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Convention curtailed for Gustav

By David Ego
Associated Press writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain tore up the script for his Republican National Convention on Sunday, canceling most opening-day activities and positioning himself as above mere politics as Hurricane Gustav churned toward New Orleans.

"This is a time when we have to do away with our party politics and we have to act as Americans," he said as fellow Republicans converged on their convention city to nominate him for the White House.

On the eve of his convention, McCain took on the role of a concerned potential president determined to avoid the errors made by President Bush three years ago. "I have every expectation that we will not see the mistakes of Katrina repeated," he said.

Bush and Vice President Cheney scrapped plans to address the convention on Monday, and McCain's aides chartered a jet to fly delegates back to their hurricane-threatened states along the Gulf Coast. Campaign manager Rick Davis said the first-night program was being cut from seven hours to two and one half.

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AP photo

Members of the Louisiana delegation to the Republican National Convention walk past a car with a Louisiana bumper sticker and license plate as they leave their Brooklyn Center, Minn., hotel Sunday. Several members of the delegation took a charter flight home because of Hurricane Gustav.

Idaho cowboys become wildfire sentinels via satellite phones

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

SILVER CITY — The craggy gullies where Idaho cowboy Paul Nettleton runs 1,200 head of cattle are often precious minutes from reliable cell phone coverage.

That could spell disaster in this region where sudden summertime storms howl in from eastern Oregon, bringing dry lightning that can ignite fast-moving wildfires on sage- and juniper-covered hillsides. Unchecked, the flames could quickly turn this old mining town's historic wooden buildings to ashes.

This spring, Nettleton and six other Owyhee County ranchers who make their livelihoods in some of America's most remote backcountry began carrying satellite telephones provided by the federal Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security.

It's an effort to turn men whose ranching families have been wedded to this land for more than a century into a high-tech advance guard against devastating wildfires.

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DEQ moves forward with mercury inventory

By Nata Poppino
Times-News writer

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality officials may not be able to pinpoint every source of mercury in the state by October when the department's governing board meets again.

But they should be able to tell board members how to gather and analyze the information, said Martin Bauer, head of DEQ's air quality division.

In April, the Idaho Conservation League asked the Board of Environmental Quality to start rulemaking for guidelines on mercury air emissions in the state. That request was turned down, but the department is configuring what it would take to create a complete emissions inventory for the state, including industrial, natural and global sources.

Once officials see how much an inventory would cost and how long it would take to complete,

they can decide the next steps, including how to control emissions, Bauer said.

And control could be complicated. Despite discussion at the April meeting about focusing on sources inside the state, Bauer said global mercury contamination and other sources still have more effect on Idaho waters.

"We could zero out the industrial sources and it wouldn't make a bit of difference," he said.

One sign of that, he said, is a

recent statewide advisory regarding high mercury levels in bass. It was the first such advisory not to focus on a specific body of water, demonstrating broader contamination than a local source would provide, he said.

Most mercury information currently comes from the Toxic Release Inventory, a database maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency that contains

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BULL BAITERS



Photos by JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Professional rodeo clown Scott Cameron, of Colorado, applies makeup in preparation for the rodeo Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. To order photo reprints, go to magicvalley.com and click on the Pictopia button.

Bullfighters, rodeo clowns keep crowd entertained, cowboys safe

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The tools of Scott Cameron's trade are clown makeup, a barrel and quick jokes.

He uses them often, putting white makeup around his eyes and mouth and painting his nose red.

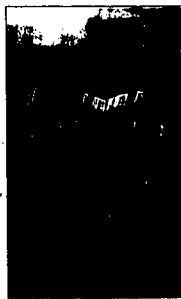
A professional rodeo clown, Cameron is away from his rural Colorado home some 200 days a year. He came to the Magic Valley Stampede this year, providing breaks of comedy between the roping and riding. He was also in a barrel during bull riding.

Rodeo work is a way of life for Cameron, who has 21 years of experience to his credit.

It didn't start with telling jokes though. In high school, he tried riding bulls with limited success. His high school friends suggested fighting bulls. Bullfighters have the job of distracting bulls away from the riders they throw off.

"It took off," he said. "I thought it was something I would do for four or five years."

For Cameron, he eventually began doing comedy work and became a rodeo clown. He said



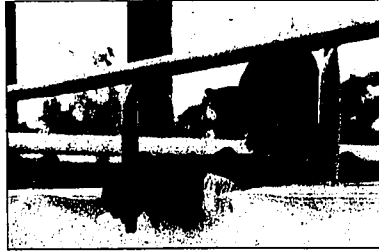
Cameron readies a barrel during a rodeo Saturday evening at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

being a rodeo clown made finding work easier because there are more bullfighters than rodeo clowns.

Both jobs have hazards, though. With rodeo clowns, the reactions of the audience can vary.

But when fighting bulls, "you only get killed once," said Cameron.

The bullfighting is a regular part of the job for Joe Butler, 27, of Stillwater, Okla. A



Cameron waits for the start of Saturday evening's rodeo at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.



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WATCH: Video of rodeo clowns as well as additional fair coverage of rodeo railroaders.

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bullfighter for eight years. Butler said the work requires getting a bull to pay attention to someone besides his rider.

"When you grab a hold of them, they pay attention to you," he said. "You're just acting as bait. They're big animals and it's a dangerous job."

While a bull rider only rides once in a show, bullfighters are out there for every ride and every bull.

As for the job's rewards, he appreciates getting a pat on the shoulder from an appreciative cowboy he helped. Then there's the excitement.

"I'm an adrenaline junkie," Butler said. "I like the rush."

During bull riding, Cameron is inside a barrel, popping up and down as necessary. Besides the entertainment, barrels come in handy for cowboys riding bulls.

The barrel is an island of safety.

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Twin Falls County Fair, "Children's Dream and Country Things," includes food, arts and crafts and

Mercury

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Whichever contracts with DFG for the inventory is certain to use the TRI as a foundation, Bauer said. But it's not completely accurate, he said, and could be supplemented by the state study.

The BLM only covers industrial sources. But that should be enough from a regulatory standpoint, said Justin Hayes, program director for the ICL and the person behind the DEQ request. Localized mercury "hotspots" across southern Idaho come from local and

regional industrial sources, he said, not global sources that cause consistent background levels of the element.

