclose that a major, major port is infested," said Beckham, adding, "But we've had very good relationships with foreign countries, from my experience. But who's to say?"

"My myriad international and regional regulations covering invasive species and trade are imperfect. One of Beckham's colleagues found an Asian long-horned beetle larva burrowed into a wood shipping pallet. The wood was stamped the seal of the International Plant Protection Convention, meaning it should have been heat-treated, which would have prevented the larva from get-

ting into the wood.

Even an incoming vessel's food can harbor pests, such as fruit flies, said Beckham. A ship's food is often a testament to its worldwide voyagers. Inspecting one ship recently, she found zucchini from Hong Kong, lambos from Argentina, melon from the U.S., apples New Zealand, Spanish beef and Dutch poultry.

To protect its agriculture industry, California requires ships to lock up food from certain countries while in port, said Beckham.

Outside San Francisco, state and federal officials are fighting the light brown apple moth. It has caused up to 20 percent crop loss in New Zealand, said John Sacks, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant Protection and Quarantine division. For losses between \$600 million to \$2.7 billion if it becomes established.

Beyond points of entry, detection, eradication and control programs keep invasive species in check. Tools range from pesticide sprays to breeding sterile male insects.

Once within the U.S., invasive species can move around on things such as firewood, cars, plants, motor boats, even on mud-caked shoes.

# Officers raid pot fields, nab thousands of plants

SAINT LAKE CITY (AP) — About a dozen marijuana fields stretching across nearly 150 miles in Utah were raided this week.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said tens of thousands of plants have been seized or destroyed. Many of the plants were just becoming mature.

"We've just never really seen this in Utah before," said Drug Enforcement Administration Supervisory Special Agent Michael Root.

At least 10 people have been arrested in connection with the growing operations.

Police said the organization operating the fields is

based in California and was trying to grow pot in Utah rather than try to smuggle it in from Mexico.

One field was on Mount Dutton in Garfield County. Police raided it around 5:30 a.m. Friday and, by that afternoon, had removed 1,800 marijuana plants, according to Becki Bronson, a county spokeswoman.

Another was found in northeast Iron County. It had 3,000 to 5,000 plants, according to Iron County Sheriff Mark Gover.

A field in Sevier County had about 18,000 plants.

The raids stem from the discovery of a field last fall. Root said rather than come

in and destroy it, federal and local agencies decided to keep an eye on it. Eventually they saw a man named Ignacio Rodriguez, who is now accused of supplying food, fertilizer and other goods to people monitoring the fields.

Root said agents followed him as he made deliveries and took supplies to the men and women cultivating the fields. The growers appeared to be recruits from Mexico, Root said.

"One guy said he was going to make 1,500 bucks for the whole summer and they helped pay for some of his expenses to get across the border," Root said.

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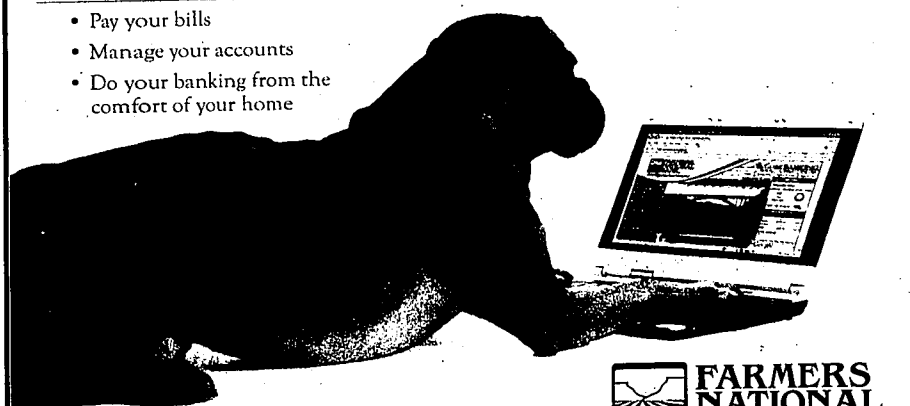
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# Carolina pocket sees 100-year drought continue

By David Zucchino  
Los Angeles Times

ASHEVILLE, N.C.—When Tropical Storm Fay was flooding parts of Florida last week, people here prayed that the soaking rains would move north and douse this drought-stricken mountain resort city.

The rains finally arrived Monday, but even all-day storms could not ease one of the most punishing droughts in the past 100 years—some say the worst ever—in this mountainous region.

The rest of the southeastern United States has gradually recovered from last summer's record drought, but a small pocket in western North Carolina and parts of three other states remains locked in some of the driest conditions ever recorded here.

In Asheville earlier this month, the French Broad River, the major waterway here, reached its lowest levels since record-keeping began in 1895. Local residents described walking across sections of the normally deep-flowing river for the first time in their lives.

Even with the rainstorm, the N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council considers the region mired in "extreme" drought, the second most severe of five drought categories. The 18-county area lies roughly between the Great Smoky and Blue Ridge mountains, with extreme drought conditions extending into corners of Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia.

"The rain was great, but

we still have a long way to go before we catch up" to normal rainfall levels, said Hartwell Carson, the French Broad riverkeeper.

The drought, now in its second year, has been so severe that some towns have imposed mandatory water restrictions that have left lawns brown and personal beds wilted. A few whitewater rafting companies have temporarily shut down, putting a strain on an economy that relies, in part, on tourism and recreation. Many cattle farmers can't grow enough hay to feed their herds, forcing some to sell off the animals. Apple growers complain that the lack of rain has produced smaller, less profitable fruit.

Many restaurants are serving water only on request, while using paper plates and plastic utensils. One firefighting company is using portable pumps to draw water from ponds rather than from hydrants fed by local water systems.

Swimming and boating was banned at one local lake because "there just wasn't much lake left to speak of," said Bill Eaker, environmental services manager for the Land-of-Sky Regional Council, a planning consortium of four mountain counties. In 27 years of working on river programs, Eaker said, he's never seen the French Broad so dry.

Earlier this month, the annual Mayor's Cup Raft Race, a rafting competition among the area's elected officials, was canceled on the French Broad because there wasn't enough water to float a raft.

# Maine artist creates HOPE image decades after LOVE

By Clarke Canfield  
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Maine—The Maine artist who brought LOVE to the world is doing the same with HOPE.

Robert Indiana decades ago created the pop icon LOVE, known worldwide with its letters stacked two to a line, the letter "O" tilted on its side. Now he has created a similar image with HOPE, with proceeds going to Democrat Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

A stainless steel sculpture of the image was unveiled this week outside the Pepsi Center at the Democratic National Convention in Denver. The campaign is selling T-shirts, pins, bumper stickers and other items adorned with HOPE.

Indiana would like to see his latest work become a symbol of newfound hope for Americans, and thinks an Obama presidency could bring just that.

"There might be a chance we survive eight years of Bush, I don't know. That's where the hope comes in," he said in a phone interview from his home in Vinalhaven, an island off the Maine coast.

An Obama campaign spokeswoman said Indiana's creation fits in well with Obama's vision.

"Barack Obama's message

of hope has inspired Americans all across the country, and we couldn't imagine a more fitting place for Robert Indiana to unveil his HOPE sculpture than at the convergence of this movement for change in Denver," said spokeswoman Moira Mack.

The McCain campaign had no comment Friday on the Obama campaign's use of the image.

Indiana, 79, is a pop artist whose work often features simple, iconic images using short words and numbers. His best-known work is LOVE, which he designed for a Christmas card for The Museum of Modern Art in 1964.

Few pop images are more widely known than LOVE, which has appeared world-wide in sculptures, prints and paintings. The U.S. Postal Service featured it on a stamp in 1973, selling 333 million of them, Indiana said.

Indiana said he has been fooling around with the word "hope" for a number of years. But it wasn't until Obama came along — with his message of hope and his book "The Audacity of Hope" — that Indiana turned it into a work of art.

"It's really a brother to LOVE, or a sister, or a very close family member," he said.



The HOPE sculpture, designed by Robert Indiana, stands outside the Pepsi Center on the third day of the Democratic National convention in Denver, Colo., Aug. 27.

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# Mother of missing Fla. toddler arrested again

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—The \$500,000 bond posted a week ago for the mother of a missing Florida girl was rescinded after she was taken back to jail on check fraud and theft charges, a bondsman said Saturday.

Orange County Sheriff's Office investigators took Casey Anthony into custody at her home Friday night, just a week after she was released on bond for charges related to 3-year-old Caylee's disappearance.

Anthony was being held on \$3,000 bond on the new charges of uttering a forged document, fraudulent use of personal information and petty theft, Capt. Angelo Nieves said.

According to sheriff's office reports, Anthony used a friend's checkbook to buy items at Target and Winn-Dixie, and to write a check for cash in July.

The 22-year-old has already been charged with child neglect, making false statements and obstructing the investigation into her daughter's disappearance.

"The allegations surfaced during the investigation but

we had to do our due diligence," Nieves said of the new charges.

On Saturday, a bondsman said the \$500,000 bond posted for the charges related to Caylee's disappearance was rescinded in the middle of the night, making it unlikely she will be released again.

California bail bondsman Tony Padilla said the bond was surrendered based on the latest charges, new evidence and "heightened security concerns" that he declined to describe.

Anthony was to appear in court on the new charges Saturday morning, but that hearing was delayed.

Police say Anthony is a person of interest in the disappearance of her daughter, who hasn't been seen since mid-June. Anthony did not report her daughter missing until July.

At a press conference outside the Anthony family home, Casey Anthony's attorney called her latest arrest "groundstanding" on the part of law enforcement.

"They are not searching for anyone," attorney Jose Baez said.

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# Plague threatens prairie dogs, endangered ferrets

By Chet Brokaw  
Associated Press writer

INTERIOR, S.D. — On the grasslands a few miles from the pinnacles and spires of Badlands National Park, federal wildlife officials have been waging a war since spring to save one of the nation's largest colonies of endangered black-footed ferrets.

The deadly disease sylvatic plague was discovered in May in a huge prairie dog town in the Conata Basin. The black-tailed prairie dog is the main prey of ferrets, and the disease quickly killed up to a third of the area's 290 ferrets along with prairie dogs.

The disease stopped spreading with the arrival of summer's hot, dry weather, but it poses a serious threat to efforts to establish stable populations of one of the nation's rarest mammals, said Scott Larson of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Pierre. The plague, which is carried by fleas, is the biggest danger to ferrets' survival in the Conata Basin and other sites that still have ferrets, said Larson, who is coordinating ferret conservation efforts among five federal agencies.

"It has the capacity to take out more ferret habitat than anything we've run up against, and do it in such a short order," Larson said. "For ferrets, it's the most challenging issue we face."

The ferrets were once considered extinct. But one colony was discovered in Wyoming in 1981, and a captive breeding program succeeded in increasing their numbers. Since then, ferrets have been reintroduced at 17 sites in South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Utah, Kansas and Mexico, said Nancy Warren, endangered species program leader in the Rocky Mountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service.

Reintroduction efforts failed in some locations, and plague has hit most of the ferret colonies to some degree, Larson said.

Establishing many reintroduction sites helps protect the overall ferret population from being wiped out by plague, Larson said. "I guess it's the old risk management of having your eggs spread out among many baskets."

Representatives of federal agencies and some conservation groups have taken a dou-

ble-barreled approach to try to stop the spread of plague and save prairie dogs and ferrets in the 20-mile-long Conata Basin, a portion of the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands that lies just south of the Badlands in southwestern South Dakota.

This summer, a crew of four has buzzed across the prairie on all-terrain vehicles, passing frequently to spray white insecticide dust into prairie dog burrows to kill fleas.

After dark, another crew moved into the area during part of the summer to shine spotlights and vaccinate lands, trap ferrets and grasslands then against the plague.

Officials want to dust about 11,000 acres with insecticide by this fall, and have covered about two-thirds of that area so far. More than 60 ferrets have been vaccinated, with 15 of them already getting the second two shots.

Of the 25,000 acres of prairie dog habitat managed for ferrets in the basin, the plague had spread to about 9,700 acres before its growth halted in August. Officials expect the plague might start spreading again this fall or next spring. The disease has not been found inside Badlands National Park itself, Warren said. The insecticide appears to be effective, but it's too early to tell if it will save the ferrets.

"We're learning as we go. We really don't know the answer to that yet," Warren said. "We're hopeful with the dusting, which is something new we're doing now, we'll be able to at least contain the extent of this plague."

The basin also has been the focus of controversy as the Forest Service tries to balance the protection of prairie dogs and ferrets with the needs of ranchers who graze cattle on leased sections of the national grasslands.

Prairie dogs once were routinely poisoned as pests. By this fall, the rodents expanded rapidly in the region, moving from federal land to private ranches, during an extended drought and a ban on poisoning on federal land while government officials considered whether they should be protected under the Endangered Species Act. The Fish and Wildlife Service decided in 2008 not to protect prairie dogs, but the agency is now reconsidering the issue.

Jonathan Proctor, Great Plains representative for Defenders of Wildlife, a con-

servation group, said the Conata Basin is the last remaining large complex of black-tailed prairie dogs on the Great Plains since the plague destroyed two in Montana and Wyoming. Prairie dogs must be protected because they are important not only to ferrets, but also to hawks, burrowing owls and many other species, he said.

"Even with the loss of almost 10,000 acres of prairie dogs, Conata Basin still remains the largest and most important prairie dog complex on federal lands in the Great Plains. It's worth all

these efforts to save it," Proctor said.

But Shirley Kudma, who ranches in the basin with her husband, Donald, said the prevalence of plague confirms the predictions of ranchers overrun by prairie dogs in the past decade. They argued more should have been done to limit the spread of prairie dogs because the hungry rodents strip the ground of grass and leave little for cattle.

"Nature took care of it, didn't it?" Shirley Kudma said. "There's the plague and the prairie dogs, and that's nature taking care of the expansion."

Ranchers don't want to wipe out prairie dogs, she said.

"I think we want to get along. We want to be able to survive just the same as the

prairie dogs want to survive. We don't want to annihilate them. We don't just get them under control so they're not sick. Give the ferrets something healthy to eat."

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A prairie dog stands at a burrow on the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands in South Dakota on July 14. Wildlife officials are working to protect prairie dogs and endangered black-footed ferrets from the plague that has hit the area.

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# Iraqi police want equipment to stop bombers

By Phillip Robertson  
Associated Press writer

TAL AFAR, Iraq — Iraqi police in this provincial backwater got a tip earlier this month that a suicide bomber was on the loose. They were even given his name, age and a description of his car.

With all that, they still couldn't stop him.

Four days after the initial warning, 19-year-old Ashraf al-Yan talked his way through a police checkpoint, drove his vehicle into a crowded farmers market and detonated his explosives. He killed 28 people and injured 72.

The attack raised questions about whether Iraqi forces are yet capable of protecting civilians from determined extremists — as across the country, the American hand over primary responsibility for security to Iraqi soldiers and police.

The U.S. insists the Iraqi army has made great progress in improving its operational capability. But there are still doubts about efficiency, training and professionalism among police, who must bear primary responsibility for maintaining security in the cities.

U.S. forces only conduct occasional patrols in this northern Iraqi city of 220,000, settled mostly by Turkomen, an ethnic minority divided along religious lines here between Shiite and Sunni Muslims.

Tal Afar's Iraqi army units have been shifted to more

troublesome Mosul, a nearby stronghold of Sunni insurgents.

After receiving the initial warning about a suicide bomber, Tal Afar police enforced a vehicle ban to try to keep the assailant off the streets. It's an effective method but can't be imposed for too long without severely disrupting daily life.

In the evening of Aug. 8, police lifted the curfew, and residents crowded the local market.

At one point, a car carrying two men approached the police checkpoint near the market, witnesses say. Hajji Zainel, the local security chief, said police searched the car and allowed it to proceed.

Minutes later, the passenger got out, the driver drove into the market and detonated the explosives, witnesses say. It appears the bomber carried a passenger to get around the ban on single men driving alone, imposed to deter lone assassins.

The U.S. military said Iraqi forces should have done a better job of searching at the checkpoints.

But Zainel says he needs more equipment to do the job.

"The main problem we face is a lack of equipment that detects explosives," said Zainel, adding that only two of the four checkpoints at the city's gates have such devices.

Maj. John Blankenship, a U.S. officer in the area, said the U.S. isn't planning to pro-

vide equipment to detect explosives, but noted that Tal Afar police have put in requests to the Iraqi government.

On Wednesday, another suicide car bomber struck in Tal Afar, injuring 23 people, the latest in a string of attacks. Tal Afar's deadliest attack was a March 2007 truck bombing that killed 152.

For now, the government is handing out cash to the families of victims.

Last week, a delegation from Baghdad, headed by the deputy prime minister's chief of staff, invited families of those killed or wounded in three recent bombings to the Ottoman-era castle in the center of the city to claim compensation.

They gave out \$2,500 for someone killed, and between \$845 and \$1,270 for someone injured, depending on the length of hospitalization.

The officials checked more than 200 names against lists, as a man from each family collected the money. Sadeq al-Khadri, 25, came for his 13-year-old sister Bushra, who was killed Aug. 8.

Many said it was more important to catch those behind the bombings than to hand out money. Others complained that terror suspects were being released, only to commit more crimes.

Both the Aug. 8 bomber and his alleged accomplice, Foad Ismail, had been released from prison in Mosul several months earlier. Ismail was freed even though

he had killed two men, said Zainel.

"The Iraqi government released him and in fact, they released a lot of people like that, sometimes pay a judge, or bring in a witness and then they go free."

Ismail, the alleged accomplice, was picked up by police two days after the bombing. Police accused him of planning to attack a Shiite-run hospital in town in a suicide bombing.

Ismail is in Iraqi detention at Tal Afar's castle and denies any role in the car bombing.



Foad Ismail, an alleged accomplice to a suicide bomber, stands blindfolded in an Iraqi police jail in Tal Afar, Iraq, Aug. 21. Ismail was picked up by police two days after the bombing and accused by them of planning to attack a Shiite-run hospital, but he denied involvement in the bombing and said he didn't know the bomber.

# India floods strand hundreds of thousands

By Gavin Rabinowitz  
Associated Press writer

SAHAJSA, India — The deluge came and turned his kushya decided to build a boat.

Sahayha squatted Saturday hammering nails into his rickety-looking wooden row boat on the side of the road, a lone strip of dry land that cuts across miles of water. He was preparing for what authorities say will be months more of life submerged under flood waters.

About 1.2 million people have been left homeless and scores have been killed in the impoverished state of Bihar in the two weeks since the monsoon-swollen Kosi river in neighboring Nepal burst its banks, dramatically changing course and spilling billions of gallons of water into the plains of northern India.

Authorities say hundreds of thousands remain stranded after their homes and villages were inundated, clinging to the roofs of houses or whatever dry speck of land they can find. An estimated 3 million residents of Bihar have been affected.

Those who could flee fled, piling their families, goats, chickens and sacks of grain into boats and heading for safety. Some waded for miles through the waters, carrying bundles of their belongings on their heads as they sought refuge.

But as the waters rushed in and flooded more than 750 villages and towns, many

were unable to escape. Twenty people drowned Friday when their rescue boat capsized.

By Saturday, some 330,000 people had been rescued, said Pralay Anrit, secretary of the state disaster management department. Many of them were being housed in state-run relief camps.

But while rescue efforts — huzzed by a \$200 million Indian government relief fund — were finally picking up steam, officials warned the flooding was spreading to new areas and the high waters would last for months.

Authorities say the breach in the Kosi embankment is more than a mile wide and growing every day, and they will be able to fix it until late November when the monsoon ends and the torrent begins to subside.

"Since they say the waters will be here until the end of October, I'm making a boat," said Kishyaha, a 49-year-old farmer from the badly hit Saharsa district, some 750 miles northeast of New Delhi.

"We will be able to use it to get to the market and come back with supplies," he said.

At a nearby relief camp set up in a four-room high school, teachers said the government had asked them to look after people for two months.

"From tonight, we will begin supplying them with cooked food," said flameswar Prasad Mandal painting to sacks of rice and lentils stored in a classroom under the watchful eye of a

portrait of Indra Gandhi, India's prime minister, in the 1970s.