"Sounds like recreating the wheel instead of tackling the real issue," wrote a human health, he protesting about the inventory plan in an e-mail Friday.

The research comes as at least two large mercury polluters nearby have changed their ways.

The Jerrett Canyon Gold Mine in Idaho County, Nev. was temporarily shut down earlier this year after regulators found it was emitting several times more mercury than reported. It has since

halted all underground mining and is in the process of repairing its mill.

Just across the Idaho border in Oregon, a cement plant whose mercury emissions dominated regional measurements agreed in February to cut them by 75 percent within three and a half years.

The changes are welcome news to Idaho officials, Bauer said.

"Will it make (the problem) go away?" Bauer asked. "Probably not, but anything's better than nothing."

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"Minutes count in that country," Nettleton told The Associated Press one morning last week after parking his four-wheeler outside the town's 145-year-old Idaho Hotel. "Right now, it's pretty quiet. But it'll come."

The BLM says Owyhee County — the name comes from South Pacific explorer Captain Cook's spelling of Hawaii and honors Hawaiian trappers who disappeared in the uncharted region in 1818 — is the first place in the armed cowboys with satellite phones.

Silver City's summer residents feel a little safer, knowing Nettleton is always connected to one of Bethesda, Md.,-based Iridium Satellite LLC's 66 satellites orbiting overhead, not just the cell phone tower on nearby Sage Mountain that's often blocked by the region's terrain.

"It's kind of our voice on the mountain," said Jim Hyslop, who helps run the local Silver City Fire and Rescue, and has family roots here dating to 1916.

However, the ranchers have yet to use their new phones to report a fire.

After nearly eight years of uninterrupted drought, last winter's ample snowfall and this spring's rain has made much of Owyhee County's high country greener than normal this year, limiting the fire danger. Typical summer storms with dry lightning and sudden gales just haven't materialized.

A year ago, however, wildfires blazed across 3,000 square miles of Idaho — an area three times the size of Rhode Island.

It took three weeks to

Idaho rancher Paul Nettleton drives a cow from a pasture near his ranch in Silver City, Aug. 26.

contain one of those wildfires, a lightning-caused complex of blazes that covered nearly 1,000 square miles, killing wildlife and livestock, blackening grazing ground and charring habitat for seasons to come for sensitive species such as sage grouse. It was the largest single fire ever fought by the BLM in Idaho.

As the embers were barely cool, BLM managers and ranchers began discussions last fall about improving communication before the next conflagration.

For an initial agency investment of \$10,000, the seven Iridium satellite phones seemed a reasonable bargain, said Janet Peterson, the BLM's manager in Boise — especially considering that 1,000-square-mile complex alone cost more than \$13 million to fight and will likely set taxpayers back \$34 million more to restore the blackened landscape.

"The ranchers are a pretty key partner," she said. "They know the country."

Iridium has nearly 230,000 commercial and government voice subscribers, along with a unit that supplies equipment for companies and the U.S.

Department of Defense to track assets in remote areas where there's no conventional cellular communication. Voice users include soldiers, the maritime industry, oil and gas companies, utilities, construction and mining — "Basically any industry where you've got workers out in the middle of nowhere," Iridium spokeswoman Liz DeCastro said.

Should one of Idaho's cowboys spot a fire and place a call, firefighting planes could be scrambled out of the Boise Airport about 50 miles northeast of Silver City.

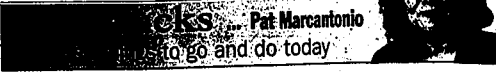
The ranchers have been told to use the phones in medical emergencies, too. The state's disaster agency, the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, is chipping in for the service costs.

"If you see a fire and have cell connectivity, you can't call anybody," said Col. Bill Shaver, the agency's director. "To have a satellite phone with you, you can make that immediate call and get firefighters mobilized."

The phones were distributed to ranchers based on where they run their cattle and the existing grid of cell phone service. Cowboys call in once a month, to make sure the phones are working.

Ken Tindall, whose family has ranches Owyhee County since 1885, has 1,000 head of cattle on 100,000 acres on both sides of the Idaho and Nevada state line. In Nevada, he has no cell phone reception at all.

"From some of the ridge tops, I can see 80, 90 or 100 miles in any direction," Tindall said. "If I see smoke, I can get it reported very quickly. I could have used it last year, a lot, that's for sure."



Pat Marcantonio

What to go and do today

- For the last day of the Twin Falls County Fair, professional bull riders will show their guts and skills at 7 p.m. at the Shouse Arena. General tickets are \$3, reserved \$5.
- A visitor to the fair suggest a visit to Balanced Rock Park. I totally agree. You'll be in for a scenic place to fish, eat or relax. The rock formations are particularly cool. From the city center in Buhl, take Main Street to the west and turn right on Burley Ave., then follow the signs.
- Hungry? Try Shorry's, 126 S. Main St. in Buhl. Formerly owned by Bruce Willis, the interior is retro-diner, but the food is modern, tasty and not as expensive as you might think in the Wood River Valley. Try the turkey Reuben.

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

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Catch the fair online

Young and old are fans of the model railroads at the Twin Falls County Fair. See a video story about how the display has been expanded.

And columnist Steve Crump interviews the people who sell the famous Tater at the fair and manager John Pitz talks about the event.

BSU researchers report cancer breakthrough

BOISE (AP) — Researchers at Boise State University say they have used emerging nanotechnology techniques to devise a way to kill cancer cells while leaving normal cells healthy.

Biology professor Denise Winget said that many cancer drugs target rapidly dividing cells, but can leave people sick because the drug is also toxic to other cells in the body.

"One of the greatest challenges preventing advances in new therapeutic options for treating cancer is the inability of anticancer drugs to effectively differentiate between cancerous and normal healthy body cells," Winget, a cancer researcher, told the Idaho Statesman.

But the group said its research has found that zinc

oxide nanoparticles can selectively kill cancer cells without harming normal cells.

"Until now, no group in the world has been able to produce inherent selective cancer-killing ability in nanoparticles," Winget said. "Current chemotherapy drugs typically consist of single molecules and do not provide much room for manipulation of the molecule. But nanoparticles can be modified so that certain characteristics, like cancer-killing attributes, can be accentuated. Because of this, we think there is room for improvement in what we have already demonstrated."

The group described its work in a paper published in July in the journal *Nanotechnology*. The paper

has become one of the most popular in the 58 journals published by the Institute of Physics, being downloaded more than 250 times in the first month of its publication.

James Abraham, director of the Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program at the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at West Virginia University, said the work done by the Boise State researchers shows great promise, but more study is needed.

"Nanology is always looking for a magic bullet, which can kill only the cancer cells, not killing the normal cells," Abraham said. "This work is a major step toward that. I think this work will pave the way for more targeted therapies."

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For a rider and provides something that can be put between a bull and a cowboy.

"I'll get in and out and do whatever's necessary," Cameron said. "I'm not out there like a potted plant."

While he's not a bullfighter anymore, Cameron is still willing to pitch in when necessary to protect a wrangler.

With two bullfighters in the ring during a ride, Cameron

is third down on the list for who will help a rider. On a couple of recent occasions, he needed to grab a horse by its head so the rider could safely get off.

Of course, there's also the comedy. On Friday night, rodeo attendees were introduced to "Jerome," a chigger, Cameron told the audience, that he trained to jump through a hoop of fire.

"Jerome" eventually caught

fire and Cameron had to put out the blaze.

Though a rodeo lasts just a few hours, there are other tasks, too, including developing new acts and maintaining equipment.

Even so, Cameron has no regrets.

"It beats the heck out of working," he said.

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Convention

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McCaIn said in an interview with NHC that it was possible he would make his acceptance speech not from the convention podium but via satellite from the Gulf Coast region.

The formal business of the convention includes nominating McCaIn for president and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate on Wednesday.

McCaIn's acceptance speech, set for prime time on Thursday evening, is among the most critical events of the campaign for his chances of winning the White House.

The hasty rendering of an event months in the planning was unprecedented, affecting not only the program on the podium but the accompanying fundraising partying and other political activity that unfolds around the edges of a national political convention.

"McCaIn said he was looking forward to being at the convention but did not say when he would arrive. He spoke from St. Louis after he had pulled a briefing on hurricane preparations on a quick visit to Jackson, Miss.

Democratic rival Barack Obama got a briefing, too, by telephone from Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. Obama heard about the status of the

storm, the evacuation effort and coordination between federal, state and local authorities, according to Democratic campaign adviser Robert Gibbs.

McCaIn campaign manager Davis told reporters inside the convention hall that the opening program on Monday would be "business only and will refrain from political rhetoric."

To help these in need, he said. "We are working with the delegations, financial people, finance committees, many other concerned individuals to do what we can to raise money for various relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region."

As for the convention, schedule, he added that further adjustments would be made on a day-to-day basis.

McCaIn said of his briefing partying and other political activity that unfolds around the edges of a national political convention.

The Bush administration's handling of that storm contributed to a plunge in the president's approval ratings that helped the Democrats win control of Congress in 2006.

The uncertainty contrasted with a state of readiness inside the Xcel Center, a hockey arena transformed into a made-for-television red-carpeted convention hall. Thousands of red, white and blue balloons nestled in netting high above the floor — to be released during final-night festivities if the Republicans decide to go ahead with them.

Outside, police took nine people into custody for crossing a security barrier in an anti-war march. The nine, including two women in their 70s, were charged with trespassing, according to Doug Holst, a St. Paul police commander.

Emphasizing their concern about the hurricane, McCaIn and his newly named running mate traveled to Mississippi for a tour of the state's emergency management center.

"I pledge that tomorrow night, and if necessary throughout our convention, we will act as Americans, not as Republicans," McCaIn told reporters moments later.

The events temporarily overshadowed a more traditionally political pre-convention debate over McCaIn's decision to name Palin as his ticket. She was mayor of small-town Wallula, Alaska, for six years before she became governor in December 2006.

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Wildfire battles rage on in southern Idaho, northern Nevada

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Crews continued to battle fires in northern Nevada and southern Idaho on Sunday, and officials said they were holding well.

The East Slide Rock Ridge Fire in Nevada's Jarbidge Wilderness was 30 percent contained across 48,730 acres and more than 700 personnel have been dispatched, according to a news release.

"They had some strong winds up there today but they are hardly seeing any smoke at all," said U.S. Forest Service Spokeswoman Pam Wilson. "The containment lines are holding pretty well."

On Sunday crews identified hotspots and hoped to limit those, Wilson said. It remains the largest fire in the region this year, she said.

Despite more than 20 mph winds and occasional 40 mph gusts, according to a news release, the fire did not breach containment lines Sunday.

"We are guardedly optimistic that we have turned the corner with this fire," said Incident Commander Paul Summerfelt.

Residents and visitors to the area are reminded to use extreme caution when traveling along the Highway 93 corridor and other roads in the vicinity of the fire due

to fire traffic.

Meanwhile, the South Barker Fire, northeast of Fennerville, has grown to 35,500 acres and there are 200 personnel on the fire, said Kathy Thompson, spokeswoman for an interagency incident management team out of the Great Basin.

She said Sunday's weather was different than originally predicted and included high temperatures and low humidity.

"There was some active fire behavior today," she said.

"Thompson said that because lightning caused the fire and it's part of a natural ecosystem, it is identified as a wildland fire use fire that is

not measured through containment percentage. Rather, she said, it must run its course naturally, which means being stopped with rain or snow.

"It's not a matter of containment, it's a matter of keeping it within its boundaries," she said.

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Labor Day holiday brings closures around the valley

- Many offices and facilities are closed today for Labor Day.
- City and county offices are closed.
- State and federal offices are closed.
- Post offices are closed.
- Local banks are closed.
- Twin Falls Public Library is closed.

- The College of Southern Idaho is closed.
- The YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool is closed.
- Trash will not be picked up; trash collection will be one day later.
- Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fire burns two houses, haystack

A structure fire Sunday evening in Wendell had firefighters working for several hours, but officials said there were no injuries or people harmed.

Police were contacted at about 6:35 p.m. about a fire at 1626 E. 2900 S., according to Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center. The structure fire spread to a second building after it had touched upon some hay.