For many of the 900 people in the camp, it will be the first hot meal since the floods.

"We have had nothing to eat except some rice cakes and palm sugar," said Lalita Devi, a 28-year-old mother of four, who grabbed her children and two goats and fled when the waste-high water swept through her village.

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# Blast rocks Sri Lanka's capital, wounding 45

The Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — A bomb blast blamed on separatist Tamil Tigers wounded 45 people in Sri Lanka's capital Saturday, while renewed fighting in the embattled north killed 19 rebels and six soldiers, the military said.

Military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara accused the Tamil rebels of setting off the blast on a busy street in the heart of Colombo.

"They are desperate because of defeats along the

northern front lines and are targeting civilians," Nanayakkara said.

The small bomb exploded in a commercial area shortly after noon, tearing through a crowd of weekend shoppers.

"There was big sound, and people screamed and ran in all directions. I saw several people covered with blood lying on the ground," said Shantha Ratnayake, who was passing the area when blast occurred.

Fighting in Sri Lanka's civil war has escalated in recent

months, with the military capturing a series of rebel bases and large chunks of territory. Officials have reiterated a pledge to crush the guerrillas by the end of the year.

The Tamil Tiger rebels have fought for an independent state in the north and east of the Indian ocean island since 1983, following decades of marginalization of ethnic Tamils by governments dominated by the Sinhalese majority.

More than 70,000 people

have been killed in the conflict.

Hospital spokesman Dr. Anil Hingishe said 45 people were receiving treatment for injuries received in the blast.

"Most of them have suffered minor injuries," he described as the blast was reported.

Rebel spokesman Hasiyah Hanthirayan did not answer calls from The Associated Press for comment, but the Tamil Tigers routinely deny responsibility for such attacks.



Sri Lankan police officers secure the site of an explosion in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Saturday. A bomb blast blamed on separatist Tamil Tigers wounded 45 people in Sri Lanka's capital Saturday, while renewed fighting in the embattled north killed 18 rebels and three soldiers, the military said.

# Letters from Iran



## Few things are as they seem in Tehran

By George Jahn Associated Press writer

TEHRAN, Iran — They file in slowly, patiently submitting to body searches, men in one line, black-clad, head-scarved women in another. Most are poor, old or very young, and most are ready for some America-bashing.

It's Friday, the Muslim holy day, and thousands of Iran's faithful are again gathering at Tehran University's main campus for what has become a weekly ritual; the men under a sprawling blue metal canopy that shelters up to 7,000, the women close by but set apart.

The heat is searing and the mood placid. But suddenly, the diminutive mullah leading the prayers is gone — and in an instant the atmosphere turns confrontational as the new message being hurled into the microphone by his belligerent black-bearded replacement.

"America is the greatest Satan of them all!" the stocky firebrand howls. "Down with the U.S.," comes the response, first from a few, then from the full gathering.

The voices are thunderous, but the faces are curiously emotionless. It's not the first time this crowd has been worked to lash out at Washington, and it won't be the last.

The expressionless faces offer a clue — this is a regular staged performance, a message from the official Iran, which is only one face of Iran. For all it takes is a scratch in the surface to reveal a surprise in this teeming, smoggy and chaotic metropolis. The chatter of a myriad of other voices is starting in its defiance of the party line and threatens to drown out the government message of strict Islamic piety and distrust of the West.

Few countries are as important to the United States right now as Iran, and surely few are this little understood.

This country of more than 71 million people boasts of its nuclear program as the crown jewel of its future energy supply, in clear defiance of U.S. fears of nuclear weapons. Iran has also run up sparks against the U.S. in neighboring Iraq and Afghanistan, as it strives to resurrect its ancient role as a regional power.

Since Islamic firebrand president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad took over three

Iranian women attend a prayer ceremony in Tehran on Aug. 8.

short a time as 30 minutes or as long as 90 years.

And if things go wrong, either partner can call it quits within a minute.

In practice, says Elhami, things were more complex. She led the mullah that she was divorced. He didn't believe her but took a bribe. And while she subsequently told her mother, she still hasn't confided in her father, a year after the fact, and a year after his stroke.

"I have to prepare him for this," says Elhami. The 29-year-old commercial artist with expressive brown eyes and a gentle smile asks that her last name not be used, less because of the stigma many attach to "sigheh" and more because she lied to get the papers.

Bad news for the U.S. administration: Washington's full-court press on Europe to get treaty with the Islamic Republic because of its nuclear defiance is a flop, but both in dollar figures and by what's available on store shelves.

Iran bought 44 percent of its goods from Europe. And while some major European companies like Total, the French energy giant, are heeding government pressure and reducing their exposure, others continue to invest heavily in the Iranian gas, oil, mining, automotive, transportation and communications sectors.

Europe last year imported more than \$12.7 billion in merchandise from Iran. Its exports totaled nearly \$18.57 billion. And those figures do not encompass black markets imports from neighboring countries.

What is bad for Washington is good for Tehran, where the street offers plentiful evidence of a rampant consumer culture, including with the Islamic Republic's official, austere image.

In downtown Tehran, images of Ayatollah Khomeini, the revolution's founding icon, glow from prime outdoor advertising space above slogans proclaiming: "Our Unity leads to the defeat of the Superpowers." A huge wall mural depicts the Star-Spangled Banner with an Iranian twist: the stars are skulls, and the stripes smoldering bomb trails.

But beermats beckon from other billboards, and at Tehran's upscale Tendis Center indoor mall, Behnam says sales from his perfume business run as high as \$150,000 a month.

Much of the fashion focus is youth-driven. In Tehran's

spawning metropolitan area of 9 million, an estimated 60 percent of the population is younger than 25, born after the 1979 Islamic revolution.

We import illegally from Dubai," Behnam says, asking not to be fully named in exchange for discussing details of his dealings. "In this business, the only problem is flighty — if sanctions expand and that ban, we're in trouble."

The man behind the iPod counter is less open but just as positive.

"If you're asking about business, it's good," he says. "If you want to know where we get them from, I won't tell you."

But it's an uneven picture. Most of the hip establishments are in the city's north, home to the better-educated and better off. In the south, many women wear the long, enveloping black chador, and pictures of Khomeini and the current supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, dominate street murals.

"It is there and in the poorer neighborhoods that the message of strident anti-Americanism and religious fervor has borne the most fruit, and helped carry Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the presidency.

Ahmadinejad was an enthusiastic teenage member of the crowd that besieged the U.S. embassy 29 years ago at the start of the Islamic revolution. That movement established the clerical theocracy.

Yet beneath its veneer of Iranian normality, the southern sector also offers surprises.

Artur's front is his crumpled and dingy body shirt, one of four on a weed-infested lot, where the clang of hammers pounding sheet metal makes a hushed conversation nearly impossible even when the topic is best discussed sotto voce.

"Forty-five dollars each," the skinny 50-year-old says, furtively pulling a bottle of Glenlivet vodka from a box of bottles of whiskey from a blue plastic bag, before plunging them back in and hastily inserting a headlight unit on the car he's working on. He moves back and forth between the bag and the car, depending on whether customers are interested in body work or booze.

Artur — he does not want to be fully named for obvious reasons — says his turnover amounts to about \$100 a day from clients that include "the young, the old, Christians and Muslims." He snorts derisively when asked if he is worried about being busted.

"It wouldn't be the first time, nor the last," says Artur.

## Al-Maliki shakes up withdrawal negotiations

By Ned Parker Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD — At the "make-or-break" stage of talks with the U.S. on the withdrawal of American troops in Iraq, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has swept aside his negotiating team and replaced it with three of his closest aides, a reshuffle that some officials involved in the discussions warn risks sabotaging the agreement.

The decision on the team negotiating the pact, which the Americans have described as the basis of a long-term strategic alliance between the United States and Iraq, remains so sensitive it has not been announced officially. In disclosing the switch to the Los Angeles Times this week-end, a senior Iraqi official close to al-Maliki said that the two sides remain deadlocked on key issues.

The shake-up comes just four months before the expiration of the United Nations mandate that authorized the U.S. troop presence in Iraq. When U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited Iraq recently, expectations rose that an agreement was imminent. But Iraq and the United States remain far apart on the matter of immunity for U.S. forces in Iraq, which the U.S. says is imminent. But Iraq and the United States remain far apart on the matter of immunity for U.S. forces in Iraq, which the U.S. says is imminent. But Iraq and the United States remain far apart on the matter of immunity for U.S. forces in Iraq, which the U.S. says is imminent.

"People gave the impression we were close when Rice was here, but it's not over. We would have a serious problem if we took it to parliament right now," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the issue.

The official insisted that U.S. troops remained exempt from Iraqi rule of law, the pact would never pass Iraq's legislature.

The sides are still negotiating withdrawal date for U.S. troops, the official said.

The latest version of the agreement, which was read to the Los Angeles Times by the al-Maliki confidant, says

all U.S. forces will leave Iraq by the end of 2011, unless Iraq requests otherwise. The text also says the Americans will withdraw from cities in June 2009, unless the Iraqis ask them to stay.

The new wording marks a departure from the White House insistence on a conditions-based timeline for a U.S. withdrawal. Under the new language, Iraq, not the U.S. military, decides when the Americans will leave. U.S. officials have gone to Washington, D.C., to consult on the language, the al-Maliki confidant said.

Some Iraqi lawmakers have reacted angrily to the dismissal of the original negotiating team.

"These are diversionary tactics to avoid a decision. It's not a question of negotiating teams. It's a matter of, do you want it or don't you?" said an Iraqi familiar with the U.S. military, who doesn't want to discuss the issue. They don't want a status of forces agreement. They don't want a security agreement."

Al-Maliki's confidant deflected the shake-up, saying al-Maliki needs the people closest to him to lead the talks because they have the authority to make decisions that original team did not possess.

Iraqi and Western officials, monitoring the talks, have said that al-Maliki is afraid of accepting terms that could brand him an American puppet. Iran, which is fiercely opposed to an agreement, also has exerted intense pressure.

Shiite lawmakers have said that some members in the prime minister's Dawa party believe Iraq can survive without the Americans if the White House doesn't meet al-Maliki's demands.

In last week's reshuffle, al-Maliki dismissed the delegation headed by the Foreign Ministry and chose instead to hand the job to the attorney general, Mohammed Rubeaie; his chief of staff, Tareq Najem; and political adviser Sadiq Ribaki to conduct the negotiations' final stage, the official said.

## Nigeria militants: 29 military personnel killed

By Edward Harris Associated Press writer

LAGOS, Nigeria — Nigeria's main militant group claimed Saturday that it killed at least 29 military personnel in three separate attacks across the restive southern oil region.

"The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta" said in an e-mail statement that the near-simultaneous battles came in the three main oil-producing states of southern Nigeria, leaving 29 dead and others unaccounted for after they jumped from their military bases.

The group reported that six of its own fighters were also killed. Instead of destroying oil pipelines and other infrastructure, trying to cut oil exports and send global crude prices higher. That increases pressure on the government.

The militants said the attacks in Rivers, Bayelsa and Delta states came shortly after sunset.

ever in clashes between militants and the military unit charged with calming the southern area, from which crude is pumped in the country that is Africa's biggest oil producer.

Militants have stepped up attacks in nearly three years of violence aimed at forcing the federal government to send more oil to the Niger Delta. The region remains deeply impoverished despite five decades of lucrative production.

All-out attacks on the military are rare, since the militants do not seek to separate from Nigeria.

# Rainwater collectors ease shortages

By Maria Wollan  
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Tara Hui climbed under her deck, nudged past a cluster of 55-gallon barrels and a roosting chicken, and pointed to a shiny metal gutter spout.

"See that?" she said. "That's where the rainwater comes in from the roof."

Hui is one of a growing band of people across the country turning to collected rainwater for non-drinking uses like watering plants, flushing toilets and washing laundry.

Concern over drought and wasted resources, and stricter water conservation laws have revitalized the practice of capturing rainwater during storms and stockpiling it for use in drier times. A fixture of building design in the Roman empire and in outposts along the American frontier, rainwater harvesting is making a comeback in states including

Texas, North Carolina, and California.

"We call it 'the movement that's taking the nation by storm,'" said Robyn Hadley, spokeswoman for the Austin, Texas-based American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association, whose membership has jumped by more than 40 percent this year.

Hui, 37, got her first 55-gallon plastic barrel for free five years ago. The barrel had been packed with maraschino cherries, so when rain first filled it the water smelled like candied fruit.

Now, she has a daisy chain of 25 linked barrels under her back deck with a combined capacity of nearly 1,250 gallons. She built the system after searching the Internet for information and buying the necessary plumbing parts at a hardware store. The whole setup cost her \$200.

The average American uses 101 gallons of water a day at

home and in the yard. Add in agricultural and industrial water use and that climbs to an average of 1,430 gallons per day per person.

Scientists warn that climate change will result in more severe droughts and erratic storms worldwide, and this spring was the driest in California's 114 years of record-keeping. Extreme drought and abnormally dry conditions persist across large swaths of the country, with states in the West and Southeast hardest hit.

Even in a drought, it only takes a few hours of heavy rain to fill all 25 of Hui's barrels. She uses that water throughout the summer to irrigate her backyard.

This fall, San Francisco will try to recruit more people to board the rain. The city will be putting \$100,000 toward hosting how-to workshops and offering rebates and discounts on rainwater catchment tanks.

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# NYPD: former detective arrested as 'Bling Bandit'

By Adam Goldman  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — He was a respected former NYPD detective and a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War who struggled in recent months with inoperable liver cancer.

But now Addison Kelson is charged with bank robbery, identified by authorities as New York's so-called Bling Bandit, suspected of pulling off nine heists while wearing a flashy watch and ring.

Kelson, 59, was arraigned Friday in connection with a robbery at a Queens bank on July 10. He faces up to seven years in prison if convicted of the charge. He has been ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation before his next court appearance on Sept. 12.

His mother, Hilda Kelson, told Newsday in Saturday editions that her son had been struggling over the past few years with the disintegration of his marriage, the memories from his experience in Vietnam and, most recently, his terminal cancer diagnosis.

"It's been having problems mentally for a long time," Kelson of Randallstown, Md., told the newspaper. She said her son was diagnosed with cancer in June.

"I just hope... he can get the help that he needs," she said.

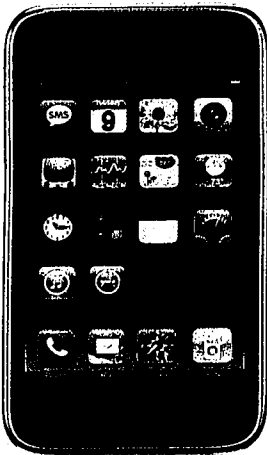
Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, who described the case as "sad and shocking," said Kelson — a former member of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force — was awarded a Purple Heart for his service during the Vietnam War. He confirmed that Kelson was terminally ill with cancer.

The police commissioner said Kelson had been implicated in four of the string of robberies in Queens and Long Island over the past 2 1/2 months by bank employees who picked him out of a police lineup.

Kelly said he didn't know why Kelson apparently turned to a life of crime. Asked if the ex-detective might have been trying to commit "suicide by cop," Kelly told reporters: "We can't exclude that."

Kelson surrendered Thursday to authorities and hasn't made any statements to police, Kelly said. A message left with Kelson's lawyer wasn't returned.

The bank robber was dubbed the Bling Bandit because of surveillance videotape showing him wearing a gold watch and a flashy ring in some of the robberies, which began on June 12, the bandit displayed a black, semiautomatic handgun. The most recent one was Tuesday.



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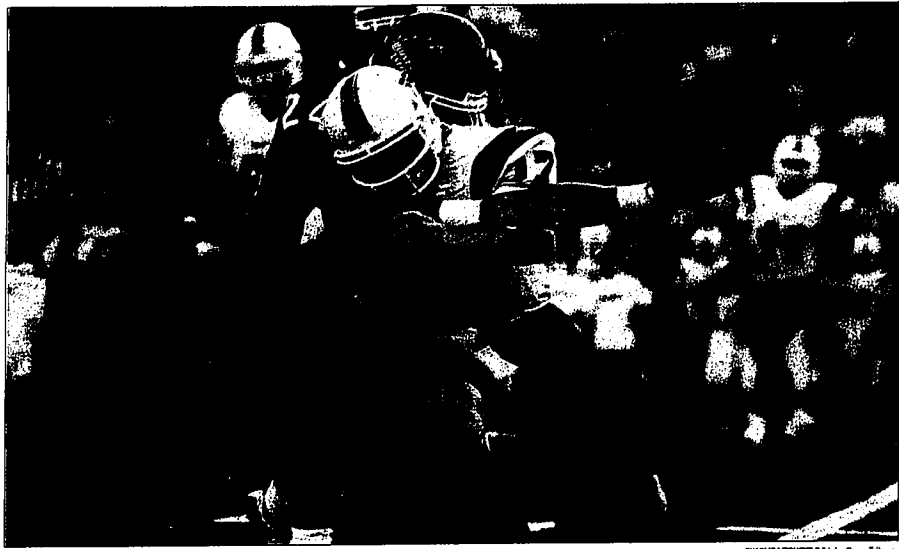
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Idaho State quarterback Russell Hill, right, is tackled by Boise State linebacker Tim Brady during the first half of Saturday's game in Boise.

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## No upset here

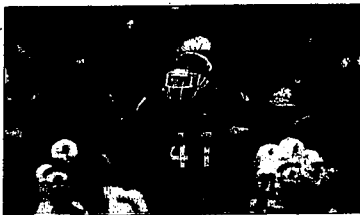
### Broncos roll over Bengals

By Keith Ridler  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Freshman quarterback Kellen Moore threw for 274 yards and two touchdowns, and Tyler Shoemaker caught two passes to two touchdowns as Boise State defeated Idaho State 49-7 Saturday.

Becoming the first freshman to start in the season opener for the Broncos, the left-handed Moore used his quick release and rifle arm to complete 14 of 19 passes and no interceptions. The two touchdown passes went for 80 and 56 yards.

For Idaho State, Russell Hill completed 15 of 22 passes for 74 yards, and Ken Cornist rushed 19 times for



Boise State tailback Ian Johnson (41) runs back to the sideline with his arms outstretched after a blocked punt attempt against Idaho State during Saturday's game in Boise.

CHARLIE LITCHFIELD/Idaho Press-Tribune

98 yards.

It was the third consecutive year Boise State, of the Western Athletic Conference, opened the season at home against a team from a lower division, and for the third straight year, they routed their opponent.

But it didn't start out that way. The Broncos did not score their first touchdown until a little more than a minute was left in the first quarter. It was the first of

four touchdowns in the span of eight minutes to go up 28-0 with 7:46 left in the half.

It started with an 11-play, 76-yard drive, with Moore completing four of four passes for 49 yards and capped by Richie Brockel's 2-yard run.

After a Bengals punt, Moore found Chris O'Neill for 22 yards and Julian Hawkins for another nine.

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## Moore proves capable as starter

Football is a game that must be led by quarterbacks. The Boise State Broncos chose their starter last week in Kellen Moore. He solidified that role Saturday night at Bronco Stadium.

Moore, the redshirt freshman out of Prosser, Wash., made his collegiate debut in front of the largest crowd in the history of Bronco football (32,318) and he did not disappoint. He went 14-for-19 passing, 274 yards and two touchdowns.

Moore hit Titus Young on a fly route, with the slightest of inside hitches, for 80 yards in the second quarter. His second pass dropped beautifully into the arms of redshirt freshman Tyler Shoemaker, whose straight-arm secured his first career touchdown.

Up until the score to Young, the Broncos hadn't really broken out. They'd put together two drives, both ending on short touchdown runs by Ian Johnson and Richie



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Brockel (who scored twice in the game). Moore joked after the game about how nice the one-play drives are, letting the offensive linemen get a good break. He called the 80-yard strike a "potential launcher."

They knew pre-snap that the play could be that huge. This may be the start of a beautiful relationship between the freshman and his sophomore speedster.

"TY has never been covered," Moore said. "I just lay it out to him. The way the defense played, they gave it to us. I just laid it out for TY. To go get it."