Officials had not put the fire out by 9:30 p.m., according to SIRCOMM.

Fire officials from the cities of Buhl, Jerome, Gooding and Hagerman responded.

Rep. Bell chosen for special program

State Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, has been selected by the Council of State Governments as one of 40 state leaders to attend the upcoming Henry Tull Fellowship Program in Lexington, Ky.

This annual week-long

leadership program for state officials — named in honor of the Colorado senator who founded the council in 1933 — will be held Sept. 27 to Oct. 2. This year's program focuses on trends analysis; policy development; media and constituent relations, and leadership and institutional changes.

Bell was nominated by House Speaker Lawrence E. Denny, with endorsements from Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, and Jeff Voutz, the director of Legislative Services. She was selected from among applicants by a committee of state elected and appointed officials, as one of the most promising leaders of state government, according to the news release.

Bell, a 10-term lawmaker, is chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee and sits on the Natural Resources and Conservation Committee.

T.F. Council will not meet this week

There will be no Twin Falls

City Council meeting this week, officials said last week. Monday's regularly scheduled meeting was cancelled due to Labor Day. But officials said there was not enough council business to warrant a meeting later in the week.

Liberal group meets Wednesday

The Twin Falls chapter of Living Liberally will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday.

It will be at 7 p.m. at Pandora's at 516 Hansen Street South in Twin Falls. Ken Wiesmore, the District IV Executive Board Member of Idaho AFL-CIO, will be the speaker.

The Twin Falls chapter is hosted by LeRoy Hayes, who may be reached at 426-7999 for more information.

— Staff reports

Kayaker finds body in Payette River

BOISE — The body of a man has been recovered from the North Fork of the Payette River about three miles north of Banks.

Crews recovered the body Friday after it was found by a

kayaker wedged against a log.

Dale Rogers of the Boise County Sheriff's Department says the water is fast and the body could have come from farther up the river.

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Ready, set, scrap

Scrapbookers give their all during crafting event at T.F. fair

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Armed with sheer determination, a pair of scissors, a sheet of barnyard animal stickers and some colorful paper, the contestants of Saturday's "scrapbooking scrap-off" at the Twin Falls County Fair created works of art they'll be able to keep for years to come.

Each of the 14 scrapppers received an identical packet of materials and had just 20 minutes to design and create a scrapbook page. Scrapbooking and cut-throat competition don't normally go together, but as soon as contestants received their supplies a quiet settled upon the group as they set out to creatively kick butt.

"I am kind of nervous," said Destiney Kiser, 10, of Filer. "I signed up for this contest because you get to be as creative as you want to be." Brittany Klop, of Twin Falls, has been scrappping for about eight years. An album she entered into the fair's home art department won honorable mention.

"It's something I can do that is fun when I get away from my job," Klop said.

Klop and her scrappping buddy, Fernanda Stohart, also of Twin Falls, decided on a whim to enter the scrap-off. They usually scrapbook together anyway and have even thought about opening a scrapbook-supply store.

"The shops we have are awesome," Stohart said. "But we would want to have more fun workshops and happy hour projects."

The Magic Valley scrapbook scene is thriving, said scrap-off host Karen Bangs, who owns and operates the hobby business Creative Memories out of her Twin Falls home.

"Scrappping is for preserv-



Makayla Featherston, 5, left, watches her sister Katie, 10, during the scrapbook challenge held Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fair.



LEFT: Filer sister Christy Kompher, 9, in front and Destiney Kiser, 10, get serious about building their scrapbook pages during a scrap-off event held at the Twin Falls County Fair on Saturday.



RIGHT: Katie Featherston, 10, of Filer poses with her scrapbook page created Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fair. Her page was chosen as the winner for the event's youth division.

ing your memories for future generations," Bangs said. "A lot of people really get into it."

Bangs, who also judged the entries, said scrappping was scored based on how well contestants built their pages to accept photos

and the history, not about decorations," she said.

For Jani McDonald of Twin Falls it was low at first scrap. "I've been doing it for about five years and it's a fun way to capture your kids' pictures and memories," McDonald said. "This event was a lot of fun and definitely

something I want to do again."

Besides, after winning the scrap-off's adult division, McDonald now has a title to defend.

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Sali getting help from conservative group

BOISE (AP) — An independent conservative group that gets some of its money from the third-richest person in America is trying to help re-elect Rep. Bill Sali, R-Idaho.

The group, Freedom Watch, paid for radio advertising and made telephone calls to voters the 1st Congressional District in August, asking people to call and ask Sali's Democratic challenger, Walt Minnick, "why he's against developing American energy and supporting American families."

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee countered two weeks of radio spots saying the Freedom's Watch ads were "simply not true" and accusing Sali of "looking out for Big Oil."

The committee at the end of July launched a Web site attacking Freedom's Watch, calling it the "biggest threat" to its party's congressional candidates this election season.

Sheldon Adelson and other prominent GOP donors started Freedom's Watch a year ago with a \$15 million campaign supporting the troop surge in Iraq. Freedom's Watch has since focused on more than 30 congressional districts and shifted its critique to Democrats' energy policies.

Adelson is chief executive and founder of Las Vegas Sands Corp., a casino company that operates megaresorts in Las Vegas and Macau. His wealth is listed at \$2.6 billion by Forbes magazine.

As a nonprofit, Freedom's Watch does not have to disclose its donors or follow contribution limits applied to traditional campaign committees but is required

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— Wayne Hoffman, Bill Sali's spokesman

to focus on issues rather than advocating for or against specific candidates.

Two years ago Sali rolled heavily on \$1.1 million from Club For Growth, about half of all spending on his campaign.

That group generally doesn't support re-election campaigns, so Freedom's Watch could help fill that void. However, Adelson's gambling riches and ties with China, which approved his licenses in Macau, could trouble some Sali voters.

"We have absolutely no control over anybody who does independent expenditures," Sali's spokesman, Wayne Hoffman, told the Idaho Statesman.

Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said he welcomed Freedom's Watch to Idaho because the Republican National Congressional Committee will likely not be much help. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has reserved \$349,000 in television ads for Minnick, who has raised \$350,000 more than Sali.

"I don't know that the HNCC is going to be able to match that," Simpson said. "They're going to look at other races that they think are more important. We can pull this one out. I don't see the resources coming here."

Foster Morss, a spokesman for Freedom's Watch, would not say how much the group plans to spend in Idaho.



Sali

Interest in natural foods grows in southwest Idaho

NAMPA (AP) — Vendors at farmers markets across southwest Idaho say they are seeing more customers interested in products grown locally without chemicals.

"There's a huge demand for this, and it's just growing," Sharon Johnson of Dragon Fly Farms told the Idaho Press-Tribune.

Jeff Goettschle, who operates Market in Family Produce and has sold produce and crafts at the Nampa Farmers Market for years, said farmers benefited from greater enthusiasm for locally grown crops after a salmonella outbreak this summer.

"I think there are more people getting serious about buying local produce or produce from people they trust have good growing habits," Goettschle said. "Because of the salmonella scare, people are realizing that their food could be harmful for them and they're thinking about that more and more."

Federal agencies reported Thursday that the largest outbreak of foodborne illness in a decade appears to be over after sickening at least 1,440 people, but the source may never be known, partly because of shortcomings in food safety systems.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration found strong evidence implicating jalapeno and serrano peppers, as well as a farm in Mexico, but investigators were unable to clear domestic and imported tomatoes although the evidence against tomatoes is weaker.

Sellers also want locally grown produce as fresher and better for the environment because it doesn't take as much energy to ship as products that grown farther away.

"It's right out of the field, it's fresh and there's no chemicals on it," said Johnson, who specializes in growing hard-to-find Mexican peppers.

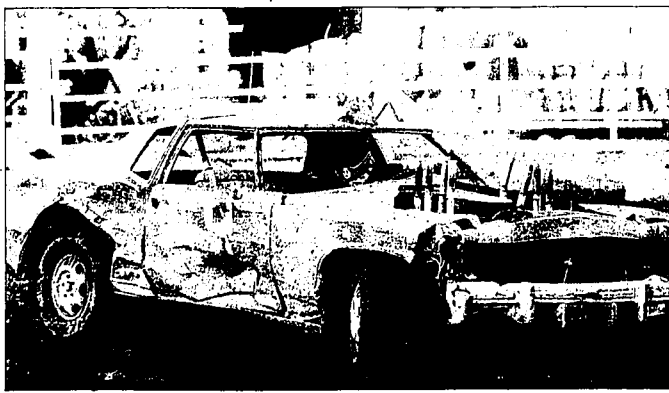
To be certified as organic, growers must go through a three-year process. Many local farmers said that it isn't worth the time and expense. "We grow naturally, but we're not certified organic and we haven't had any problems selling our produce this way," Goettschle said. "I don't think it would necessarily be beneficial at the Nampa Farmers Market, because unlike Boise, there's not enough people here demanding organic."



DESTRUCTION AT THE FAIR

At left, two cars collide during the first heat of the Demolition Derby held Sunday evening at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Below, the driver of the #54 John Deere demolition derby car maneuvers his car during Sunday evening's demolition derby.

Photos by JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News



Catch the fair online

Young and old are fans of the model railroads at the Twin Falls County Fair. See a video story about how the display has been expanded.

And columnist Steve Crump interviews the people who sell the famous Jater at the fair and manager John Pitz talks about the event.

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Tuitama, Grigsby lead Arizona's 70-0 rout of Idaho



Arizona's Nic Grigsby outruns Idaho's Kee Shihok for a 41 yard gain during the first quarter of college football in Arizona Stadium in Tucson, Ariz., Saturday.

By Bob Bam
Associated Press writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — You have to go back 87 years to find a blowout bigger than the one Arizona pulled off against Idaho.

Whether it's an indication of how good the Wildcats are or how bad the Vandals are remains to be seen.

Willie Tuitama and Nic Grigsby combined for 346 yards in one-half to lead Arizona's 70-0 rout Saturday night in a rainy season opener delayed an hour by lightning.

"The only positive thing about tonight's game is that it's over," Idaho coach Bob Akay said.

It was the highest-scoring game for the Wildcats since a record 74-0 victory in 1921 over the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy, the school that eventually became UTPEP.

"We probably could have had more, really, but that's being a little bit greedy," Tuitama said.

He completed 17 of 21 passes for 179 and three touchdowns to break the school record for career TD passes with 47, one more than Tom Tunnell from 1990-93.

Grigsby carried 19 times for 169 yards, including two short touchdown runs as the Wildcats set a school record with 49 first-half points. That surpassed the mark of 42 set in 1976 against UTPEP and matched against Pacific in 1980.

Arizona had a 52-112 advantage in yards in its first shutout since 1996.

"The way we played offense, the way we played defense, the special teams, we had a complete game today," Tuitama said.

Wildcats coach Mike Stoops said he'd never seen anything like it, even when he was an assistant at Oklahoma and

Kansas State.

"This is as clean a game that really I've ever been involved in," Stoops said.

The Wildcats, looking for their first winning season under Stoops in his fifth year, rolled for 359 yards in a first half played in a steady rain.

The final first-half TD came on a 3-yard pass from Tuitama to Terrell Turner with nine seconds to play the last of the 35-second-quarter points for Arizona.

"We wanted to put the pedal down and just keep going," Tuitama said. "When we do that, great things happen."

The players were in kickoff formation when the decision was made to clear the field and advise the fans to leave the stadium as lightning flashed in the approaching storm. Most in the student section stayed.

Johnson gets 3rd win

By Mike Harris
Associated Press writer

FONTANA, Calif. — Jimmie Johnson overpowered the field Sunday night in the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Auto Club Speedway, grabbing his third victory of the season.

The two-time reigning Cup champion was easily the class of the field in the Pepsi 500, leading 227 of the 250 laps on the 2-mile oval. He won the race at the former California Speedway for the second straight year and again gave notice to points leader Kyle Busch and series runner-up Carl Edwards — the two hottest drivers in the series coming into this race — that he remains a serious contender for a third straight title.

Runner-up Greg Biffle had the next best car throughout the race, but he couldn't keep up with Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet, finishing more than 2 seconds behind.