Last season it was Jeremy Childs who got

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## Local rider picks up first-place win

By Diane Phillips  
Times-News writer

Ike Sankey, the stock contractor for the Magic Valley Stampede, told Cody DeMers before the Saturday night performance that he would have a lot of fun on his ride, Freak Show.

It was hard to tell whether it was a fun ride, but the Kimberly cowboy did ride the horse for 84 points which was good enough for the weekend win and \$2,400 for the first place finish.

Just Young, also from Kimberly, scored 80 points on Money and finished sixth to earn \$413.

"I had a good horse that went to the National Finals Rodeo last year," said Young. "I was happy to draw him."

The two cowboys rode in Ellensburg, Wash., last night with DeMers leading with a score of 86 points and Young in second with 82-point ride.



Just Young, of Kimberly, holds on during the bareback riding competition held at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds Saturday night. Young rode to a score of 80 points.

JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

## Golden Eagles tie for third in Salt Lake

Times-News

It wasn't a performance worthy of first place, but the College of Southern Idaho definitely got better.

CSI was defeated by defending NJCAA Division I volleyball champion Western Nebraska in four games in the semifinals of the Crystal Inn Invitational in Salt Lake City on Saturday, relegating the Golden Eagles to a tie for third place in the event. After the 21-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-12 win over CSI, Western went on to beat Salt Lake Community College for the title.

The Golden Eagles finished the tournament at 5-2, upping their record to 12-2 on the season.

They'll probably lose their No. 3 ranking from the preseason poll, but the important thing for head coach Haldt Cartisser was that the team improved over its performance both in the season-opening tournament last week and Friday's roller-coaster day.

"It was a better day, we're just very up and down and we haven't had a lot of consistency," Cartisser said. "It was a good tournament because there were a lot of good teams there and there was a lot of good volleyball. Competing at that level, I think it's a good thing."

Cartisser said the loss to Western Nebraska, much like the defeat at the hands of Missouri State-West Plains on Friday, had more to do with what CSI did than what the opposition did. She also noted that the process was continuing and that she felt the team would be OK in the end.

CSI beat Indian Hills (Iowa) to finish pool play at 4-1 before knocking out Northeastern (Ill.), a team the Golden Eagles also beat on Friday. Peacock finished with 31 kills in Saturday's three matches and Ma'Alfa serving as the ever-consistent passer and hitter with 15 kills and 26 digs.

One pleasant development from the weekend was an apparent resurgence from middle hitter Alyssa Wistrick, a preseason first-

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### Crystal Inn Invitational

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Pool play  
CSI def. Indian Hills (Iowa) 24-26, 25-12, 15-10

Bracket play  
CSI def. Northeastern (Ill.) 25-18, 25-23, 25-19  
Western Nebraska def. CSI 21-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-12

### Idaho trails at halftime

The Idaho Vandals trailed the Arizona Wildcats 49-0 at halftime in Tucson, Ariz., as of 10:30 p.m., MDT Saturday night. The game was delayed for more than an hour due to lightning in the immediate Tucson area. For a full recap read Monday's edition of the Times-News.







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Bank Championship, third round, at 4:30 p.m.

TGI - Champions Tour, First Tee Open, Friday, at Pebble Beach, Calif.

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TBS - Chicago White Sox at Boston, 12:30 p.m.

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2008 NFL SEASON PREVIEW

American Football Conference

Last season's record (including playoffs)

EAST

New England Patriots 16-0 (18-1)
They still have Tom Brady, Randy Moss, a solid O-line and Richard Seymour anchoring a strong front seven...

Buffalo Bills 7-9
Confidence growing among young core...

New York Jets 4-12
Offseason not just about Brett Favre...

Miami Dolphins 1-15
A new czar (Bill Parcells), GM (Jeff Ireland) and coach (Tony Sparano)...

Pittsburgh Steelers 10-6 (10-7)
QB Ben Roethlisberger mutes peeling game strongest element on team historically...

Cleveland Browns 10-6
Offense can score from anywhere on field...

Cincinnati Bengals 7-9
O-line allowed only 17 sacks last year...

Baltimore Ravens 5-11
As always, Ravens will rely on defense...

SOUTH

Indianapolis Colts 13-3 (13-4)
One of NFL's highest-scoring teams allowed lowest points in '07...

Jacksonville Jaguars 11-5 (12-6)
Defensive coordinator... and Antonio Taylor...

Tennessee Titans 10-6 (10-7)
D ranked fifth in NFL in '07...

Houston Texans 8-8
O-line coach Alex Gibbs hangs zone-blocking scheme...

WEST

San Diego Chargers 11-5 (13-6)
One of most talented, deepest squads in NFL...

Denver Broncos 7-9
Revised offensive and defensive lines...

Kansas City Chiefs 4-12
Inexperience and lack of pass rush...

Oakland Raiders 4-12
DeAngelo Hall joins Nnamdi Asomugha...

Brett Favre's storied career in Green Bay came to end with an emotional retirement. No. 4 now takes his record streak of 253 consecutive regular-season starts to the Big Apple. We'll see how much fight he has left as he makes a...

Return to the ring

Brett Favre seemed to direct the headlines this offseason as if he were running an offense. The media, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Green Bay's front office and head coach Mike McCarthy definitely played distinct roles...

Marquee matchups

Some interesting games worth watching:

- Rodriguez at Giants (Thurs. Sept. 4)
Thursday-night opener features Super Bowl XLII champion hosting division foe...

Patriots at Chargers (Sun. Oct. 12)
Rematch of AFC Championship Game...

Colts at Packers (Sun. Oct. 19)
Game features two division winners from last season...

Giants at Eagles (Sun. Dec. 28)
QB Eli Manning and Donovan McNabb take center stage...

Colts at Jaguars (Thurs. Dec. 18)
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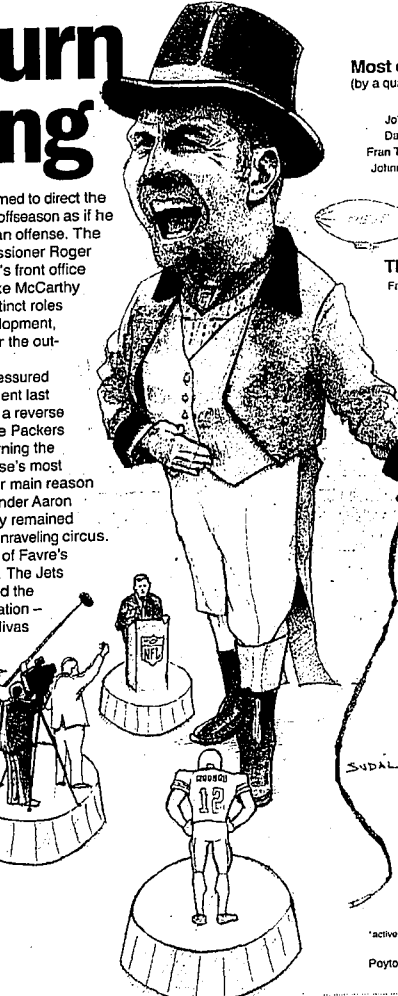
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Most career NFL wins (by a quarterback)

Table with columns: Name, Wins. Favre 160, John Elway 147, Dan Marino 148, Fran Tarkenton 125, Johnny Unitas 119.

The longest yards

Table with columns: Name, Yards. Favre 51,656, Marino 61,381, Elway 51,475, Warren Moon 49,325, Tarkenton 47,303.

Throwing up some big numbers

Favre threw for at least 4,000 yards five times in the career...

Table with columns: Year, Yards. '02 3,227, '03 3,303, '04 3,982, '05 4,413, '06 3,899, '07 3,867, '08 3,921, '09 4,091, '10 3,812, '11 3,212, '12 3,658, '13 3,451, '14 4,088, '15 3,881, '16 3,885, '17 4,155.

Airing it out

Table with columns: Name, Yards. Favre 442, Marino 420, Tarkenton 342, Payton Manning 306, Elway 300.

Decades' best

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, PCT, Playoffs, Super Bowls. Patriots 105 52 0 .675, Broncos 97 63 0 .608, Packers 95 64 1 .597.

Playing the right cards

The wild-card Giants, who finished the regular season with a 10-6 record...

2007 League leaders

OFFENSE (Average per game)

Table with columns: Team, Passing Yds, Rushing Yds, Total Off. Patriots 36.0, Packers 29.7, Colts 28.1.

DEFENSE

POINTS ALLOWED

Table with columns: Team, Points Allowed, Sacks, Turnovers, Total Def. Colts 16.4, Steelers 16.9, Buccaneers 16.8.

Grudge matches

Table with columns: Points, Percent. 8 or less 67, 7 or less 43, 3 or less 23.

New kids on the block

Matt Ryan QB - Atlanta A season removed from the Vets club...

Darren McDuffen RB - Oakland Limitless ability...

Kaith Rivers I.B. - Cincinnati Continues Trojans tradition...

Jake Long OT - Miami Literally the first shot at running...

First time around

Left to pick up mess left by Michael Vick scandal...

New head coaches in the league: Bill Parcells' first move as head of football operations...

DL controlled by first rounders last two years...

Seattle's quarterback backs' quest gets his first shot at running the show...

National Football Conference

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Dallas Cowboys 13-3 (13-4)
Return at of NFL record 13 Pro Bowlers...

New York Giants 10-6 (14-6)
Looking to prove last year wasn't a fluke...

Washington Redskins 4-7 (9-9)
All but one of 22 starters were on team last year...

Philadelphia Eagles 8-8
Donovan McNabb wants to prove his same player...

San Francisco 49ers 6-10
Boast three legit QBs with addition of Asante Samuel...

NORTH

Green Bay Packers 13-3 (14-4)
A guy named Favre is gone...

Minnesota Vikings 8-8
Strong ground game on both sides of ball...

Chicago Bears 7-9
Bears will rely on D; healthy, the group led by LB Brian Urlacher...

Detroit Lions 7-9
WRs Ray Williams and Calvin Johnson stack up with many in NFL...

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Big questions at almost every spot on O-line...

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# Top 25 Roundup

**EAST CAROLINA 27, NO. 17 VIRGINIA TECH 22**  
**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — T.J. Lee blocked a punt and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown with 1:52 left to help East Carolina stun No. 17 Virginia Tech 27-22 on Saturday.

**BOWLING GREEN 27, NO. 25 FITT 17**  
**PITTSBURGH** — Tyler Sheehan ran 11 yards for a touchdown on a quarterback clock draw early in the fourth quarter as Bowling Green rallied to upset the Panthers.

**NO. 1 GEORGIA 45, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 21**  
**ATHENS, Ga.** — The color fit, as for all in-state games, was the crown. Knowshon Moreno ran for three touchdowns and Georgia, ranked No. 1, to start a season for the first time, beat Georgia Southern 45-21 on Saturday in his own home at Uga VII a win in two weeks.

**NO. 2 MISSOURI 52, YOUNGSTOWN ST. 0**  
**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — An eerie silence descended on Ohio Stadium when Ohio State's Heisman Trophy prospect Chris "Beanie" Wells went down with a foot injury in the third quarter.

**NO. 3 USC 52, VIRGINIA 7**  
**CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va.** — Mark Sanchez threw three touchdown passes in his first game as Southern California's true No. 1 quarterback and Trojans rolled.

**NO. 4 OKLAHOMA 57, CHATTANOOGA 27**  
**NORMAN, Okla.** — Sam Bradford threw for 183 yards and two touchdowns, Chris Brown ran for three scores and only an hour-long rain storm could slow down the Sooners.

**NO. 5 FLORIDA 56, HAWAII 10**  
**GAINESVILLE, Fla.** — Even without injured quarterback Percy Harvin (neck) and linebacker Brandon Spikes (toe), Florida dominated every aspect of this one and handed the Aloha Islands a lopsided loss in his debut as Hawaii's head coach.

**NO. 7 LSU 41, APPALACHIAN ST. 13**  
**BATON ROUGE, La.** — With a couple of inexperienced quarterbacks, all LSU had to do was hand off. And Appalachian State never had a chance at another upset. Charles Scott rushed for a career-high 160 yards on 16 carries, including touchdowns of 8 and 29 yards for LSU.

**NO. 8 WEST VIRGINIA 48, VILLANOVA 17**  
**MORGANTOWN, W.Va.** — Pat White threw a career-high five touchdown passes and West Virginia beat Villanova, giving Rich Rodriguez's replacement, Bill Stewart, a successful regular-season debut.

**NO. 24 ALABAMA 34, NO. 9 CLEMSON 10**  
**ATLANTA, Ga.** — Nick Saban's plan to bench Alabama's best offensive player for a few games ended with the Tigers on the losing end.

**NO. 10 ALABAMA 34, LOUISIANA-MONROE 0**  
**AUBURN, La.** — Ben Tate rushed for 115 yards in 13 carries and Auburn scored touchdowns on offense and special teams in its 34-0 opening win.

**NO. 11 TEXAS 52, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 10**  
**AUSTIN, Texas** — On Oct. 10 when Texas returned the No. 10 jersey of Vince Young, McCoy passed for 200 yards and three touchdowns, and the Longhorns coasted to a win that got testy at times.

**NO. 12 TEXAS TECH 49, EASTERN WASHINGTON 24**  
**LUBBOCK, Texas** — Graham Harrell threw for 536 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for a score to lead Texas Tech.

**NO. 13 WISCONSIN 38, AKRON 17**  
**MADISON, Wis.** — B.J. Hill ran for 210 yards and two touchdowns, but Wisconsin needed a pair of third-quarter scores to shake free from pesky Akron.

**NO. 14 KANSAS 40, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL 10**  
**LAWRENCE, Kan.** — Todd Thomas threw three touchdowns passed to Deamon Briscoe and Kansas, coming off the greatest season in its history, opened with a victory before a record-breaking home crowd.

**NO. 19 SOUTH FLORIDA 56, TENNESSEE-MARTIN 17**  
**TAMPA, Fla.** — Matt Grothe threw for two first-half touchdowns and South Florida scored on its first three possessions over the first quarter.

**NO. 22 PENN STATE 66, EAST CAROLINA 10**  
**STATE COLLEGE, Pa.** — Joe Paterno led Florida State's Bobby Bowden against the career wins list for major college football.

**NO. 6 MISSOURI 52, ST. LOUIS 42**  
**ST. LOUIS** — Sean Whiteheadron pulled out a timely Missouri defense with two interceptions late and Jeremy Smith had a 99-yard kickoff return and 45-yard punt return before leaving in the fourth quarter with an ankle injury.

# Utah spoils Rodriguez's debut at Michigan 25-23



Utah quarterback Brian Johnson (3) celebrates with fans in Michigan Stadium after Utah beat Michigan 25-23, Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan's new era opened in a painfully familiar way for the 100,000-plus fans at the Big House: With an ugly-looking loss.

Rich Rodriguez's debut as Wolverines coach was spoiled when Utah's Brian Johnson threw for 305 yards and a touchdown and Louie Sakoda kicked four field goals, providing enough scoring to hold on for a 25-23 win Saturday.

Michigan, which was upset by second-tier Appalachian State to begin last season, lost consecutive opponents for the first time since 1989-90.

Utah decisively outplayed the Wolverines early and took a 15-point lead into the fourth quarter, but had a punt blocked and fumbled a Michigan shot to come back.

Utah coach Kyle Whittingham is 5-3 against Bowl Championship Series schools and the latest such victory was an important first step in giving the Utes a chance to bust the BCS at the end of the season.

Rodriguez's spread offense was kept in check, gaining just 36 yards on the ground and 167 through the air with inexperienced players at virtually every position.

He had a lot of success with the scheme at West Virginia, but he doesn't have anyone remotely

resembling Pat White or Steve Stanton to make plays.

Rodriguez chose to start a former walk-on over a Georgia Tech transfer, and both struggled.

Sheridan played for two-plus quarters and was 11-of-19 for 98 yards with one TD, getting fortunate breaks to avoid a few interceptions.

The Utes dominated the second quarter, but Michigan's three straight possessions, with Sakoda kicking field goals each time to put Utah ahead 15-10.

# No. 16 BYU holds off N. Iowa 41-17

PROVO, Utah — Max Hall threw for 486 yards and two touchdowns and No. 16 BYU overcame four turnovers in the second half, beating Northern Iowa 41-17 Saturday.

The Cougars extended the longest winning streak in the nation to 11 straight in the season opener for both teams, but struggled to put away the Championship Subdivision Panthers after taking a 27-3 halftime lead.

UNI converted two of BYU's three fumbles in the third quarter into touchdowns and got within 27-17, stifling every opportunity the Cougars had to put the game away until the fourth quarter.

Hall scored BYU's first play of the second half on a 1-yard keeper with 9:02 left to fumble, then BYU recovered a play less than a minute later that led to another touchdown.

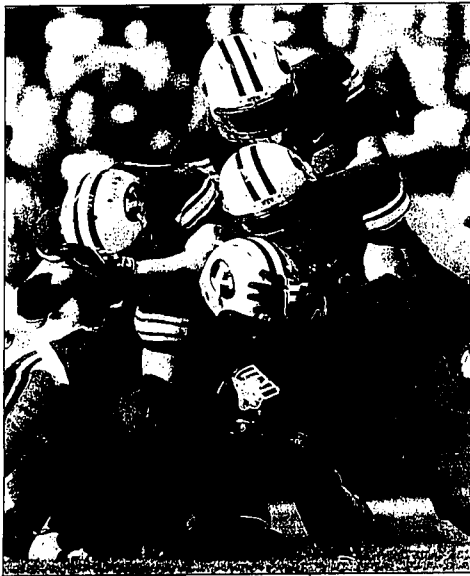
Harvey Unga ran for two touchdowns and Dennis Pitta caught 11 passes for a career-best 213 yards for BYU.

UNI's Pat Grace took a beating in his first college start and finished 11-for-18 for 112 yards. He also ran for 72 yards, breaking an option keeper 69 yards to set up a field goal in the first quarter. Receiver Victor Williams threw a 76-yard touchdown pass to Josh Collins for UNI.

The Panthers finished with just 362 yards of offense, but managed to keep it close through three quarters with some big plays and BYU's four fumbles in the second half.

Hall finished 34-for-41 with 362 yards of offense, but was intercepted twice. The Panthers caused a fumble on BYU's first possession of the second half, then caught the Cougars off guard with a play that fooled every one. Grace handed off to Corey Lewis, who pitched it to Williams coming the other way. Williams had plenty of time to set and threw a perfect pass to Collins, who went untouched down the sideline for a touchdown.

UNI pinned BYU inside the 40 on a punt later in the period



Northern Iowa wide receiver Victor Williams, bottom, is tackled by a BYU player during the second quarter of Saturday's game in Provo, Utah.

## Late in the desert

Utah State's season opener at UNLV was still in progress at 11 p.m. Saturday. The Aggies trailed/led 24-10 in the 3rd quarter. See Monday's Times-Herald for a game story.

and the Panthers turned it into a touchdown when James Ruffin ran down Hall from behind and caused a fumble, which Mark Huggens recovered for a touchdown that cut it to 27-17 with 5:59 left in the third.

Hall was 5-for-6 during a 73-yard touchdown drive on BYU's opening possession, which ended on a pass to Reed at the 13-yard line and the BYU receiver running through three Panthers at the goal line.

The Cougars forced a fumble and three plays later Hall hit Unga on a slant pattern

over the middle for a 19-yard touchdown with 1:25 left in the first.

Unga added two short touchdown runs in the second quarter to give BYU a 27-3 halftime lead.

UNI's only score of the half was a 33-yard field goal by Billy Hallgren.

MONTANA ST. 59, ADAMS ST. 7  
**BOZEMAN, Mont.** — Tight end Brandon Bostick caught three touchdowns passes from two quarterbacks as the Montana State football team overwhelmed Division II Adams State 59-3 in a lightning-delayed season opener Saturday afternoon at Bobcat Stadium.

Bostick caught two TD passes from junior backup Mark Idulnis and a third from sophomore starter Cody Kempt in the debut of the Bobcats' new artificial turf.

Freshman reserve tailback C.J. Palmer of Sprint, Texas, scored on rushing touchdowns of 11 and 58 yards as MSU prevailed in its first home season-opener since 2004 — a 19-0 victory over Adams State.