In February, Johnson led the most laps here but lost the race when Edwards passed him with 23 laps to go. This time, nobody could touch Johnson, whose car was a rocket-ship from the start.

Time after time he built leads of between 5 and 12 seconds, only to see them erased by yellow flags. But it didn't faze Johnson, who just rebuilt the margin after the next restart.

On a pit stop on lap 162, during a caution period, Johnson took four tires and found himself in sixth on the restart, trailing five drivers who had each taken two tires on the stop.

After the restart on lap 166, Johnson was fourth after one lap, second after two trips around the 2-mile oval and back in the lead on lap 168.

On the next pit stop, on lap 182 during another caution, Johnson's jockeyman got tangled up in the air hose, costing the team valuable seconds. Johnson again came out of the pits in sixth, and, again, he rocketed back into the lead in just three laps after the green flag waved.

On lap 192, during yet another caution, Biffle's crew pulled off, a lightning stop that got the No. 16



Jimmie Johnson leads the pack during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series' Pepsi 500 auto race Sunday, at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif.

Ford out just ahead of Johnson's Chevy. But it took Johnson less than half a lap to zoom back into the lead this time.

And that was the race as Johnson pulled away over the last 20 laps to get his 36th career win.

Johnson, Hendrick Motorsports teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. who

finished 11th, and Jeff Burton, who was 17th, clinched spots in the 12-man Chase for the championship that will begin after Saturday night's race at Richmond. They joined Busch and Edwards, who previously locked up spots in the postseason.

But the drivers vying for the final

positions in the Chase remained in a close battle, with Matt Kenseth moving past Jeff Gordon into ninth place, and Denny Hamlin and Clint Bowyer remaining 11th and 12th. David Reigart is 13th, 17 points behind Bowyer, while Casey Kahue remained 14th, 44 points out of the Chase lineup.

Federer, Roddick win; Jankovic to U.S. Open quarters

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Roger Federer looked every bit a champion and stayed perfect at this U.S. Open. Andy Roddick showed shades of winning form, too.

No longer No. 1, Federer beat Radek Stepanek 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 Sunday and breezed into the round of 16.

To win his first Grand Slam of the season, Federer needs to take his fifth straight title at Flushing Meadows.

He has not lost a set in three matches, and raised his first fist after zinging a final, winning forehand down the line.

"I guess it's just nice to play well. Pretty simple," said the No. 2 Federer said. "No complaints."

Roddick, the last man to win the Open before Federer, beat No. 31 Andreas Seppi 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

The eighth-seeded Roddick usually relies on his power serve. Down in the tiebreaker, he smartly served from the shadows into the bright sun, launching a wide, 126 mph ace that blinded Seppi.

"This is probably the most intimidating court in the world if you've never been on it before," Roddick said.

Second-seeded Jelena Jankovic lost to her split decision, beating No. 21 Caroline Wozniacki 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 to reach the quarterfinals.

Jankovic went into her trademark splits early in the third set, reaching for a shot. She lost the point and stayed playing on the court, and fans wondered whether she'd hurt herself.

Minico gets dramatic win over Diamondbacks



Minico ranning back Skylar Morgan riss over Century safety Derin Bleser during the Spartans' 26-23 win Friday night in Rupert.

Minico coach Tim Perrigot summed up his team's dramatic win over Century on Friday. "There was magic in Spartanville tonight," he said.

Indeed, this morning as the Minico students settle into class, the football team is sighing in relief that it avoided what could have been the biggest upset of Idaho high school football's first week.

After the game, senior Landon Barnes noted that it was "just like Pocatello last year."

In a way it was, but Friday's win was much more spectacular. Why?

In last season's opener, Minico was down seven to Pocatello with 7:18 remaining. Plenty of time for Dane Broadhead to lead the Spartans' 80-yard, game-winning drive.

But Friday against Century, a Spartan win looked much more improbable. After Century scored the go-ahead touchdown, Minico needed to go 80

yards in 1:20 — without the strong arm of Broadhead.

Chris Joyce, making his first varsity start at quarterback, put his two prior interceptions behind him.

"He has that baseball pitcher mentality: You're going to throw a bad ball, but it's the next pitch that counts," Perrigot said.

Joyce completed three straight passes, the last one for 64 yards to Pete Coats, setting up the game-winning touchdown with 34 seconds remaining.

"It's a good thing we have players who are not selfish. Pete Coats had not touched the ball all game, we hadn't even looked his way," Perrigot said. "He could have easily said, 'Well they're not going to throw me the football,' but he continued on his route, he ran past the safety and made a great catch."

What did the Spartans learn about their narrow Zero Week victory? "The thing we need to do is play up to

our level because if we play down, this is what happens," Barnes said.

Minico certainly had a few letdowns that Century capitalized on. The Diamondbacks' first touchdown came on a third-and-19 play. A blown coverage allowed Century's quarterback to toss an 84-yard TD pass down the sideline, and suddenly Minico trailed 6-0.

Not exactly how the Spartans planned on starting their season. Joyce had a rollover-ace debut as his second pass of the night was intercepted.

Luckily, the Minico defense was able to stop Century's ensuing possession with a blocked goal, or else the Spartans would have been down two touchdowns just nine minutes into the game.

Minico got on the board with the first play of the second quarter. The box

Thome, Floyd lead White Sox to win over Red Sox



Chicago White Sox second baseman Alexei Ramirez drops a short fly ball hit by Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Sunday.

BOSTON — Jim Thome tied Mickey Mantle for 14th place with his 536th career homer. Gavin Floyd won his fifth straight decision and the Chicago White Sox beat the Boston Red Sox 4-2 on Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Thome hit a two-out, two-run drive off Tim Wakefield (8-9) in the first inning for his 29th of the season. Thome and Paul Konerko hit consecutive two-out doubles in the sixth to give Chicago a 3-1 lead.

RAYS 10, ORIOLES 4 — ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — James Shields allowed one run over seven innings, and Jason Bartlett hit his first homer in an year to help the AL East-leading Rays complete a three-game sweep.

BLUE JAYS 6, YANKEES 2 — NEW YORK — Roy Halladay won his fourth straight start, giving him four

wins over the Yankees this season, and Scott Rolon homered for Toronto.

RANGERS 4, ANGELS 3 — ANAHEIM, Calif. — Josh Hamilton and Marlon Byrd hit home runs and Texas beat the Angels to avoid a sweep of the four-game series.

TWINS 12, ATHLETICS 4 — OAKLAND, Calif. — Justin Morneau homered and drove in four runs. Scott Baker won for only the second time since the All-Star break and Minnesota beat the Athletics to earn a split of the four-game series.

TIGERS 4, ROYALS 2 — DETROIT — Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in four runs in Detroit's win over Kansas.

MARINERS 6, INDIANS 4 — CLEVELAND — Adrian Beltre homered twice and Seattle beat the Indians to complete a three-game sweep.

NATIONAL LEAGUE BREWERS 7, PIRATES 0 — PITTSBURGH — CC Sabathia pitched a one-hitter in his latest dominating start, allowing the Pirates only an infield single by Andy LaRoche in the fifth inning, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat Pittsburgh 7-0 Sunday for their eighth victory in nine games.

METS 6, MARLINS 2 — MIAMI — Pedro Martinez pitched six innings for only his second victory since July 7, and New York homered three times to beat Florida.

PHILLIES 5, CUBS 3 — CHICAGO — Jayson Werth hit another home run against the Chicago Cubs, and five-year-old Jamie Moyer got his 12th win, helping Philadelphia salvage a split of their four-game series at Wrigley Field.

ASTROS 3, CARDINALS 0 — HOUSTON — Ty Wigginton hit his 12th home

run of August and four Astros pitchers combined to shut out St. Louis.

NATIONALS 8, BRAVES 4 — WASHINGTON — Aaron Boone failed to lay down a sacrifice, then slammed a three-run, eighth-inning home run to lift Washington to its season-high sixth straight win.

REDS 9, GIANTS 3 — CINCINNATI — Jody Votto went 4-for-4 with four hits. Bronson Arroyo turned in another impressive start and the Reds beat San Francisco to complete their first three-game sweep of the Giants at home in 14 years.

PADRES 2, ROCKIES 1 — SAN DIEGO — Trevor Hoffman blew the save after a terrific outing by Jake Peavy but Luis Rodriguez singled in the winning run in the ninth to give San Diego a victory over Colorado.

— The Associated Press

Weir takes 1-shot lead in Boston

NORTON, Mass. — Mike Weir holed a 5-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole for a 4-under 67 to take a one-stroke lead Sunday in the Deutsche Bank Championship, leaving him in a familiar position with hopes of a better outcome.

It was the 10th time the Canadian has had at least a share of the 54-hole lead on the PGA Tour, but he has only one victory, when he led Boston into the final round.

Weir had a 17-under 196 total. He matched the course record Friday with a 61 and shot a 67 on Saturday.

Camilo Villegas ignored the swirling wind and increasingly firm conditions at TPC Boston to shoot 63, putting him in the final group with Weir for perhaps his best chance at his first PGA Tour victory.



Mike Weir, of Canada, hits his second shot on the 18th hole during the third round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament Sunday, in Norton, Mass. Weir is the leader after three rounds at 17-under par.

Three shots behind were Sergio Garcia (69) and Vijay Singh (69), who played an ordinary round of 72 on Saturday and missed the 54-hole cut, leaving questions about whether he plays next week in St. Louis in the third round of these playoffs.

HAVERT WINS JOHNIE WALKER CHAMPIONSHIP

GLENEAGLES, Scotland — France's Gregory Havert shot a 3-under 70 for a one-stroke victory in the Johnnie Walker Championship, and England's Oliver Wilson finished 10th to clinch Europe's 10th and final automatic Ryder Cup spot.

After the tournament, Ryder Cup captain Nick Faldo used his two picks on Englishmen Ian Poulter and Paul Casey, a decision that left Darren Clarke off the European team for the first time since 2002.

Havert sank a 10-foot par putt to win the title at 14-under 278. Graeme Storm (68) was second, and Peter Hanson (69) and David Howell (71) tied for third at 11 under.

Wilson's 69 meant Nick

Dougherty needed to win the tournament to have a chance of making the European team for the Sept. 19-21 matches against the United States at Valhalla. Dougherty (70) finished seventh.

SULAMAN WINS FIRST TEE OPEN PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Jeff Sulaman won the First Tee Open for his second Champions Tour victory, closing with a 5-under 67 at Pebble Beach for a five-stroke victory over Puzzy Zoceller and

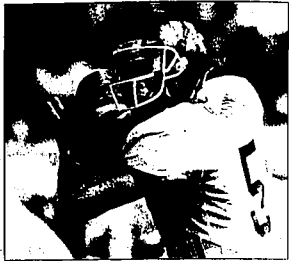
Craig Stadler.

Sulaman, a six-time PGA Tour winner who won the Bank of America Championship in June for his first Champions Tour title, had a 14-under 202 total. He opened with a 69 at Del Monte and shot a 66 on Saturday at Pebble Beach.

Zoceller shot a 69 for his best Champions Tour finish since 2004. Stadler, the inaugural tournament winner in 2004, had a 71.

— The Associated Press

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Kentucky quarterback Mike Hartline eyes a pass receiver during the first half of their football game against Louisville in Louisville, Ky., Sunday.

Kentucky crushes Louisville 27-2

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Rich Brooks knows Kentucky's young and inexperienced offense isn't going to scare anybody.

The way the Wildcats' defense played against Louisville, it might not have to.

Kentucky returned two Louisville fumbles for touchdowns and set up an entire score with an interception in the Wildcats' 27-2 victory Sunday in the Governor's Cup.

"We thought we had a good defense and we do," Brooks said. "Our defense took it upon themselves to score points. Our defense kept making play after play after play."

Kentucky forced five turnovers and stuffed Louisville's retooled offense, playing with the kind of tenacity Brooks said the Wildcats would need early in the season while the offense found its footing.

Kentucky held Louisville, which averaged 416.5 yards per game a year ago, to just 205 yards and the Cardinals failed to score a touchdown for the first time since 2006.

"We were able to cut up and execute everything we wanted to," Kentucky linebacker Mical Johnson said. "I was expecting us to have a great performance and we did. I just wasn't expecting all of those turnovers."