Adams State didn't cross midfield until six minutes remained in the third quarter and didn't score until a 45-yard field goal by Dustin Bell with five seconds to play. The Grizzlies' deepest penetration until the final minute was MSU's 47-yard run.

The game was delayed and the stadium evacuated for 43 minutes at the beginning of the third quarter because of lightning strikes detected west of the stadium. When the teams resumed play with MSU leading 38-0, the stands remained empty for safety reasons for about 15 minutes.

# College Scores

EAST	
Dowling Green 27, Pittsburgh 17	
Connecticut 52, Bryant 35	
Massachusetts 28, Albany 11, 16	
Navy 41, Towson 13	
Penn St. 65, Cleveland State 10	
Brake Island 27, Armstrong 14, 24	
Sacred Heart 42, Assumption 21	
Stony Brook 42, Colby 16	
West Virginia 48, Wakefore 21	
SOUTH	
Alabama 34, Clemson 10	
Alabama 34, Louisiana-Monroe 0	
Birmingham Southern 12, Campbell 6	
Duke 31, James Madison 7	
East Carolina 27, Virginia Tech 22	
Florida 56, Hawaii 10	
Florida A&M 30, Alabama St. 20	
Furman 22, Mars Hill 14	
Georgia 45, Georgia Southern 21	
Jacksonville 20, Sacramento St. 7	
LSU 41, Appalachian St. 13	
Louisiana Tech 22, Mississippi St. 14	
MSU 58, Texas College 0	
Marshall 35, Illinois St. 10	
Maryland 14, Delaware 7	
Mississippi 41, Memphis 24	
North Carolina 34, North Carolina 27	
North Carolina 30, Texas A&M Commerce 14	
Richmond 28, Elms 10	
SE Louisiana 34, Azusa St. 28	
South Florida 56, Sam Houston 7	
Southern Miss. 51, Louisiana Lafayette 21	
Tennessee St. 34, Alabama A&M 13	
The Citadel 54, Weber International 7	
SOUTHWEST	
Ark-Monticello 21, Ark-Pine Bluff 7	
Akansas 28, W. Illinois 24	
Arkansas St. 38, Texas A&M 14	
Arkansas State 28, Arkansas 16	
California 57, Chattanooga 27	
Phoenix View 34, Texas Southern 14	
San Diego State 42, San Diego 10	
Texas 52, Florida Atlantic 10	
Texas Tech 49, Washington 24	
WEST	
Boston College 21, Kent St. 0	
Idaho 31, W. Kentucky 13	
Iowa 46, Idaho 21	
Kansas 40, Fla. International 10	
Kansas St. 45, North Texas 6	
Minnesota 31, Syracuse 10	
Northwestern State 10, St. Joseph 0	
Ohio St. 43, Youngstown St. 0	
South Dakota 52, St. Anselme 8	
Utah 25, Michigan 23	
Wisconsin 38, Akron 17	
Missoula 52, Illinois 17	
EARLY WEST	
Air Force 41, N. Iowa 7	
BYU 41, N. Utah 17	
Idaho State 52, Idaho St. 7	
California 38, Michigan St. 31	
Montana St. 59, Adams St. 7	
Kent State 52, Bowling Green 13	
Portland St. 31, W. Oregon 14	
Sacramento St. 45, Humboldt St. 13	
San Jose St. 13, UC Davis 10	
UCD 26, New Mexico 3	
Wyoming 21, Ohio 20	

# Willie Anderson, Rudi Johnson cut by Bengals

CINCINNATI (AP) — Offensive tackle Willie Anderson and running back Rudi Johnson lost their starting jobs with the Cincinnati Bengals during training camp. Now they've lost their roster spots, too.

The Bengals released Anderson and Johnson on Saturday as part of their moves to get to the 53-man roster limit.

The 33-year-old Anderson was the most tenured Bengal at 12 seasons. Injuries limited him to seven games last season, ending his streak of four consecutive Pro Bowl appearances. He became a backup to Stacy Andrews in training camp, and declined to take a pay cut to stay with the team.

As expected, Tampa Bay cut Chris Simms, their former starting quarterback, who missed all of last season after a serious spleen injury and asked to be released. They also cut Ryan Neece, a former starter at linebacker.

Neece and Simms are the sons of former NFL stars — Neece of Hall of Fame safety Ronnie Lott and Simms of former Super Bowl MVP and current broadcaster Phil Simms.

Atlanta released quarterback Derrick Frost, choosing to keep sixth-round draft choice Durant Brooks.

Among the other veterans let go by Washington were wide receiver Billy McMillen and offensive tackle Todd Wade.

San Francisco receiver Casey Bramlet, signed last week as insurance when Troy Smith was ill and Kyle Bolter injured. The Ravens also released special teams ace Gary Stills.

Drew Henson, the former Michigan quarterback and New York Yankees prospect, was cut by Detroit.

San Francisco released underachieving Ashley Lelle, who was going into the second year of a two-year, \$4.3 million deal that included a \$2 million signing bonus. He had just 10 receptions for 115 yards last season while struggling with injuries. The 49ers also waived fullback Moran Norris, a two-year starter who lost his job to Zak Kline during training camp.

AFC champion New England released former Idaho State quarterback Matt Gutierrez. Gutierrez, who played five years with veterans Fernando Bryant, their starting cornerback for most of the exhibition season, and Victor Hinson, a linebacker who spent all five of his NFL seasons with the New York Jets.

Carolina cut safety Terrence Holt and defensive end Stanley McClover, while Houston waived returner Ricardo Colcolough as he left hours after he was arrested and charged with driving while impaired.

# Jimmie Johnson's shadow looms over Busch, Edwards

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — While Kyle Busch and Carl Edwards are 1-2 in the NASCAR Sprint Cup standings and building strong cases for starting the Chase for the championship as the favorites, there is a shadow looming behind them. Jimmie Johnson is never far from their minds.

"I've always been worried about Jimmie Johnson," Busch said. "I take him as being probably the best driver on the circuit. You never know what he can come up with during a race or what him and (crew chief) Chad (Knaus) can come up with in their cars to make it fast."

Edwards echoed his chief rival, saying, "We talked about it this week, my trainer and I. We were kind of going over the guys that were really going to be tough and it goes without saying, Jimmie Johnson has proven that he can do it when it matters. I think that's one of the guys you're going to have to beat. You're going to have



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to beat Jimmie to be the champion."

While Busch has been the hottest driver this season, leading the points and winning eight races, and Edwards has been close behind with six wins, Johnson has had a so-so season — for him.

The Hendrick Motorsports star is a distant fourth in the points and has just two wins and 12 top-10 finishes leading into Sunday's Pepsi 500 at Auto Club Speedway.

But nobody is selling Johnson short with two races left until the start of the 12-man, 10-race Chase — least of all Johnson himself.

Despite struggling with the big, bulky and still-new Car of Tomorrow at times this season — particularly on the 1.6-mile, 2-mile oval — Johnson said the No. 48

team is figuring things, perhaps just at the right time.

"We looked at the big tracks and know that's where we've been behind, and we've been working hard to catch up," said defending race champion Johnson, who will start from the pole Sunday. "I think we're in the right spot."

"We're on par with those other guys. This week will be a better one of it, and then as we get on those tracks in the Chase we'll certainly know where we stack up to them. ... I feel like we're fine on the short tracks, it's just the mile and a half stuff that we need to be a little stronger at to really put a fight up for these guys."

"I think we're there; I really do. You work all night, you like to be ahead and that's why we're still testing and doing all we can. We should be a factor in this thing."

Four-time series champion Jeff Gordon, one of Johnson's teammates, has had some of the same strug-

gles this season. He's winless, ninth in the points and still fighting for a spot in the Chase.

But Gordon, who will start third Sunday, also is confident that he and Johnson and new teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. — and maybe some others — can make things interesting for Busch and Edwards in the Chase.

"That's the thing about the new format with the Chase is all it takes is two bad races ... and all of the sudden you're chasing," Gordon said.

Right now, the spotlight belongs on Edwards, who has won three of the last four races, and Busch, who has finished second twice in a row after winning three weeks ago.

"Those guys seem to have the chemistry, they seem to have the momentum and they have their cars and the talent to really pull it off," Gordon said. "Those are definitely the guys to beat and I'll be surprised if one of them don't win it."

# Clark's 61 gives him lead at Deutsche Bank

NORTON, Mass. — Tim Clark needed only one birdie over his final two holes to shoot 59. He finished with consecutive bogeys and had to settle for a one-shot lead Saturday in the Deutsche Bank Championship.

He still matched his career low with a 9-under 60 on soft and vulnerable TPC Boston, giving him a one-shot lead over Mike Weir of Canada at the halfway point of the PGA Tour's second playoff event.

On another day of low scoring, Clark was trying to get into contention when he shot to the top of the leaderboard by playing a six-hole stretch in 7 under, including two eagles. After a wedge to 3 feet on the par-5 seventh put the South African at 11 under for the round with two holes to play, it all fell apart.

Clark missed the green on the par-3 eighth and failed to convert an 8-foot par putt. He missed the ninth fairway, watched his approach bound through the green and he missed his 10-foot par putt for a 62, putting him at 14 under 128.

Weir, who tied the course record Friday with a 61, took a while to warm up until he settled in for a 68.



Tim Clark, of South Africa, acknowledges the crowd after finishing at 14-under par during the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament, Saturday in Norton, Mass.

Scotland at Loch Lomond last year, had an 11-under 208 total on the PGA Centenary Course. Wall shot a 65.

Murcell, Sten (66), Lee Westwood (66), Ricardo Gonzalez (67), David Howell (68) and Soren Hansen (68) were two strokes back.

WAL MART FIRST TEE OPEN: PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Jeff Sluman shot a 66 under 66 at Pebble Beach on a share of the second-round lead in the Wal-Mart First Tee Open with Loren Robbers, Phil Buckner and John Harris.

Sluman, a six-time PGA Tour winner in his first full season on the Champions Tour, broke two birdies and a bogey on route to a 9-under 135 total. He opened with a 69 on Friday at Del Monte.

— The Associated Press

## YOUR SPORTS



The Burley Barracudas' first-place winners at the Sagebrush Swim League Championships, pictured, from left, front row: Chance Miller and Christin Hoard; back row: Shayla Bingham, Caleb McAfee and Brandon Hoard.

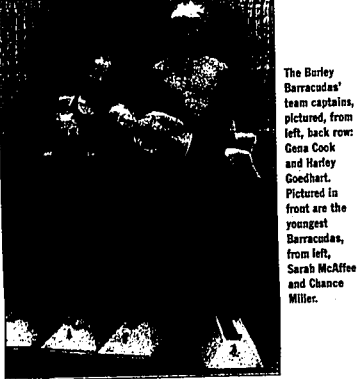
## Barracudas win meet

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The Burley Barracudas swam their way to victory at the Sagebrush Swim League championships, held in Wendell on July 25. Forty-nine Burley swimmers competed in a field of 268 swimmers. Each swimmer competed in the backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and freestyle. In addition, many of the swimmers competed in four-person teams in the medley and freestyle relay.

The Barracudas dominated the championships with 821 points. Wood River took second with 529 points and third place was shared by Shoshone, Jerome, Gooding, Wendell and Jackpot, Nev. In the ages 9-10 division,

Caleb McAfee scored a perfect 52 points, winning first place in all four of his individual events. Busch's ages 9-10 Christin Hoard placing first, Chloee Speltius second, and Alyssa Labra third. Burley swimmers took 19 overall medals and numerous individual event and relay ribbons.

The only requirements to join the Barracudas are the ability to swim across the pool, the commitment to train and a small membership fee. The Barracudas are coached by Al Roper. Assistant coaches are Wendell Bottini, Ariel Staley, Rowdy Greene and Chris Speltius. The Sprinkler Shop and Budget Auto Sales help support the team as well.



## Sagebrush Swim League Championship

- Burley Barracudas medal winners  
1st Place: Shayla Bingham, Brandon Hoard, Christin Hoard, Caleb McAfee and Chance Miller  
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## GOLF Guiles, Campbell take top honors in Intercity play

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The Magic Valley Intercity league played at Rupert Country Club on Aug. 27. Dianne Guiles shot an 81 to take first in the gross division, while Rosemary Anderson's 82 put her second. Linda Fennen (83) was third, Shanna Tobolsan (88) fourth, Janice Larson (89) fifth and Lynn Morgan (90) sixth.

Diane Campbell won the net title with a 64. Wilma Shockey was second with a 67, while Susan Williams (68) took third. Fourth place was shared by Gayle Kemp and Janelle Maloney with 69s.

Playing for sixth were Carolyn Beaver, Nanette Woodland and Janmye Haynes with 70s. Marylou Alves and Joan Tugues were next with 71s.

Clear Lake leads the team standings with 58 points.

Burley is second with 46.5 and Rupert third with 46. Intercity play stops at Canyon Springs Golf Course on Sept. 16.

## FRITH WINS MUML LADIES MONTHLY HONORS

The Twin Falls Mum Ladies Golf Association played for August Goller of the Month on Aug. 26. Barbara Frith shot a 93 for Gross Goller of the Month, while Sondra Hill took Net Goller of the Month with a 68.

Virginia Underhill shot a 72 for first gross in Flight A. Patty Lee shot an 87 for second. Carolyn Beaver had a net 68 for first place, while Frith had a net 71 for second.

In Flight B, Kathy McClure shot a 105 for first gross and Sharyn Allen took second with a 106. Hill took first net with a 68 and Helen Brown took second with a 71.

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 <p><b>\$346,000</b></p> <p>2500+ sq ft home with open floor plan w/4 bedrooms &amp; office MLS# 98362699 Beckie 320-2443 or Chris 404-6322</p>	 <p><b>\$189,900</b></p> <p>1500 sq ft plan to be built. Maple cabinets, open floor plan MLS# 98363251 Tyson Cook 539-9950</p>	 <p><b>\$161,000</b></p> <p>All stucco home with spacious split bedroom plan, gas fireplace MLS# 98363282 Jeff 280-2800 or Lexi 308-4944</p>	 <p><b>\$146,000</b></p> <p>Better than new w/all landscaping and excelled back patio MLS# 98363346 Filomena Soddler 320-2811</p>	 <p><b>\$285,000</b></p> <p>2500+ sq ft of professional spec ready to finish MLS# 98363548 Kay 948-9400 or Doris 280-2189</p>
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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION OF THE MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
November 4, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the general laws of the State of Idaho, a general election will be held on November 4, 2008, for the purpose of electing two (2) Directors of the Minidoka Irrigation District, to Director's Division No. 1 and Director's Division No. 3, to serve for a period of three (3) years.

The polls for the reception of ballots cast at said election will be opened at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m. and will remain open until the hour of 7:00 p.m., of the same day.
The following places have been designated as the polling places of said Director's division or precincts, to-wit:
Director's Divisions No. 1 & 2:
Auntie Schaeffer, Director
Director's Division No. 3 & 5:
West End Fire Hall
Thursday, August 21, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2009
RAFT RIVER HIGHWAY DISTRICT
CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO
OFFICE OF MEETING CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Cassia County, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal period, October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2009, to be held at the Raft River Highway District office on 320 North Main Street, in the city of Malia, Idaho, on September 2, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
Administrative: 15,742.00
Liability Insurance: 11,200.00
Commissioners Salaries: 11,200.00
Secretary: 5,000.00
Legal: 2,000.00
Professionals: 1,000.00
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Election: 35,700.00
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Signs & Posts: 9,000.00
Supplies: 73,000.00
Fuel: 25,766.00
Road Labor, Repair: 2,000.00
Tires & Tubes: 15,000.00
Equipment Hire: 1,500.00
Miscellaneous: 1,500.00
Travel/Conferences/Fees: 34,000.00
New Equipment/Payments: 679,502.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES: 679,502.00

ESTIMATED REVENUE
National Debt: 13,402.00
Highway Users Revenue: 360,500.00
Property Tax Levies: 181,000.00
Revenue: 24,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE: 679,502.00
Citizens are invited to attend the budget meeting of the proposed budget in detail at the Raft River Highway District office on 320 North Main Street, in the city of Malia, Idaho for inspection during the following hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday.
DATED this 25th day of August 2008.
Susan K. Holman
Clerk

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: August 27, 2008
To: All interested Government Agencies, Public Groups and Individuals
Subject: Environmental Determination for the City of Wendell Wastewater System Improvement Project
In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the "Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans", IDAPA 58.01.12, an environmental review has been performed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the project described below.

During project construction, short term impacts may occur that include temporary disruption of collection facilities, increased noise, and increased dust pollution. Mitigation of potential environmental impacts from these short term impacts includes the following actions:
• Implementing O&M best management practices (BMPs) for light dust control to prevent or minimize erosion and dust generation, and
• Implementing appropriate BMPs, where possible, to avoid or minimize the impact from other construction activities.

Public Involvement:
The public will be informed of the environmental decision issued by DEQ through the Times-News newspaper. The legal notice will be published one time in the Saturday, August 31, 2008 publication.
Availability of Copies: Copies of the FONSI, the 2007 Facilities-Plan Update, and the EID upon which the FONSI is based are available for public review at the following locations:
Department of Environmental Quality
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706

NOTICE
The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Minidoka County Office presently occupies 4700 net usable square feet of office space at 827 S. 200th West, Rupert, Idaho. FSA is interested in negotiating a lease for this space, but it will consider relocating to a more economically advantageous location if the area that will be considered must be within the boundaries of Base Line Road on the North, North Main Street on the East, 100 South on the South, and 600 West on the West.

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102 Found
FOUND Chihuahua found in Wendell. Found on 825. Call to identify. 208-731-6098

103 Found
FOUND Pug, male in Wainwright parking lot 8/26. Call 679-2602 to retrieve.

104 Found
FOUND Pug, female, tan, about 3 months old. Black collar with pink letters. Found at Ascension Monastery. 208-431-7223

105 Found
FOUND Wedding Band in Rupert. Call to identify. 208-331-7223

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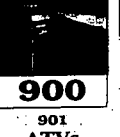
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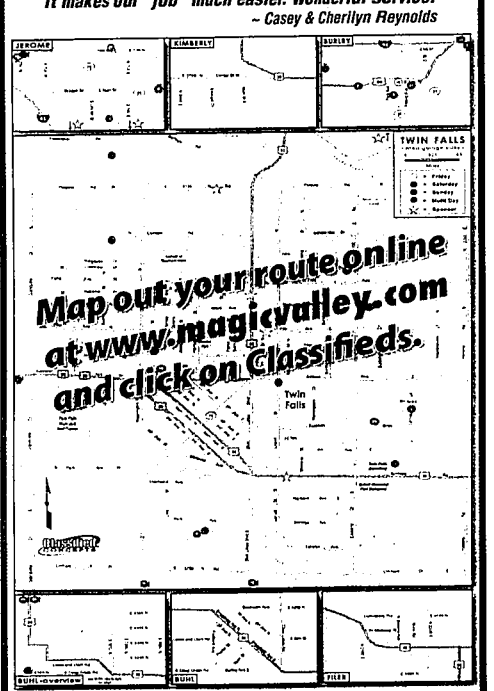
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Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and letters for clues.

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Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: My RHO's opening bid was four diamonds...

ANSWER: The last I heard there were four cities under consideration...

Dear Mr. Wolff: As a long-time reader of your column, I tend to agree with most of your views on bridge...

ANSWER: No, there is no doubt that your double of four diamonds is entirely for takeout...

ANSWER: I agree with you, but I am in a rather small minority that balanced 12-counts should not open without a long (good) suit...

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held K-10-8-2, H-7-4-3, D-J-3, A-9-4. My partner opened one club...

ANSWER: Pairs is the most demanding form of the game, in that every trick counts...

ANSWER: A redouble here should show the balance of high cards, and you are certainly very close to having enough...

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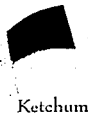


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# GET for a OUT treat



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## Part four of our summer adventure series

What a sweet assignment. The *Times-News* sent reporters to all corners of south-central Idaho to scout for gas-saving adventures close to home — and uncovered these family-pleasing goodies made by local businesses.

There are plenty of other tasty treats around, of course. But in this selection you'll discover a new locally-made favorite for each member of your family.

Our "Get Out" series runs every Sunday through Sept. 7, and each week we give you the lowdown on a different kind of fun. For the final installment next week, watch for our tour of places your family can see art for free.

### Ice cream in Buhl

Go ahead, if you must. Plenty of folks want to say they've eaten potato ice cream.

"Tourists always want to try Vanilla Potato," said Eric Butterworth, plant manager of Cloverleaf Creamery, who crafts that flavor with dehydrated potato flakes. "They might not get a full scoop of it, but it's always tried."

The locals, however, come to the Buhl ice cream shop looking for something else. For their sake, Cowboy Crunch is always available, said Butterworth, who developed the favorite flavor with fudge ripple, fudge-caramel ripple and Heath pieces in a buttercream base. "If we don't have it on the line, it's trouble sometimes."

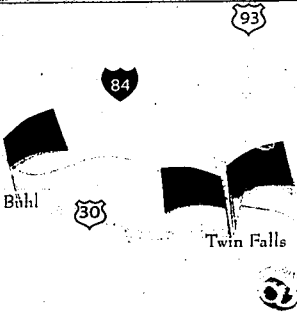
More than 30 ice cream flavors — all made with milk from a local dairy — rotate through the 24 spots in the Cloverleaf Creamery dipping case. And it's not the same ice cream that sweetly folks licked here in summers past.

Under new ownership, the shop now uses a whole-milk recipe for base mix. "It's an all-around creamier ice cream, and it looks a lot better," Butterworth said. Flavorings are more natural, including fruit purees and fresh fruit when possible. And Butterworth's crew forgoes the bright hues produced by extreme quantities of food coloring.

So the black licorice ice cream that stained customers' teeth in years past is gone, replaced by a white ice cream flavored with colorless licorice extract and holding chunks of black licorice.



Cloverleaf Creamery employee Tori Berger fills an ice cream order in Buhl.



### Ice cream in Heyburn

The second you step into Gossner's Magic Valley Chalet, a waft of vanilla hits your nose. It's a warm welcome that invites you to the ice cream shop, which sits in the middle of a dairy store.

Gossner's employees make all of the ice cream on-site, and if you want to try it, you have to go to Heyburn — it's not sold anywhere else.

But it's worth the drive. Their delicious ice cream comes in 18 flavors, including huckleberry cheesecake, caramel fudge and the ever-popular black licorice (which tastes better than you might think). Their pralines and cream won't best in Idaho from the Idaho Milk Processors' Association in 2007.

One bite demonstrates why: The smooth dessert is dotted with candied pralines and has just the right amount of sweetness.

Ice cream isn't the only treat. Employees at Gossner's

make waffle cones from scratch. And those employees are fanatic at recommending flavors and singing the praises of their company's ice cream.

Don't expect to find sherbet, dairy-free varieties, sun-does or milk shakes — it's straight-up ice cream all the way, baby. But if you want a taste of old-fashioned, creamy heaven in a cone, Gossner's is the place to get it.

Get there: 1200 Seventh St., Heyburn. Information: 679-0971.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday.

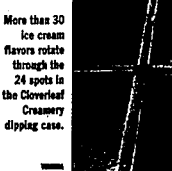
Cost: The cones come in several sizes, but the cheapest is a 99-cent kiddie cone. A hand-packed pint is \$4.59, and the popular single-scoop waffle cone is \$3.79.

Don't forget: Swing by the sample bar, where you can try Gossner's famous cheese and spreads.

— Melissa Davlin

Don't forget: Butterworth hoped to have ice cream made with fresh raspberries, greenhouse strawberries and perhaps peaches right about now. Be sure to inquire.

— Virginia Hutchins



More than 30 ice cream flavors rotate through the 24 spots in the Cloverleaf Creamery dipping case.

### Peanut butter cookie in Ketchum

At the Bigwood Bread Cafe, the cookies are bigger than the palm of your hand.

In peanut butter, chocolate chip and double chocolate, the huge treats are a favorite among locals, some of whom come in for a cookie and beverage as their whole lunch — two were ordered during the 10 minutes I was in the cafe last month.

"They're very popular items for us," said Carly Tompest, who bought the business about 16 months ago. "We go through about 25 by 1 o'clock generally."

Through the small cookies sell



The giant peanut butter cookie from Bigwood Bread. Mmmmmmm...

well, too, Tompest said the variations in texture make the big cookies a hit.

"I definitely have people who

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### More adventure online

For stories, photos and videos about many other fun spots all around south-central Idaho, visit the special "Get Out" page at [magicvalley.com/getout/](http://magicvalley.com/getout/)

Read about more goodies on page F6



Barley sisters Ashlyn, left, and Brooklyn Carver look at the ice cream flavors at Gossner's Magic Valley Chalet in Heyburn. Ashlyn, 9, prefers caramel fudge, while Brooklyn, 5, favors cotton candy.

### Fudge in Rupert

A book store, with its clean white pages and hushed atmosphere, isn't one of the place places you'd expect to find ooey gooey fudge.

But you can find it at appropriately named The Book Store in Rupert.

The fudge isn't available every day — in fact, new batches are made only once every two or three weeks — so call ahead (436-5661) to see if any is available. If you can get your hands on a fresh piece, lucky you.

The fudge, made off-site by a store employee, comes in about two-inch squares and is boxed by whoever works the cash register (after they so politely put on latex gloves). Don't expect to eat it on-site, though — the treats are meant to be consumed at home, so you'd better buy enough for the family.

If you favor a particular fudge flavor, you're likely to find it here. The Book Store



Fudge flavors available at The Book Store in Rupert include vanilla praline, chocolate walnut and melt-away mint, pictured here.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50; seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS: Monday: Center closed Tuesday: Beef stew Wednesday: Chicken patty Thursday: Baked ham Friday: Soup and sandwiches ACTIVITIES: Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon Exercise class, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise class, 1:30 p.m. Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc. 1010 Main St., Burni, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS: Monday: Center closed Tuesday: Turkey dinner Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Potato bar ACTIVITIES: Today: Pork chop dinner, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Farmers Market/Spudnuts

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc. 310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. MENUS: Monday: Center closed Wednesday: Beef stroganoff Friday: Roast pork ACTIVITIES: Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site 105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Center 308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. MENUS: Monday: Center closed Tuesday: Chicken a la king Wednesday: Swedish meatballs

Thursday: Roast pork ACTIVITIES: Tuesday: Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Quilt social 9 a.m. Music with June Koonce Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center 140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet. MENUS: Monday: Center closed Wednesday: Spaghetti Friday: Cilantro style chicken ACTIVITIES: Saturday: Memorial celebration of Ruth Shokal's life, 2 to 4 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center 212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center: Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642. ACTIVITIES: Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m. Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, 7 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Silver and Gold Senior Center 210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday. MENUS: Tuesday: Chef salad Thursday: Beef and noodles ACTIVITIES: Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Richfield Senior Center 130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60. MENUS: Monday: Center closed Thursday: Turkey sandwiches Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc. 218 N. Fall St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. MENUS: Tuesday: Sausage gravy and biscuits Wednesday: Burrito Friday: Hamburgers and hot dogs ACTIVITIES: Monday: Center closed Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo Camas County Senior Center 127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$4,

under 60: \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MENUS: Tuesday: Ham and beans Wednesday: Lasagna Friday: Fried chicken ACTIVITIES: Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Blaine County Senior Center 721 1/2 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. MENUS: Tuesday: Cheese burger meatloaf Wednesday: Taco salad bar Friday: Roast pork ACTIVITIES: Monday: Center closed Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Win on Wednesday Thursday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Bingo, 5:30 p.m. Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Saturday: Grandparents Day Breakfast, 9 to 11 a.m. Carey Senior Center Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. MENUS: Thursday: Oven-fried chicken

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center 702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors: \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12. \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ACTIVITIES: Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center 2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12: \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. ACTIVITIES: Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Tuesday: Pool Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Thursday: Pool Exercise Friday: Pool Exercise Saturday: Pool Exercise Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise

Filer Senior Haven 222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ACTIVITIES: Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

with soda, snacks and microwave noodles. Television is jammed with ads for sugary cereals and pizza. Hospitals provide high-calorie infant formula. Tips to fast-food outlets, including several Central American chicken chains, become weekend family rituals. "When you spend all day vacuuming offices or cleaning bathrooms, you think you are getting exercise, but all you are doing is hurting your back," said Budrom Ithayual, who leads gym classes at La Clinica del Pueblo in Washington. "Often, both parents work late, and it is so much easier to go to Popeyes or buy frozen pizza for the kids."

Ithayual's students are mostly middle-aged Central American women who clean homes or offices. For an hour each weekday, he has them lift hand weights, stretch and bend to a disco beat, and then lie on mats, close their eyes and focus on breathing while he plays tapes of soothing classical music. "This is the first time I have ever exercised in my life. I come here straight from work."

and my shoulder always hurts from vacuuming," Elsa Marina, 48, a mother of six from Guatemala, said after her last week. "This helps me relax and sleep better, too." Health experts say different segments of the Latino population face different health temptations and problems. Adolescents tend to become addicted to video games, fast food and soda. Single male laborers, far from family support networks and often sharing quarters with other men, tend to drink too much beer and high-sugar energy beverages.

"In the first 10 years after immigrating, people gain an average of 12 pounds," said Elmer Huerta, a cancer expert at Washington Hospital Center and longtime host of a health advice radio show in Spanish. "They arrive blind to American culture and with little knowledge about health care. They work around the clock and neglect themselves. They live a sedentary life and eat food that is too rich. I tell them to go back to what they eat at home: rice and lentils and fruits. To recover what they have lost."

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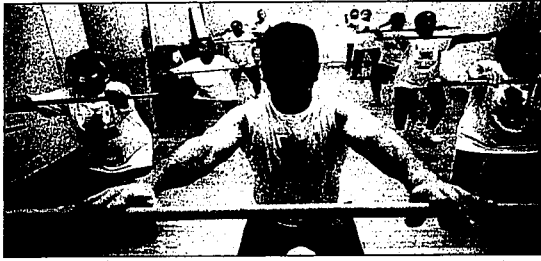
Adopting America's bad habits: Latinos' poor health practices spur agencies into action

By Pamela Kolbase The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Armed with an array of plastic eggs, grapes, broccoli and a nasty-looking, cross-section of an artery clogged with cholesterol, Carlos Garcia was demonstrating the hidden dangers of American cooking and eating for a group of young Hispanic men.

"If you buy juice for your baby, check how much sugar it has in it," Garcia explained in Spanish. "If you cook eggs, use the white and throw away the yolk. And if you can't get to a gym, walk for half an hour each day." Nancy Hernandez, 23, listened closely. The school gym in suburban Silver Spring, Md., commiserated for a health fair one recent weekend, was crowded with Latino families getting blood-pressure checks and listening to informative chats about breast cancer. "I am really trying hard. I bake chicken instead of frying it now," said Hernandez, a Salvadoran American mother of three. "I wanted to lose weight, and I want my kids to be healthy. We used to go to McDonald's a lot, but now when they ask to go, I tell them Mommy is cooking at home tonight."

One irony of emigrating from poor rural life in Central America to poor urban and suburban life in an area such as Washington is that it does not necessarily make you any healthier — it just changes the ways in which you are unhealthy, according to health-care providers and immigrant families here and walking long distances, which make you burn too many calories, you vacuum floors and take buses, which



Edo Exhayul teaches an aerobic class geared toward Hispanics at La Clinica del Pueblo in Washington. Too often, Latino immigrants pick up America's bad health habits; now agencies are trying to educate them and offer alternatives to junk food and a lack of exercise.

make you tired and lazy. Instead of cooking rice and beans, which lack many vitamins, you stop off for pizza and fries, which have too much fat. Instead of catching tropical infections, you are at greater risk of developing diabetes and heart disease. You have acquired the habits of the promised land, and they are slowly killing you. Nationwide, the rates of obesity and diabetes among Latinos are soaring to record levels, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other groups. Latinos in the U.S. live longer than non-Hispanic whites but have higher disease rates. They are almost twice as likely to die from diabetes and have much higher rates of obesity and high blood pressure. "There are so many factors, and some of them are hard to change," said Maria Gomez, director of Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care in Washington. "Our families

have a lot of stress. They live in dangerous neighborhoods with no place to walk. Their kids get no exercise in school. They come here thinking everything in America must be good for them, whether it is fast food or infant formula. They don't realize the damage all this is doing." Today, several local agencies such as Mary's Center are reaching out to Latino immigrants with health fairs, free tests for diabetes and high blood pressure, prenatal and infant checkups, videotapes on healthy cooking and after-work exercise classes. Two sets of reasons — one stemming from rural poverty, culture and misinformation back home, the other from the temptations and pressures of American working-class life — tend to conspire against a healthy lifestyle for Latino immigrants. Throughout Central America and Mexico, it is widely believed that children should be chubby, and a common term of endearment for

children are kept indoors for safety reasons and supervised by older siblings and quieted

# Kicks and homework

## Enhance children's study time to keep them motivated and productive

By Terri Sapienza  
The Washington Post

When it comes to homework, Mary Beth McLaughlin leaves nothing to chance.

At about 5 p.m. every day, the time McLaughlin has established, her older children Aidan, 8, and Kate, 7, start their daily assignments. They work at the kitchen table in their Gaithersburg, Md., home where she can monitor and help them as she prepares dinner. A plastic container full of school supplies is kept close at hand.

"My kids are very good about sitting down and (then) saying they need something we may not have," says McLaughlin, a former elementary school teacher who also plays the part at home as needed. "So I fill the container with everything they could possibly need, so there's no excuse for them to get up. I ask them what they need, they tell me, and I say, 'Sit down, I got it.'"

Like many parents, McLaughlin is all too familiar with the hassle of home-

work. There are few things less fun than coaxing kids to concentrate on class work when they would rather be doing something, anything, else.

For McLaughlin, maintaining quiet is key. "I try and keep it as peaceful as possible, so they can get it done in the shortest amount of time. But for moms and dads who don't have a background in teaching, coming up with strategies to make homework less stressful is a tough assignment. And keeping kids motivated, productive and organized only gets more difficult as their time spent studying increases as they move from grade to grade. Parents can expect a child to have 10 minutes of homework per grade per night, according to some educators: A second-grade student should work about 20 minutes a night, a third-grader, 30 minutes, and on and on through 12th grade, when a high school senior can average two hours daily.

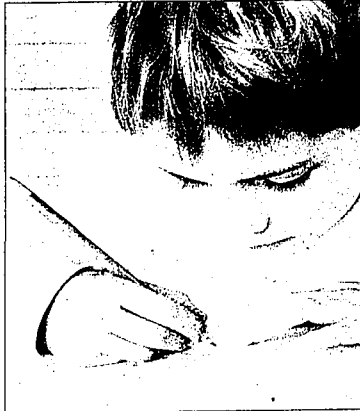
One way to encourage kids is establish a reward system. Having children do homework in "the same

place, the same time with the same routine is critical," says Kenna Armstrong, head of the Montessori division of the Barrie School in Silver Spring, Md., and mother of three. "Children thrive on routine."

Then set up a dedicated work space. Just as a bed designed for homework will promote sleeping, a place designed for homework will promote studying. Try stocking the space with a few cool tools, too, such as colorful pencils, fun folders or a playful computer mouse. The novelty might wear off after time, but sitting down to a cheerful space will set the tone.

Also, remember that learning styles differ for every person.

"Children do have preferences and do learn better in different types of environments," says Harris Cooper, a leading homework expert and professor of psychology at Duke University. His own dad did homework at a desk immediately following school, but his daughter spread her books out in front of the television and completed her work between phone and TV breaks. Both



did very well in school. As a result, they were allowed to choose when and where they did their homework as long as they kept their grades up.

needed and all other supplies nearby.

Other, more organizational items to consider as a child gets older include a filing system, a daily planner and a wall calendar. "Homework, permission slips and class handouts should be stored in a permanent filing system that's kept where the homework is done," says Morgenstern. "Each child should have their own separate files. It doesn't need to be a cabinet, it could be a drawer or a portable file box that sits on a shelf." Portable daily planners should be carried by older children to keep track of busy schedules, and wall calendars are useful in homes with younger students so parents can help plan for upcoming projects.

Because younger children typically need more observation and assistance, McLaughlin says she will probably be more flexible when her children get older and allow them to do their work elsewhere in the house. "As they develop their skills more, I might let them have more freedom, but I will still check over it when they're done."

When carving out a daily homework spot, "keep kids as connected to the family as they need to be or (as) separated as they need to be," says Julie Morgenstern, a professional organizer and author of "Organizing from the Inside Out." "The ideal place depends on household and child."

Once that place is established, keep it comfortable and organized. Basic study supplies include a computer (if needed), a comfortable (but not nap-inducing) chair that's scaled to fit the person who will be using it, a work surface large enough to spread out books and other materials, adequate lighting, a parent to provide help when

Less monitoring might sound risky to parents who shudder at the thought of their children spending time at their computers beyond supervised hours. But experts say allowing children to have choices and some degree of independence encourages responsibility and self-sufficiency.

"As time goes on, as long as the child is doing well, then it's best for the parents to withdraw from the process," says Cooper. If parents are over-involved, he says, they run the risk of teaching their children: If the going gets tough, Mom gets going.

"That's not the lesson we want kids to learn."

## CLASS-ACT WEB SITES

By Kathleen Hom  
The Washington Post

Whether you're a parent or a student, school can be doubly overwhelming. To help you prepare for a hectic schedule and piles of homework (and waking up at the crack of dawn), we scoured the Web for sites that can help alleviate the stress of hitting the books after a summer slumber. These sites also promote interaction with friends and family.

### ORGANIZE

**Scribe** ([www.Scribe.com](http://www.Scribe.com))  
Currently an invitation-only site in a testing stage, Scribe encompasses a souped-up to-do list, calendar and journal. Any file that users work on in Scribe can be transferred to common applications, such as Word and Excel, and users can share Scribe files with e-mail contacts or print out a copy and fold it into a handy pocket guide. Other organizing sites targeting families, though not as sophisticated, include [Cuz.com](http://Cuz.com) and [### Homework](http://Cling.com</a>, which offer family membership fees.</p>
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Parents and kids can sign up for this reminder service, which sends an instant message daily weekly or monthly and at specific times, reminding a child to practice the piano or to drive the soccer carpool. Users can specify how frequent the reminder should be and what it should say.

### Financial Calculators

[www.finkycalc.com](http://www.finkycalc.com)  
Control expenses by analyzing a home budget or finding out how much parents can save if kids pack a peanut butter sandwich rather than buy cafeteria fries. Visitors can play with a range of calculators,

including one that shows parents how much they need to set aside each month to afford a child's college tuition.

### STUDY

**Facebook applications**  
([www.facebook.com/applications](http://www.facebook.com/applications))

Students are glued to Facebook to keep current with their social lives. But they can keep track of their academic life by adding such applications as Courses 2.0 and CourseFeed. These applications encourage students to connect with classmates and share notes and books.

**RateMyProfessors.com**  
**RateMyTeachers.com**

High school and college students curious if chemistry will be a super-easy course next year or if they'll be stuck in the library mulling over words about a professor can visit these two sites for comments from fellow students about what to expect. Recently, some reviewed professors have responded, posting video rebuttals to such comments as "He talks way too fast" or "She tells lame jokes," explaining the rationale behind their teaching style.

**SchoolNotes.com**

Miss a day of class? If a teacher has created a page on [SchoolNotes.com](http://SchoolNotes.com), students (or their parents) can find out what they missed. Anyone can find a teacher's page by typing in a school's Zip code and scrolling through a list organized by teacher's name, school and subject. This site is geared toward students in elementary school through high school.

**CreateASkate.org**  
Middle and high school students enrolled in wood shop or art class can participate in [CreateASkate.org](http://CreateASkate.org), with the

approval of a teacher or school administrator. For \$15, a student is shown how to build a personalized skateboard and learn how science and mathematics factor into its construction.

**StudySchool.com**

If students need to brush up on their Japanese, American history or Web animation skills, they can visit this global directory of online and telephone tutors. Instructors list their credentials, schedules and rates per hour. Feedback is encouraged; visitors can see how many people a tutor has assisted, and past students can grade a tutor.

### SOCIAL

**Carnium.com**

A social networking site rooted in academics, Carnium brings together people who want to discuss such topics as U.S. social problems, the correlation between solubility and density, and music video dancers. The site includes a "Killer Bib Tool" that helps students with the bibliographies of their reports. Students type information into a form and a program automatically formats the data with punctuation consistent with MLA, Chicago Scientific or other traditional bibliography formats.

**Field.com**

Perhaps due to its partnership with Sports Illustrated, Tackle promotes itself as "the largest high school sports community" (though other online communities do exist, such as [highschoolplay.capitalnu.com](http://highschoolplay.capitalnu.com) and [prehighps.com](http://prehighps.com)). Anyone can create an account, but high school athletes are especially targeted. They can post their stats, videos of game highlights and photos, and interact with other players and fans.

## Worried because night lights won't turn off automatically

By Beth Whitehouse  
Newsday

Question: I recently purchased two night lights for my grandchildren that are supposed to have light sensors that turn them on and off. Unfortunately, they do not work correctly and are on 24 hours a day at my grandchildren's house. Each light has a protective covering that is always cool to the touch and covers the entire outlet. My grandchildren live in a house built in 1920. Can having the lights on at all times cause a dangerous situation, such as an electrical fire? My children think their mom has lost a screw, but I would like to be reassured.

Answer: The first question for you is: Do the night lights have a UL safety label from Underwriters Laboratories certifying that the product has been tested for fire safety?

If not, you should discontinue use immediately, said John Drenenberg, consumer affairs manager for Underwriters Laboratories, an independent safety organization that has been testing products for 114 years. "That's not just Drenenberg,

toning his organization's horn — Craig Zitek, president of the Fire Chiefs Council of Suffolk County on Long Island, N.Y., and chief of the Jamesport Fire Department, also urged you to make sure the night lights have UL approval.

The second question is: Did you check the instructions to see if there was a way to turn the light sensor on or off? With some such lights, the user must flip a switch to activate the light sensor, Drenenberg said.

If the product has a UL sticker and it is cool to the touch and if you are using it correctly — meaning that the product doesn't say "use only for one hour" and you have the correct voltage bulb, etc. — you most likely don't have anything to worry about, even if the night light stays on 24/7, said Drenenberg, who is also an electrical engineer and has been testing products for Underwriters Laboratories for 42 years. Underwriters Laboratories would have tested it for continuous use even though it has a sensor, he said.

Usually, the temperature stabilizes in a product like

that very quickly," Drenenberg said. "It's very hard to screw up a night light. It's not one of those things that's known to be a hazard. We review statistics a lot, and night lights are not high on the list of things that are causing problems."

Drenenberg would be concerned if the light fixture were flickering. That might indicate a loose connection or other problem that should be addressed.

But, Drenenberg said, why keep the product if it isn't working? He suggested returning it just because you didn't get your money's worth. You paid for a light-sensor night light that isn't working.

And, the malfunction might indicate other problems with the unit, Zitek added. "If it's not working the way it's supposed to, the best thing is to remove it from service and replace it," Zitek said.

At the least, to cut down on any risk, you could ask your children to unplug the night lights during the day when they aren't needed, Zitek said. That way they will be continuously overnight.

But why live with your nervousness? You might con-

sider replacing the night lights solely to extinguish your own lingering unease.

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# Seeing red:

## Mars lander explores Earth's nearest neighbor

By Valerie Strauss  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The news out of Mars lately has been so exciting that some scientists started talking about growing vegetables up there. Turns out that's not going to happen, but discoveries on the Red Planet are telling us much more than we have ever known about Earth's closest neighbor in the Milky Way galaxy.

Ever since NASA's Phoenix Mars lander set down in the northern polar region of the planet in late May, scientists have been learning a lot.

The lander's eight-foot robotic arm scoops up soil, which is then chemically analyzed with techniques being used for the first time.

Found in the northern polar region was water ice, said Derrick Pitts, chief astronomer at the Fels Planetarium at Philadelphia's Franklin Institute Science Museum.

That proves, he said, that at one time a great deal of water was on the surface of Mars. Liquid water is a necessary component for life as we know it.

Soil analysis also revealed that Martian dirt has some chemical elements and compounds found in Earth soil that might be beneficial in the growth of such vegetables as radishes and asparagus.

"But unfortunately," Pitts said, "that has been interpreted as meaning that Mars soil is able to grow vegetables. It is not able to grow vegetables."

That's because no organic

material (matter that comes from a recently living thing) has been found on Mars, and without that organic matter, nothing can grow.

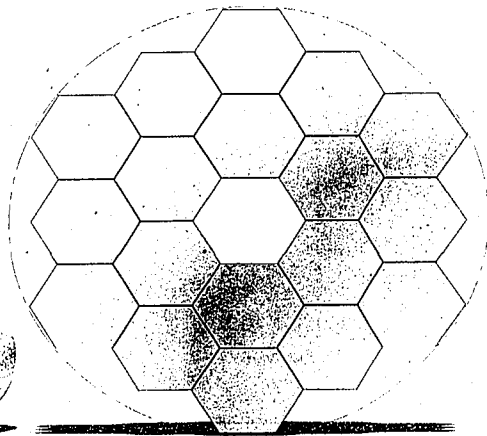
Besides, Mars is always being bombarded with deadly ultraviolet radiation that would destroy vegetables, even if they could grow.

Pitts said the lander sends back clear images daily, which are posted at [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov). Click on "Missions" at the top of the page and then "Phoenix on Mars."

"For the first time in history, any kid can go online and see the same thing the scientists are seeing in real time. Wow."



A space shuttle mission is scheduled to fly in October to update the Hubble Space Telescope, giving it as many as six more years to operate. But it is the last time Hubble will be fixed. In 2013, the much larger James Webb Space Telescope is scheduled to be launched. Photo shows difference in size of the Hubble, left, and JWST mirrors.



NASA Illustration

## More space news: Hubble update

By Valerie Strauss  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Mars isn't the only source of cool news about outer space.

NASA has announced that by the end of the year, the world's greatest telescope will be refitted to see deeper in space than ever before.

A space shuttle mission is scheduled to fly in October to the Hubble Space Telescope, which orbits about 350 miles above Earth.

Astronauts will fix and improve its equipment, giving the device as many as six more years to operate and allowing it to see farther into space.

Fixing the Hubble is a big deal to astronomers who recently feared that the government would abandon Hubble.

It is, however, the last time Hubble will be fixed. In 2013, the much larger James Webb Space Telescope is scheduled to be launched. It will be 2 million miles from Earth, giving it much more ability to explore the universe.

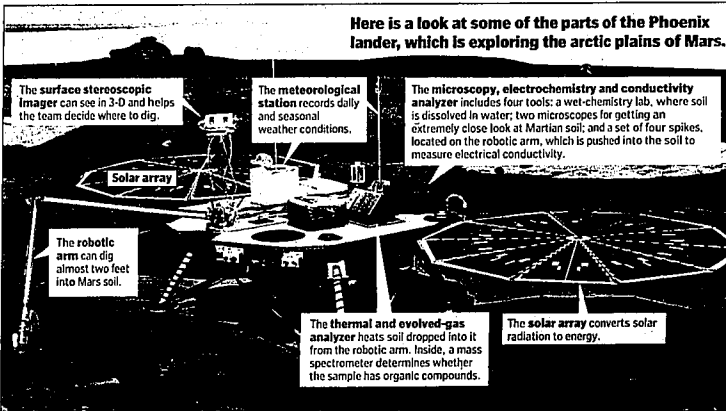
Hubble has provided astronomers with invaluable information about space, including how the universe evolved and the existence of hundreds — and probably many more — of planets orbiting stars.

The telescope sends back bits of data by capturing light images that are turned into electronic impulses. Experts put the bits together to make pictures of galaxies and other objects in space. They add colors they are sure would be visible if we could see them with our own eyes. (To see Hubble images, go to [hubble.nasa.gov](http://hubble.nasa.gov).)

Knowing there are other planets in the universe doesn't mean there is life in outer space. In fact, astronomer Derrick Pitts said, Earth might be the only planet with life.

"I know that a ridiculous statement for someone like me, an astronomer, to make," he said. "But last I checked, we hear it found anybody else. Sure, we can work the numbers, and probability says there are thousands of planets like ours. But that's not a probability says. Last I looked, there were no aliens around."

## Here is a look at some of the parts of the Phoenix lander, which is exploring the arctic plains of Mars.



The surface stereoscopic imager can see in 3-D and helps the team decide where to dig.

The meteorological station records daily and seasonal weather conditions.

The microscopy, electrochemistry and conductivity analyzer includes four tools: a wet-chemistry lab, where soil is dissolved in water; two microscopes for getting an extremely close look at Martian soil; and a set of four spikes, located on the robotic arm, which is pushed into the soil to measure electrical conductivity.

The robotic arm can dig almost two feet into Mars soil.

The thermal and evolved-gas analyzer heats soil dropped into it from the robotic arm. Inside, a mass spectrometer determines whether the sample has organic compounds.

The solar array converts solar radiation to energy.

# Pit crews play important role in NASCAR

By Bonnie Berkowitz  
The Washington Post

During a NASCAR race, cars fly around the track for hundreds of laps at nearly 200 mph. But some of the most important action takes place while the cars are standing still.

Each car makes as many as 12 pit stops during a race, and the average number is six to eight. Races can be won or lost depending on how fast a pit crew gets its driver back on the track.

A successful pit stop should take less than 13 seconds. During that time, pit crews usually change all four tires, fill the tank with gas and make minor adjustments to the car. Very late in a race, cars might stop for a short pit stop called a "splash 'n' Go," which means they

just get enough fuel to finish the race.

Pit crews train very much like football players. In fact, some of them used to play football. Michael Lepp, who trains pit crew members for Joe Gibbs Racing's three teams, tries to recruit former athletes.

Once an athlete decides to join a pit crew, it takes two to three years of training for him to be skilled enough to work a Sprint Cup race, NASCAR's highest level.

"In the past, it would be, 'Who wants to pit the car this weekend?'" said Lepp, who trains crews for drivers Tony Stewart, Kyle Busch and Denny Hamlin. "Now, they're becoming a critical part of how you win or lose the race."

That's because new NASCAR rules make the cars more similar to each other, so that huge teams with lots of money can't just buy faster cars than smaller teams. Speedy pit stops are one way to make a car finish faster.

In fact, near the end of a race near Phoenix on April 11, leaders Busch and Carl Edwards pitted at the same time. Busch's crew finished faster, and he won the race.

Like football players, pit crews watch film of their past performances to see what they did well and what they need to improve before the next race. They

## It's the pits

Here's what each member of a pit crew does.

**Gas-can man:** He carries cans of fuel to the car and fills the tank. *Physical requirements:* He must be strong. A full 12-gallon gas can weighs 85 to 90 pounds.

**Catch-can man:** NASCAR rules require someone to hold an empty can under a special overflow pipe attached to the car's gas tank, called a fuel cell, to collect gas that overflows. (Gas doesn't stop going in when the fuel cell is full like it does on our cars at the gas pump.) *Physical requirements:* Height is more important than strength. He needs long arms so he can reach around and make any needed adjustments on the car's frame while he's holding the catch can.

**Front-tire carrier and rear-tire carrier:** They each carry a tire to the car's right side, align its five holes to the studs on the axle, carry the old one back to the wall, then do the same thing again on the left side. *Physical requirements:* Tire carriers need strength — tires (mounted on rims) for most races weigh 75 pounds each — and hand-eye coordination to line up the holes quickly. Crew members also must be quick on their feet.

**Front-tire changer and rear-tire changer:** The tire changer carries an air gun that removes the five lug nuts from the old tire and tightens the lug nuts on the new tire. (Lug nuts are glued to the new rims so he doesn't have to carry any in his pocket.) The front-tire changer also pulls the old front tires off the car; but the jack man pulls the old rear tires off. *Physical requirements:* Hand-eye coordination is the most important quality. The fastest tire changers can remove all five lug nuts in less than a second and can secure the new ones in 1.1 to 1.2 seconds.

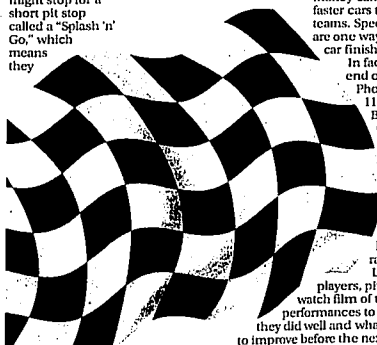
**Jack man:** He carries the roughly 40-pound jack, shows it under the side of the car and in one pump lifts the car high enough for the tires to be changed. He then runs to the other side and does the same thing. He also pulls the rear tires off the car. *Physical requirements:* The jack man is the strongest guy on the crew, usually weighing more than 200 pounds. He needs good hand-eye coordination, too, to make sure the jack is positioned under the stud on the side of the car.

train four days a week, 2 1/2 hours a day. Much of that time is spent outside practicing pit stops. They also lift weights, run and ride bikes so they'll be in peak shape.

Many pit crew members also have other jobs in the race shop. For example, Heath Cherry spends about half his time as a rear-tire carrier for

Hamilton's No. 11 FedEx car and about half working with the companies that sponsor race cars.

"Working a pit crew gives you that team atmosphere," said Cherry who played linebacker at Wofford College in South Carolina. "We learn how to work together and jell, just like a football team."





# GET OUT for a treat

## Cookie

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say I need the big cookie' because it's soft in the middle," she said. There are even people who come in and buy every cookie in stock — though Tempest recommends calling in a special order for those big requests.

Get there: 270 Northwood Way. This is north of Ketchum in the

Industrial district. The storefront downtown soon. Or call for orders, 726-2035.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Cost: \$2.25 per giant cookie. Other sweets vary from \$1 for a small cookie to \$31.49 for a whole cheesecake.

Don't miss: If the thought of a giant peanut

butter cookie makes you swoon into a diabetic coma (though it shouldn't — the cookies aren't too sweet), the cafe also offers an array of savory dishes from a meat-and-cheese sandwich to a free-range Asian chicken salad.

There's even PB&J or grilled cheese for a picky youngster.

— Ariel Hansen

## Chocolates in Twin Falls

Owned by the Frederickson family since it began in 1936, Frederickson's has traced its customers through the family's own lineage.

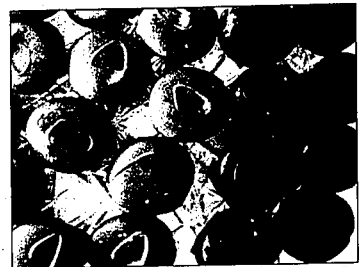
"We're in the third generation of making wedding mints and punch, for the third generation (of customers)," said Bonnie Frederickson, wife of the late owner.

Since 1952, it's been at the Hansen Street location, where machines in the basement turn out chocolates and caramels topped with perfect swirls.

The lineup in the glass cases hasn't changed much in the past 77 years, though marzipan chocolates were discontinued and chocolate-covered pretzels came on the scene recently. When Mr. Frederickson died four years ago, the taffy he pulled by hand disappeared with him.

There are a few seasonal products, like the truffles made around Christmas time, but the most popular chocolates continue to be the caramels and English toffee.

One flavor visitors might not be familiar with? Penuche. It's a brown sugar fudge with walnuts, covered in chocolate.



The chocolates at Frederickson's are a Twin Falls staple, even if they don't fit neatly into the food pyramid.

"Our grandmas and great-grandmas used to make that in big pans, that fudge," Frederickson said.

Though the chocolatiers get national and global business — usually by word of mouth from folks who have received care packages — locals are still discovering them.

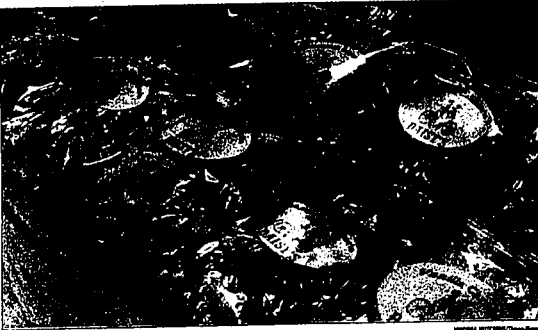
"Twin Falls is getting so big, we get some people who say, 'I didn't know you were here,'" she said.

Get there: 209 Hansen St. E., Twin Falls. Or call for orders, 733-7624.

Hours: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. During the holiday season, the store is open Saturdays.

Cost: Chocolate crèmes, available by the piece, cost \$10.70 a pound, while caramels are \$11.10 a pound. Other candies vary. Don't miss: The Victorian chocolates. Dark or light chocolate over vanilla fudge laced with walnuts, they're so decadent that you'll want a beverage to cut the sweetness.

— Ariel Hansen



Twin Falls-made Daisy's caramels come in eight flavors.

## Caramels in Twin Falls

Over the years, regular buyers of Daisy's caramels have tried — at least in jest — to blame their habit on something mysterious in the caramels.

"We've been accused of lacing them with some addictive drug," said Colleen Huber, who owns the Twin Falls confection shop with her husband, Mark.

None. It's just cream, sugars, butter and high-end flavorings in their caramels, the Hubers say. Not even preservatives.

And people expect Daisy's must make its caramels with

big machinery worthy of Willy Wonka, Colleen Huber said. In reality, it's just big pans on a gas stove, and lots of stirring labor — giving time for caramelization, the chemical reaction between sugar and dairy.

These are perfectly soft caramels: far from tooth-breaking sticky, yet not so soft that they disappear too quickly in your mouth.

Daisy's sells about 100 pounds of caramels a month, in vanilla, apple, cinnamon, huckleberry, licorice, marshmallow, cashew and pecan flavors.

You'll find real nuts, but no bits of real fruit.

Get there: 1886 Addison Ave. E., Information: 733-7171.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.  
Cost: Caramels cost \$3 for a 4-ounce bag or \$5 for 7 ounces. Vanilla, the most popular flavor, also comes in 1-pound bags for \$10.

Don't miss: Look for the gold labels to spot other treats made by the Hubers, especially divinity, brittles and chocolates.

— Virginia Hutchins

## Fudge

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provides traditional flavors, like chocolate walnut, along with exciting fudges like raspberry vanilla. Five or six flavors are featured at any given time, and they rotate.

so be sure to come back for more.

Get there: 515 Fifth St. in Rupert.  
Cost: \$1.99 per piece.  
Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday;

closed Sunday.  
Don't miss: The peanut butter chocolate fudge. The saltiness of the peanut butter combines perfectly with the chocolate's sweetness.

— Melissa Davlin

# First-job tips for parents and their tweens

By Sheila Norman-Culp  
Associated Press writer

MONTECLAIR, N.J. — It's a "tween" dilemma: Just as these precocious 'need for cool clothes, cell phones, iPods, laptops and other gear soars, gas prices, food costs and mortgage woes are sending Mom and Dad into apoplexy. What's a tween (or teen, for that matter) to do?

Find that first job, of course. And since job skills are made, not born, parents' help is crucial in laying the groundwork.

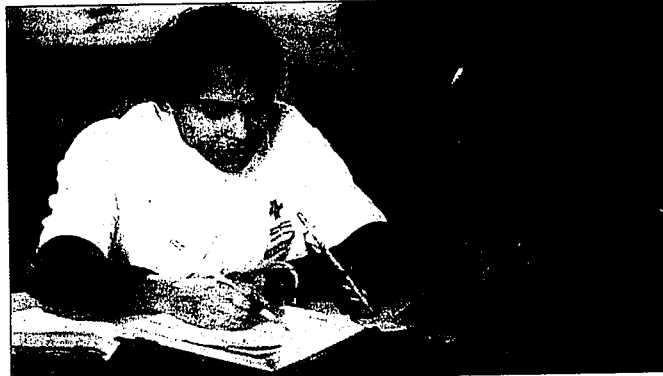
"A first job often sets the tone for a young person's perception of work, and presents a wonderful opportunity for parents to teach kids that work does not have to be drudgery," says Georgia Boothe, associate executive director of Government House New York, who helps at-risk teens find jobs.

"Instead, doing your best at something often feels good, and can bring personal and financial rewards."

Parents can start the at-home training by assigning chores and enforcing consequences if they are not done. While it may be easier to pick up clothes yourself than to teach a child to do it, teaching them how to complete an assignment is too important a concept to undermine.

Besides, the real world is going to be harsher than you are.

"Most young kids have chores, but once you have a job, there's a completely different dynamic," says Jeremy Schneider, a Montclair High senior who began working years ago at an ice cream shop. "The earlier you are introduced to a work environment where you actually have superiors and have to take orders from someone, regardless of how ridiculous they may be, the earlier you



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— Jeremy Schneider, a Montclair (N.J.) High senior

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Employers may have a lot of negative stereotypes about young people's work ethic. Boothe says, so first-timers must try extra hard to overcome that. Pet peeves include excessive texting or phone calls; being late, unreliable or unprepared; dressing inappropriately; faking illness; and not taking the job seriously.

Younger kids can be extremely enthusiastic about a job when it is new, but lose interest over time," she says.

"They also may not fully understand the responsibilities they'll have."

Parents can help by not tolerating lateness for school,

sports, church or other activities, and by being on time themselves. Since swearing, fooling around or wearing inappropriate clothing is never acceptable, those lessons need to begin early — even in elementary school.

Many tweens — a group roughly defined as 9-12 years old — don't know where to start looking for a job. Parents can help them jump-start the search by making a list of neighbors, friends, relatives or teachers who would recommend or hire them, and having them tell those people what jobs they are looking for.

Babysitting is the granddaddy of all tween jobs; the key is finding families who need intermittent help and

proving your child's utter reliability.

To exercise that "good judgment" muscle, parents should role play with their tween: What should he do if the power goes out or a dog bites a child? Whom should she call if she can't reach the parent? Go over a checklist of phone numbers for parents, neighbors, doctors and other contacts.

Other good tween jobs include taking care of pets — walking, sitting or bathing them — or helping elderly neighbors with light household chores.

Sometimes parents can help most by encouraging tweens to look ahead and develop the skills needed for

future jobs, before they hit the pressure cooker of high school. That means taking the YMCA baby-sitting class, the Red Cross First Aid class, the Junior Lifesaving class or the scuba certification class. Getting a state boating license or ATV driving safety certificate. Passing the first-level umpire or referee tests for baseball, soccer, football or other sports.

There's plenty of demand for seventh- and eighth-grade referees for youth soccer or Little League games — and refs get paid in cash. No town pool will hire a 13-year-old lifeguard — but if your child is a good swimmer, he or she could police a backyard pool during a birthday

party or baby-sit for families who live near the water.

Computer-savvy parents can help their teens find work on the Internet. Stephan Spencer of Madison, Wis., founder of the Web agency Netconcepts, helped his 15-year-old daughter, Chloe, turn her obsession with Neopets — virtual pets — into a blog that rakes in hundreds of dollars a month with Google ads, he said.

For tweens and teens who want to be outdoors, there's no end to the amount of work needed on suburban lawns or rural farms. The trick is connecting with farms that have seasonal demands or with homeowners who need help.

Also, manual labor can be dangerous, from malfunctioning machinery to dehydration or sunburn, so parents must impress on kids the importance of safety. Last year alone, the Consumer Product Safety Commission says, 16,200 children needed medical treatment after using a lawnmower.

Federal labor laws generally allow anyone 14 or older to work on a farm, and 12-year-olds are permitted to do some farm work with parental consent. State laws vary in specifics: In Illinois, the minimum age for farm workers is 10 — also the minimum age for coffee harvesters in Hawaii. Oregon allows 9-year-olds to pick berries or beans with parental permission. Utah has no minimum age for farm workers, as long as a parent consents.

State and federal labor laws for teens spell out how long they can work, what type of machinery they can operate, what crops they can pick. For more information, see <http://www.youthrules.dol.gov/states.htm> and <http://www.dol.gov/oa/programs/whd/state/agrlm2.htm>.

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## EDITORIAL

What's wrong  
with state  
government?  
Nobody's saying

pretend you're a state employee who sees something seriously wrong on the job: embezzlement, malfeasance, fraud, waste of the taxpayers' money. What would you do?

A few months ago, you might have told your boss, or if he or she wouldn't listen, you might have filed a whistleblower report, which gives the person complaining some protection under state law.

But not any more. Former Magic

Valley regional Fish and Game supervisor Dave Parrish was demoted for writing a letter to the editor of the *Times-News*. Then Idaho Tax Commission auditor Stan Howland's complaints about favorable treatment of out-of-state corporations were dismissed by a series of investigators who had clear conflicts of interest.

So from the Department of Administration through the Water Resources Department, you can hear a pin drop across state government these days.

The message is unknown but crystal clear: Like your job? Better keep your mouth shut.

That's infuriating, all the more so because it's happening on the watch of Gov. Butch Otter, who's a stand-up guy if any Idaho governor ever has been.

Any citizen can walk up to Otter on the street and the governor will listen. So why is speak-no-evil the rule in the government he runs?

Other himself is partly to blame, for demanding that state agencies clear their conversations with the media in advance with his office. In effect, that created an official government "line."

If nearly 250 years of representative democracy has demonstrated anything, it's that scripted government doesn't work. When government employees feel they can't complain, they don't do their jobs properly.

And let's be clear about who those 20,000 folks work for: Not the governor. Not the Legislature. Not the bureaucrats who run state agencies. They work for you.

As a taxpayer, do you really want state workers afraid to speak up when something's amiss with your tax dollars?

Only Otter can clear the air. He should make it abundantly clear that no one will be sanctioned for speaking the truth, and he should tell it to state employees personally.

As for those who dared complain, Parrish is working a new Fish and Game job in Boise and Howland is near retirement and protected by the whistleblower law and the attention of the state's media.

We'll be watching to see if there's any retaliation against the other tax commission auditors who backed Howland — Paul Chugg, Terry Harvey, Steve Fields, Steve McCollum and Joanne Quinno.

But isn't it too bad we're having a conversation about freedom of speech by state employees? Doesn't Idaho have more pressing issues?

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Twilight of the factory farm?  
Health issues may mean CAFOs on the way out

By Paul Roberts

If you are searching for signs that today's high food prices won't last, the latest report on the meat industry isn't promising. In May, a distinguished panel of scientists and meat industry officials concluded that the current "factory farm" method for mass-producing meat poses so many threats to public health — contaminated water supplies and deadly epidemics of *E. coli*, for example — that the entire system needs to go. The good news: Even meat companies agree that change is unavoidable. The bad news: Replacing factory farms with something "sustainable" probably means an end to 50 years of falling meat prices.

The report, from a Pew Charitable Trusts commission, takes a hard look at "confined animal feeding operations," or CAFOs, which produce most of the U.S. meat supply. These massive facilities house tens of thousands of cattle, hogs and chickens and generate not just huge amounts of manure but rivers of sewage, clouds of contaminated dust and nearly one-fifth of all greenhouse gases.

The crowded, often unsanitary conditions promote disease, which has led to the overuse of antibiotics and to a class of superbugs that are resistant to those same antibiotics. Even the modern corn-based livestock diet causes problems. It makes meat fattier and might have helped some strains of the *E. coli* bacteria evolve from a benign microbe to one of the deadliest pathogens in the food supply. And, of course, to grow all the grain we now feed our livestock, we've converted much of the Midwest into a huge corn and soybean plantation.

The only solution, the report concludes, is to replace the giant factory farms with models such as "free-range" operations that give animals more space and use different methods of feed, feed, sewage disposal and medical treatment. And that's where things get tricky, because most of the practices the industry is being asked to abandon have been pivotal in making meat cheap.

For example, grazing

... don't expect to end CAFOs and keep super-cheap meat ... we won't be able to produce nearly as much meat as we used to, and a smaller meat supply means higher prices.



A feedlot in Owyhee County.

cattle on pasture grass probably would mean less disease and leaner meat, not to mention happier cows. But because the mega-farms confine livestock specifically to restrict animals from moving (and thus burning calories unnecessarily), and because corn is more calorie-dense than grass, CAFO-raised animals fatten faster and thus more cheaply.

Likewise, reducing antibiotics in meat production, although it might improve our health, will deprive the industry of the meat equivalent of Miracle Gro.

Because small, steady doses of antibiotics kill the low-grade infections that normally plague livestock, fatted animals fighting infection and thus have more calories available for building muscle and bone. When fed antibiotics, livestock can grow 25 percent faster on the same intake of feed — a critical point, given that feed is a meat companies' biggest cost.

Of course, we're well known that our meat miracle wasn't quite a free lunch. Yet we were willing to overlook the negatives because CAFOs made meat so abundant and cheap. Since 1960, for example, U.S. poultry output has

## Cattle numbers in south-central Idaho

County	Total	Beef cattle	Dairy cattle
Blaine	17,500	10,500	—
(2007)	(18,200)	(11,400)	—
Camas	3,000	1,500	—
(2007)	(2,500)	(1,100)	—
Cassia	220,000	28,900	62,400
(2007)	(227,500)	(30,000)	(55,000)
Gooding	271,000	13,200	140,000
(2007)	(281,000)	(13,800)	(140,000)
Jerome	191,000	5,500	72,000
(2007)	(179,500)	(8,400)	(70,500)
Lincoln	47,500	6,800	27,600
(2007)	(48,000)	(8,100)	(23,500)
Minidoka	45,000	4,500	11,600
(2007)	(42,800)	(6,200)	(10,500)
Twin Falls	170,500	25,000	69,000
(2007)	(167,500)	(26,500)	(64,500)
Total	965,000	100,000	382,900
(2007)	(947,000)	(105,500)	(384,000)

— Source: USDA

jumped sevenfold while the price per pound, adjusted for inflation, has fallen by two-thirds. Prices for beef and pork also have fallen precipitously. And as we exported CAFOs to other countries, the entire world began to benefit from falling meat prices and rising dietary standards.

But as the downsides of factory farming have grown too large to ignore, we've had to admit that our meat is cheap only because we don't count all the costs:

Taxpayers spend \$4.1 billion cleaning up livestock sewage leaks and \$2.5 billion treating salmonella. All told, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists, CAFOs might be costing taxpayers \$38 billion a year — costs that aren't reflected in the retail price of meat.

If cheap meat is an illusion, will meat produced under better conditions necessarily be more expensive? Probably, even figuring in the savings in environ-

mental and public health costs.

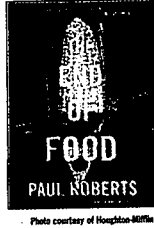


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mental and public health costs. Today, ground beef from grass-fed cattle — which would meet the goals in the Pew report — sells for about a \$1 a pound more than hamburger from a CAFO cow, while grass-fed beefsteaks are \$7 more. Poultry and pork raised "sustainably" are also more expensive than their factory-farmed counterparts.

Some say that price difference will narrow in the future as meat producers refine a post-CAFO production model: even now, a small hog farm, if efficiently managed, can boast lower per-pig costs than the average mega-farm 10 times its size.

The Pew commission argues that if taxpayers are willing to support small and medium producers with incentives such as accelerated tax depreciation and tax credits, the cost to consumers might be further reduced.

But don't expect to end CAFOs and keep super-cheap meat. Sustainably fed animals take longer to reach slaughter weight, thus reducing a farmer's annual output.

Likewise, shifting from confined operations to a "free-range" model will require more land, at a time when farm acres are already in short supply. All of which means we won't be able to produce nearly as much meat as we used to, and a smaller meat supply means higher per-pig costs.

Paying more isn't what consumers want to hear just now. But when it comes to food, we're beginning to learn that cheap isn't what always be better.

Paul Roberts' newest book, "The End of Food," was published in June. He writes in his commentary for *The Washington Post*.

## So long to a young reporter who made a difference

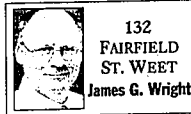
By the time you read this, Cassidy Friedman will be on his way to France.

Friedman came to the *Times-News* in March 2006 and quickly established himself on the police and court beat.

You'll note that I said "himself." Most of the people calling here assume Cass is a woman. Last summer he distinguished himself in covering the Castle Rock Fire near Ketchum, and in his months here he has had the honor of writing almost every story about a serviceman or woman killed or injured in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Though a young reporter, he wasn't afraid to take on controversial stories and to file and publish officials' feet to the fire, when warranted. Chronicling the love lives and travels of many Gooding County Jail inmates became almost a part-time beat for him.

He has just one big handicap:

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James G. Wright

He's 28, single and in Twin Falls. Like many young professionals, he's found that he can have a good career here, but his social options are limited.

While knowing he'll miss Twin Falls, he says he needs to go look for brighter lights in a bigger city.

All he knows now is that he's off to join his family for a three-week vacation in the south of France, and then will start forging his resume in bigger media markets.

You'll see Cassidy's byline a few more times in the weeks ahead. For the past month he's been on special assignment,

and is leaving a legacy to be published in a month or so. We all wish Cassidy the best of luck. Especially if some local law enforcement officials realize they can make just one call to the Department of Homeland Security and add his name to the terrorist watch list.

Last week we added a new voice to our lineup of editorial columnists — Michelle Malkin, an author, blogger and once-a-week syndicated columnist.

Malkin is a regular on Fox News opinion shows and was at one time a guest host for Bill O'Reilly — pretty impeccable conservative credentials.

I've always liked Malkin's column, even though I might disagree with some of her conclusions. She's provocative and often controversial. That's good in a columnist.

But what I like most about Malkin is that she thinks about the subjects, does original research and presents her conclusions with supporting material. That sets her apart from the nattering nabobs who simply spout the latest party talking points or who mistake an insulting epithet for informed political discourse.

To be certain, Malkin regrettably has Ann Coulter, whose column we dropped some months ago. Both are conservative and female, but that's about where the comparison ends. When Coulter was so often shrill and appeared most interested in self-aggrandizement, Malkin is thoughtful and makes the issues — not herself — the center of attention. I might disagree, but I hope you'll like her.

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# What I saw at Denver's discombobulation

**D**ENVER — Never was so much hype created by so few as since the appearance of so many. The hard-core left vowed to turn out 50,000 protesters for the Democratic National Convention this week. They pledged to "Re-create '68" — an anticaste kind of tear-gas-infused revolutionary havoc that marked the DNC in Chicago four decades ago. Police prepared for the worst riots. Media from around the world anticipated the best pictures.



MICHELLE MALKIN

to re-create Abbie Hoffman's satirical stunt aimed at levitating the Pentagon, a dozen Re-create '68 stragglers

dressed up like the cast of "Harry Potter," wielded magic wands and joined hands to float the Denver Mint. The Mint stayed firmly on the

The chaos-inducers' mouths were a mile wide. Their crowds have been an inch deep. What's left of the leftover '60s movement is all sizzle and no steak. Or veggie burger. Deep-fried tofu. Whatever.

ground. To salvage the abysmal turnout, an uninvited contingent of 9/11 conspiracy theorists started barking at me. One buffoon

shouted, "Kill Michelle Malkin," while the levitation experts chanted, "Peace and Justice" and a wizard paraded around in his "Arrest Bush"

T-shirt with Che Guevara protesters tossing fake quarters in the air. To paraphrase a favorite left-wing bumper sticker slogan, discombobulation is the highest form of patriotism. Blame bankrupt ideology, not the altitude.

Columnist Michelle Malkin can be reached at [malkinblog@gmail.com](mailto:malkinblog@gmail.com).

But when rhetorical push came to real-life shove, the nostalgic, Marx-adoring organizers of Re-create '68 seem to have mustered no more than, oh, 68 bodies.

Their presence here is dwarfed by the massive show of police, press and cameratoing looky-loos. You can't take a picture without someone else taking pictures of everyone else taking pictures of not much else getting in your frame.

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At an abortion protest counter-protest on Saturday in front of a Planned Parenthood mega-facility, I counted fewer than a dozen pro-abortion activists milling about with three times as many media members. The majority of demonstrators were more exercised about the war in Iraq than about the wanted woman's right to choose death for her unborn child — the stated focus of the demonstration.

And while Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean excoriates the Republican Party as the "white" party, I saw only one non-white agitator among the pro-abortion gaggle. (This goes for the rest of the Re-create '68 parade, too. It's safe and colorless as a Colorado snowfall.) Across the street from the Planned Parenthood event, however, were many incensed black-skinned mothers — incensed that an abortion mill had been built right across from the park where their children practice football and swing on the playground set.

One of the moms said bluntly: "I don't want an abortion clinic in my neighborhood." A Hispanic mother added: "It's against the Catholic Church." (Are you listening, Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi?) When asked about her views on abortion, a black mother of three told me simply from her mirth: "I don't believe in it."

Speaking of disbelief, behold the drags of the self-plying anti-war movement. The white-flag crowd had so much trouble getting coverage of its worn-out, glauz puppet-toing, drum-beating, ratty fingerie-flashing, Bush-cursing antics last Sunday that a sympathizer at the Associated Press devoted an entire sob story to the apathy.

"CadePink faces tough odds for public's attention," the AP's Christine Simmons mourned. Perhaps if more than 10 of them showed up at one time to do something other than scream about Bush filter or how about detained Gimo jihadists, they'd have better luck.

At Denver's City Center on Monday night, law enforcement authorities arrested about 100 aimless grievance-mongers — self-described as "anti-capitalist, anti-fascist, anti-war" — who finally fixed on something concrete to protest when their friends were arrested for refusing to disperse. "My freedom of speech was suppressed," one protester complained as she spoke freely to the media and acknowledged that she hadn't been arrested or asked to show identification.

In the melee, a few responsible adults were accidentally hit with pepper spray. Otherwise, Denver blogger Charlie Martin, who was covering the scene for Pejamas Media, quipped: "It was the world's most boring riot." Finally, in a sorry attempt

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OTHER VIEWS

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

.... Idaho's Democrats



Post Register, Idaho Falls

Jeers to the Idaho Democratic Party. It's left more than a third of the legislative seats unchallenged at the polls. What good is any political party if it can't give voters a choice?

Sure it's an old story. Democrats are out-gunned by the Idaho GOP's superior organization, money and even the cultural bias of the state's conservative voters. Nowhere is that more evident than here in eastern Idaho, where two-thirds of the region's 18 legislative seats have no Democratic candidate.

But this is also the region where people jammed into the Democratic presidential caucuses at Madison Middle School in Rexburg and the Sam Bennion Building at University Place in Idaho Falls. It's the region that once sent Democrats such as Mel Hammond to Boise, and where Bonneville County elected its first Democratic lawmaker, Rep. Jerry Shively, since 1979.

Leaving 39 Republicans unchallenged also unduly magnifies the GOP's legislative political clout.

In 2006, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brady, who is president of the Post Co., captured 44 percent of the statewide vote. But Democrats won only 25 percent of the Legislature.

.... embezzling trust

Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.

Fraud is a three-legged stool, says Bill Simer, a Spokane accounting professional who serves on many community boards. Understanding all three components will help people better understand why nonprofits are so vulnerable to embezzlement. The latest victim: (Spokane's) Mid-City Concerns' Meals on Wheels.

First leg: Opportunity. If money is easily accessible,

and if there isn't much financial oversight, the average employee might think, "I can get my hand in the cookie jar and no one will notice," Simer said.

Second leg: Justification. Employees who work at nonprofits toil long hours with traditionally low pay. So an embezzling employee can justify that "I'm working real hard, and they don't pay me enough."

Third leg: Need. Students in ethics classes often grapple with this dilemma. Would you steal food if your family were in danger of starving? Most say yes. Those who embezzle from nonprofits, when finally caught, can usually articulate a need that prompted them to steal. Some cite the need for mortgage money. Others might explain they needed a boat like the one owned by the neighbors.

Nonprofits can best protect themselves by kicking out just one leg of the stool: Opportunity. The more eyes on the books, the easier it is to spot the hands reaching into that cookie jar.

So nonprofits should ask onto their boards some people with financial expertise. Not just the usual suspects, such as accountants and bankers, but also small business owners who have experience balancing their own books.

Requiring board members to sign checks, as well as requiring them to review and credit card statements, will also limit opportunity.

The good news about fraud: It almost always ends. Embezzlers often start out stealing small amounts. They don't get caught so they grow cocky. They steal larger amounts and finally someone notices. Or the people who suspect or even collude within the organization finally tell on the embezzlers. Either they have a falling out and wish revenge, or their conscience kicks in.

The Mid-City Concerns' Meals on Wheels embezzlement case should put on alert all Inland Northwest nonprofits. Check out your books and your safeguards. When money is stolen from a nonprofit, the loss isn't just financial. Embezzlers steal away people's trust in the organization — and its ability to do good work in the community.

... Boise's fire tragedy

Idaho Statesman Boise

There will be days to analyze fire response and discuss disaster preparedness. To talk about next steps, lessons learned and best practices.

But more than anything else, today is a day to express



In this photo provided by Marina Svahn, homes burn as a wildfire sweeps through a Boise neighborhood Monday. A wildfire that started in a field of sagebrush and cheatgrass spread quickly up a ridge and burned 19 homes in Boise neighborhood Monday night.

sorrow, to grieve. Nothing else feels quite appropriate; everything else just feels premature.

Sorrow feels a little bit inadequate, of course, under the circumstances. One woman died in the fast-moving and wind-propelled grass fire that raced into a Southeast Boise neighborhood Monday evening. Ten homes were destroyed, and nine others damaged.

Our thoughts go out to these families. It's hard to imagine the depths of their losses — or the sense of fear that followed the flames into this subdivision Monday evening. About 50 homes were evacuated, as residents fled the kind of raging blaze that, in theory, struck an unlikely target.

As Idahoans, we have grown conditioned to the vagaries and the destructive force of wildfire. We have seen fires scar through evergreen forests to threaten Idaho mountain hamlets. We have witnessed the risk of fire in the Foothills — as illustrated by the 1996 Eight Street Fire, another blaze pushed by hot August winds into our local collective consciousness.

But on Monday night, we saw with shocking clarity that no one lives in a fire-proof neighborhood — not on the outskirts of open acreage that is so much a part of the Treasure Valley's

landscape. This fire started at an Idaho Power electrical pole, jumping swiftly from grassy desert to urban subdivision, then from house to house.

Without a doubt, Monday's events have many of us thinking more about fire prevention, which is only natural. The principles of firewise home ownership — clearing out underbrush, building with fire-resistant roofing materials and storing firewood and combustible items away from a home's exterior walls — make sense, whether you live on the edge of evergreen forest or on the fringe of sagebrush desert.

Thinking about how to protect ourselves from the next fire is prudent human nature.

Remembering the victims of Monday's fires is the stuff of basic human empathy. Today calls for empathy.

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# Gas price-fixing merits a closer look in Idaho

On July 29, we were contacted by a constituent who was concerned about the price of gasoline. This constituent's complaints took on a more specific nature when he pointed out that gas prices in Boise were substantially less than in Pocatello. We undertook some research and found that, yes, in the few days preceding, gas in Boise was up to 13 cents cheaper per gallon than in Pocatello.

We turned to the Idaho attorney general's report on the major fuel prices published in June. It pointed out that differences in the pipeline and storage costs of the gasoline supply between the Pocatello and Boise markets are less than 1 cent and Boise's cost is higher. Unfortunately the report did not address any potential disparity between prices in various parts of the state or between Idaho and other states.

On July 30, we submitted a memo request for inquiry to the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division as to the wide price differential between gas in Boise and other parts of the state and between Idaho and other states. A few days later, the attorney general's office sent a reply declining to investigate because they have no investigative authority when there is no reason to believe the law has been violated. To quote the reply, "With respect to geographic price differentials,



**READER COMMENT**  
Sen. Diane Bilyeu and Rep. James Ruchti

the fact that prices at present are higher in Pocatello than Boise is not evidence of unlawful action in the Pocatello market. The higher price in Pocatello can be attributable to the operation of the gasoline retail market in Pocatello and nothing more."

Personally, we do not believe anything illegal is occurring in our community. However, we are not ready to simply chalk up the differentials between Bannock County and other places as consequences of the market. Something more may be at work and given the history of gas prices in Pocatello, we still believe further investigation is warranted. In the 1980s, then-Attorney General Jim Jones launched an investigation into gasoline prices and uncovered evidence of price fixing in Pocatello.

Prior to the scandal breaking, people would complain about the price of fuel and note that it was out of sync with other states and other

places in Idaho but were always told they were looking for a conspiracy where none existed and that it was simply the market setting the price. It turned out those who saw conspiracy were actually right. Now our constituents are raising their concerns again and are being told — again — it is market forces and nothing more.

The Idaho attorney general should not dismiss claims of market manipulation out of hand.

After discussing the matter with the attorney general's office, one thing is certain — we are all committed to improving the tools available for identifying whether price-fixing or other illegal activity is behind the disparity in the price of gasoline in Idaho. This may include programs similar to ones used by the Department of Justice to ferret out criminal activity. We would hope the Idaho attorney general could join forces with other states and regulatory agencies to find an answer to this question that affects all our pocket-books.

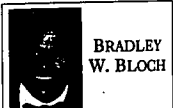
Sen. Diane Bilyeu and Rep. James Ruchti, both Democrats from Pocatello, have represented Bannock and Bingham counties in the Idaho Legislature since 2007.

# The future of working — and networking

Networks are the channels through which our social capital flows, who influences us and whom we influence, when resources we can call on in advancing a cause or weathering a crisis. Those who master the power of networks reap other benefits: the ability to draw on new ideas when trying to solve a problem, the authority to broker a compromise between warring parties, a reputation for trustworthiness.

Social scientists are refining our understanding of the pervasive role networks play. They have found, for example, that corporate boards whose members are highly connected to the members of other boards award their chief executives higher compensation, suggesting a path through which rising salary norms get passed from group to group. Mutual fund portfolio managers seem to invest more heavily in companies with a top officer who attended the same college or graduate school as them.

Most of us have our own networks of friends, classmates and colleagues that we vigorously tap when looking for a new job or trying to get our children into selective schools. Even so, we never fail to be surprised, if not shocked, when other people's invisible connections turn out to play an important role in explaining events. We rarely think to look at the world through a network lens



**BRADLEY W. BLOCH**

except when we want something or when things don't go as we expect.

Indeed, a remarkable number of our after-the-fact analytical activities, from investigative reporting to seeking about being passed over for a promotion, ultimately are attempts to piece together other people's networks, even if we don't always recognize them as such. We would be better off if we assumed from the start that networks and connections play an ongoing role in shaping people's priorities and behaviors, including our own.

For instance, the election of the new president will set off a frenzy of string-pulling, chit-chatting and reconnecting of people who haven't seen each other since law school, as those hoping for a spot in the administration plumb their networks to see if they overlap in any way with the new president's inner, and not-so-inner, circles. For some, the path will be straightforward: many others will find themselves relying on their cousin's tennis partner to get their resume into the right hands.

As wags after wags of more than 3,000 appointments are

made, we the people will see only the end results and little of the networks that led to those results — until there is a catastrophic failure. Which is what happened with Michael Brown, the Federal Emergency Management Agency director during the Hurricane Katrina catastrophe. Brown had no discernible emergency-management experience but was brought into the agency by an old friend.

Eventually, a new generation of data-sifting technologies and social-science insights will move from the lab to our laptops, and we will be able to easily uncover the connections of those around us and understand their implications. We'll also be able, in a systematic and rigorous way, to evaluate our leaders based on the quality of their networks.

This powerful transparency will bring with it the need for a new national dialogue about how society's opportunities and resources are distributed and fairness is determined. Networks play a vital role in putting the right people in the right places, but they also raise barriers to equally talented people who lack a way of getting the right person's attention. Although we think of ourselves as rational and meritocratic, the role of social networks in our behavior and decision-making reminds us that we are still in many respects tribal beings, even in the halls of power.

# Let's bring back the late, great factory

Just as the ghost dance of the Sioux failed to bring back the buffalo, so the dollar and the high price of gas have failed to bring back American manufacturing. To be sure, with the dollar down, exports are up, and with the price of ship goods from Shenzhen to Los Angeles rising with the cost of oil, Chinese imports have slowed. Nonetheless, most of the rise in U.S. exports has come in corn, wheat and other agricultural commodities, not in aircraft or machinery.

Will America ever get its manufacturing back? Not unless we move to level a steeply tilted playing field: China and a host of other nations offer generous subsidies to companies locating their plants there, while the United States shuns such mercantilist strategies. But even if we moved toward mercantilism, we'd still have to confront the global economic order of the past quarter-century. American banks and corporations have already made immense capital investments, bringing their technology and expertise to nations with far cheaper workforces. There's no evidence that they've hedged their bets with contingency plans to reinvest in China two years ago. Bradford DeLong, a Berkeley economist who had served in the Clinton Treasury Department, expressed concern that American manufacturing had a tipping point after which, if it were cut back far enough, it might not be capable of again becoming an export engine and national prosperity. It's looking now as if he was right.

The loss of several million manufacturing jobs during the Bush presidency coincides with the first economic recovery in American history in which the average family's income actually declined.

As it happens, the Americans most affected by these changes are the Americans most able to sway the outcome of the presidential election: the beleaguered workers of our one-time industrial heartland. Barack Obama can claim the allegiance of the



**HAROLD MEYERSON**

black workers so affected, but it's the white workers clustered in these swing states who will determine our presidential winner.

When you compare Obama's economic positions to those of John McCain, this should be no contest. McCain has supported every offshoring, free-trade accord, past or pending, that has decimated the Midwest; Obama has expressed skepticism that such accords serve the interest of ordinary Americans. Obama further supports making it easier for workers to join unions, giving tax credits to companies that create jobs statewide and enacting a "green jobs" public investment strategy that, if large enough and explicitly committed to domestic production, could help revive the Rust Belt.

But positions are one thing and narratives something else. If Obama cannot tell this story of workers deprived of economic opportunity and security through no fault of their own, he probably cannot win the election. Obama needs to extend the Democratic historic concern for fairness beyond racial minorities, women and gays to an abandoned working class. His proposal to offer tax credits to employers that create jobs in the United States is a step in the right direction, and it's even better that he spoke of it this week to a group of southern Virginia workers who'd lost their jobs in plant closings. It's their story he needs to tell and their concerns he has to address — not just to win the White House, but should he win, to rebuild a nation in which broadly shared prosperity is fast becoming a distant memory.

Harold Meyerson is editor-at-large of *American Prospect* and the *L.A. Weekly*. He wrote this commentary for the *Los Angeles Times*.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rupert thanks community for support on July 4

The Rupert Fourth of July Celebration Committee would like to thank the community for your participation in our 2008 celebration activities. This year was certainly a memorable celebration, as we not only celebrated our country's 232nd year of independence but also our own 62nd annual Fourth of July celebration.

It is always rewarding for our committee to see so many people taking part in the Christmas in July breakfast, enjoying our evenings of free entertainment in the park and the spectacular fireworks display, as well as the PBR Enterprise Bull Riding event. Also a special thank you to all who helped us celebrate the day of the Fourth by participating in our famous annual parade. Your enthusiasm and support are the spirit that fuels the celebration and motivates the committee to try and make each year better than the last.

Our committee would especially like to thank all of the employees from the city of Rupert, the Police Department, Fire Department and the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department who went beyond the call of duty to make the celebration possible. A special thank you to Syringa Wireless, Project Mutual Telephones, King's Foundation, KAT Country Radio and all of the other corporate sponsors and advertisers who generously contribute their financial support. These funds enable us to provide most of the activities free of charge to the community. We ask that you take time to thank them personally and support them with your business.

As we look forward to next year's events, we would like to encourage everyone to become a supporter for our Fourth of July celebration. If you have comments on this year's celebration or ideas for next year, please don't hesitate to visit with us. Also, please consider making a contribution to the Rupert Fourth of July Committee and help us make sure that next year's events are bigger and better than ever. See you all next Fourth of July in Rupert!  
ALAN JOHNSON  
Burley

*(Editor's note: Alan Johnson submitted this letter on behalf of the Rupert Fourth of July Committee.)*

Editorial sentence could have used some editing

The editorial about Rupert was quite informative, but what particularly caught my eye was the lead sentence that said, in part, "Rupert has eight times as few people as Twin Falls..." Hmm. Let's see, Twin Falls has about 40,000 population; eight times 30,000 — where is that calculator? — ah here it is — no that's the cell phone — wait, I have it — whups, that's the TV control —

Got it! (It was between the seat cushions.) So eight times 40,000 is 320,000, which means that Rupert has 320,000 people fewer than Twin. Wow.

Sure, I know. People say (and reporters write) that

the weather was twice as cold. Or even (if you can believe it) "he was driving twice as slow!" But here's for more of saying what we mean. Let's say the weather was half as hot, or better yet, the temperature was half as high.

What? You say the temperature was twice as cold? Ouch.

HARALD GERBER  
Twin Falls

Arsenic isn't another word for dangerous

A Times-News item (Aug. 21) reported on dangers of diabetes caused by tiny amounts of arsenic in ground water. The article cited does not say arsenic causes diabetes; rather it states that studies are needed to determine if there is a causal link between arsenic and diabetes. My comments build relate to the leading sentence: "It's already well known that high levels of arsenic can cause a range of ailments, including cancer."

The Environmental Protection Agency used a Taiwan study where higher cancer rates were associated with massive dosages of arsenic to justify removal of tiny amounts of arsenic from our water. Many epidemiologists have questioned the validity of that methodology, and there is no evidence that tiny doses of groundwater arsenic has ever caused cancer. I challenge you to go to Google (click the "more" menu tab and then select "scholar" to limit the search to scholarly articles) and type in "arsenic + cancer" and read those articles. The Food and Drug Administration has approved arsenic trioxide for treatment of leukemia, and the pharmaceutical industry has obtained a patent on arsenic for medical use. Recently, arsenic compounds have been shown to have positive results in the treatment of prostate, colon, breast and pancreas.

A poison is a poison, even in trace amounts! Oh yeah! How about boron, chloride, copper, chromium, fluoride, iodine, lutelin, lycopen, magnesium, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, phosphorus, potassium, selenium, silicon, vanadium and zinc, all essential nutrients for humans (check your multi-vitamin label) and all toxic in massive dosages. Is it conceivable that a drug effective in killing viruses, fungi or cancer cells would not be toxic in massive dosages? The fact that arsenic is a scary word is not relevant to this issue!  
LYNDEEN S. WILLIAMS  
Buhl

*(Editor's note: Lyndeen Williams is an environmental scientist and professor emeritus at Ohio University, where he teaches one quarter a year. He has conducted research on the association between groundwater arsenic and cancer rates.)*

Searching for sections is good the brain

Change can be good for us; change in routine helps clear cobwebs cluttering our brains, research tells us. Therefore, in order to stay mentally sharp, we are urged to do such things as

brush our teeth with the non-dominant hand or choose a different path toward our destination.

Recently, hunting for various sections of the Times-News has been a challenge that results in complaints, but that search is good for us. Just imagine the cerebral activity of the staff as each day they must decide "what goes where?" So whine no more. Instead, bless the editor for providing one more way to sharpen our brains.

Welcome the challenges within our newspaper as it sends us on our daily treasure hunt.

ELEANORE BURKHART  
Twin Falls

Fournier wasn't the right choice for Biden article

Of all the news articles out there about Joe Biden being picked as Obama's vice president, how unsurprising it was to find the Times-News went with the piece written by Ron Fournier, Washington bureau chief at The Associated Press. According to politico.com (not exactly a left-leaning establishment) Fournier was in discussions for several months during 2006 to take a high-level communications job with the McCain campaign. Though he ultimately turned it down, his fluff pieces on the senator from Arizona over this campaign season clearly show where his allegiances lie.

The Sunday column where he called out Biden's "weaknesses" which virtually every other established paper in the country considered strengths, such as his foreign policy experience and years in Washington, only further showed this bias. The Associated Press really should know better and has caught a lot of flak about Fournier's piece this week.

The Times-News should have picked a different story, or stuck this on the opinion page where it belongs.

SEAN CAPPS  
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# The wrong call on prostate cancer screening

Numerous media reports followed a federal task force's announcement this month that there is insufficient medical evidence to assess the risks and benefits of prostate cancer screening in men younger than 75 and that doctors should stop testing men over age 75.

It's important to note that consideration was not given to the overwhelming body of emerging evidence that screening with PSA tests and digital rectal exams saves lives. Rates of death from prostate cancer and rates of diagnosis at advanced stages have decreased markedly since testing became widespread.

As a physician and a researcher specializing in prostate cancer, I worry that this recommendation will result in delays in potentially lifesaving treatment and possibly the unnecessary loss of life.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force did not even recommend screening for men at higher risk because of race or family history. The task force reasoned that screening might harm more men than it helps and that in men over 75 there was moderate certainty that the harm outweighs the benefits.

Physicians and patients who are concerned about preventing prostate cancer deaths choose to screen with prostate-specific antigen (PSA) tests because an inconclusive but increasingly compelling body of evidence shows that the screening reduces suffering and death from prostate cancer — the second-leading cause of cancer death among men in the United States.

Numerous studies have shown that PSA-based tests, such as those that detect increases in PSA over time and the percentage of PSA floating free in the blood, help to decrease unnecessary biopsies and also identify men with the most aggressive tumors so that they can receive timely treatment.

Eliminating screening also eliminates the possibility for early diagnosis and curative treatment in healthy men. Until we can prevent prostate cancer or cure patients at advanced stages of the disease, the only practical strategy for reducing death rates is early diagnosis

and effective treatment. Because this tumor arises silently and often passes into an incurable stage before symptoms, the best way to detect it early is through screening.

Both the American Urological Association and the American Cancer Society recommend offering screening beginning at age 50 in men with a life expectancy of 10 years. High-risk men, such as African Americans and those with a strong family history of prostate cancer, are urged to consider screening at an earlier age. The National Comprehensive Cancer Network's guidelines recommend that screening begin at age 40. These guidelines include emerging evidence to help guide physicians and patients in their diagnostic and treatment decisions. These organizations, unlike the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, have urologists on their panels who see firsthand the ravages of prostate cancer.

Consider that in the United States alone, the rate of advanced cancer at the time of diagnosis has fallen 75 percent since the PSA screening era began, and age-adjusted prostate cancer death rates have declined 35 percent. Statistical studies suggest that 45 to 70 percent of this decrease is due to PSA screening.

Evidence from U.S. cancer registries shows less advanced cancer and lower prostate cancer death rates in regions where PSA testing is more prevalent. On a global scale, prostate cancer death rates have decreased in countries where PSA screening and active treatment are typically practiced and have remained stable or increased in countries where screening and active treatment are not practiced.

PSA tests are a powerful marker for the risk of developing prostate cancer and dying from it. Reports of over-diagnosis and over-treatment are exaggerated. More often, prostate cancer is diagnosed too late rather than "too early." If screening detected only harmless cancers, treating them could not produce the striking decline in prostate cancer death rates that has occurred. We should combat the risk of over-diagnosis through continued research for improving the accuracy of screening and high-quality treatment.

This misguided recommendation, and the resulting media coverage, could give reluctant men an excuse to postpone or forgo screening. The consequence might be that many men die of prostate cancer

unnecessarily. Men should follow the recommendations of the American Urological Association, the American Cancer Society and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, all of which recommend screening for early detection and treatment of prostate cancer.



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## L.A.'s plan for taggers worth a look

The following editorial appeared in *Thursday's Yakima, Wash., Herald-Republic*.

While following California's lead on anything calls for caution and lots of study, there is food for thought in a graffiti crackdown proposal approved recently by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The measure would hold taggers — and their parents — liable for dam-

ages. Violators would pay civil fines up to \$1,000 and risk having liens issued against their property. When warranted, the measure also would allow authorities to seek felony vandalism charges in court.

Graffiti is a blight in many communities these days. A Yakima city ordinance holds property owners responsible for graffiti removal, and we've always had an uneasiness with holding the victim accountable for the

actions of the vandal. Maybe Molina and the Los Angeles officials have a better idea. Anti-gang legislation is pending in the Washington Legislature come January, and ordinances have been approved at the local government level as well.

It's worth checking out by members of our local legislative delegation and municipal leaders.

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