COLORADO 38, COLORADO STATE 17

DENVER — Josh Smith bounced back from a rocky start with a 38-yard kick return for a touchdown and Colorado beat Colorado State 38-17 on Sunday night in what might have been their last game at Invesco Field.

Many fans surely tuned in expecting to see Smith's nephew, Darrell Scott, the Buffaloes' highly-touted freshman tailback who was considered by several scouting services as the best back in the nation last year.

Scott gained 50 yards on a dozen carries and leaped over the pile for a 1-yard TD to cap the scoring in the closing minutes. But this might belong to his uncle as the speedy Smith racked up 189 total yards.

UNLV 27, USU 17

LAS VEGAS — UNLV quarterback Omar Clayton threw for three touchdowns and 192 yards to lead the Rebels past Utah State 27-17 Saturday night in the team's season opener.

Clayton completed 17-of-29 passes with no interceptions, a career high. Running back Frank Summers rushed for 67 yards on 14 carries for the winners.

Clayton connected with wide receiver Ryan Wolfe (103 yards) twice for scores. The first was nine yards down the middle with 6:23 left in the first quarter, and the second was a 32-yarder as Wolfe scampered most of the way down the middle with 9:44 remaining in the third quarter.

Wide receiver Phillip Payne (52 yards) caught the other touchdown on a 7-yard reception on the right side of the endzone with 8:32 left in the half, putting UNLV up for good, 14-7.

Utah State quarterback Sean Setzer was 10-of-17 for 123 yards with an interception. He was replaced by Brandon Bost with 9:34 left in the third quarter.

Bost then went the rest of the way, completed 6-of-16 on 80 yards, including a 65-yard touchdown pass to Nnamdi Gwacham with 2:16 left in the game.

— The Associated Press

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score shows Joyce tossed a 31-yard touchdown to Landon Barnes, but Barnes did all the work. He caught Joyce's screen pass in the right flat, but was wrapped up by a hoard of D-backs. Barnes picked up a nice block by Byron Bennett and suddenly emerged from the scrum and raced down the sideline for the TD.

"(Pinker's) block was amazing. Then I just kept spinning and spinning. I saw the end zone and I just went," Barnes said.

Skyler "Puke" Morgan picked up where he left off last season with 20 TDs in 2007. In all honesty, Morgan could run for 150 yards if the volleyball team was blocking for him. But instead, he has a solid offensive line that potentially could be even better than last year's hogs. A majority of Morgan's 187 yards came between the tackles. Century safety Devin Blaser's mom surely had a tough time this weekend washing the red paint off the back of her son's white uniform after Morgan ran him over on the giant M at

midfield (see the photographic evidence).

While Morgan was giving the Century defense fits, the Minico defense was getting a good dose of Michael Seamons, the Diamondbacks' impressive quarterback. After Joyce tossed his second interception — an ill-advised screen pass that he tried to force into traffic — Seamons burned the Minico secondary for a 38-yard score for a 13-12 lead.

Century tacked on a field goal to end the half, but only after questionable clock management by the Minico coaching staff. Century had taken possession at its own 35 yard line and seemed content to just run the clock out and go into the locker room with a one point lead. But Minico called timeouts in hopes of getting the ball back before halftime.

Turned out to be a bad idea.

Century converted on yet another big third-and-19 pass, putting them close enough for Jase Johnson's 28-yard field goal. Halftime score: 16-12.

Minico controlled the ball for all but

four plays of the third quarter by running the football; Joyce didn't touch once during the quarter. Minico took its first lead when Morgan scored on one yard out. And this is when the game got crazy.

Minico's defense came up huge in the fourth, including quarterback sacks by Trenton Raff, Braun Cattmull and Jordan Reed.

But Century's defense was potent, too. The Diamondbacks forced a punt with 1:35 remaining in the game, and it took Seamons just one play to connect with Logan Standley on a 48-yard pass for the go-ahead TD, setting up Minico's dramatic finish.

"We've worked so hard that it just didn't seem like we could lose that game," Barnes said. "We worked on our two-minute offense every day, and it paid off for us. It was an awesome game, just like Ponce de Leon year."

Just like Puke, but with a little more magic in Spartanville.

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NBC - PGA Tour, Deutsche Bank Championship, final round, at Norton, Mass.

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WGN - Houston at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.

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CBS - U.S. Open, men's and women's fourth round, at New York.

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Patriots cut veteran Pro Bowl safety John Lynch

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — John Lynch, the nine-time Pro Bowl safety signed by New England two weeks ago, was released Sunday. "It goes without saying but John is an all-time great safety, one of the league's classiest professionals and his elite play speaks for itself," coach Bill Belichick said of Lynch, who turns 37 on Sept. 25. "As has been the case in other situations, I would not rule anything out down the road."

Rim to Rim Race scheduled for September

TWIN FALLS — The 2008 Rim to Rim Race will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13. The 7.5-mile race begins and ends at Bass Lake in Blue Lakes Country Club and includes waterfalls, two 6 percent grades, bridges, themed water stations, professional timing, a gourmet lunch, prizes and a T-shirt. Walkers begin at 9 a.m. and runners at 10. The entry fee is \$40 for those who pre-register and \$45 on the day of the race. Interested participants may pre-register online at http://www.sponsorso.com or pick up a form at Gold's Gym, Curves (Jerome or Twin Falls), any YMCA, the Jerome Recreation Center, or at ReStor.

Sports Shorts

Association's 2008 Golf Scramble will be held Friday, Sept. 12, at Canyon Springs Golf Course. Check-in begins at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$65 per player or \$240 per team before food. Registration and \$75/\$265 thereafter. To reserve a spot, e-mail mvba@magicalbuilders.org or fax 734-8483. Information: 736-8991.

Magie Valley Marlinas are a year-round competitive swim team that focuses on learning to breathe sport while improving the four different swim strokes.

For more information, call Noella at 539-5592. TWIN FALLS Adult Volleyball meetings nears. TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Adult Volleyball League will organize meetings on Thursday, Sept. 11. The women's league will meet at 6 p.m., with the co-ed league meeting at 6:30 p.m., at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office (136 Maxwell Ave.). Items for discussion include rules, fees, officials, game nights, team placements and season length. All teams wishing to participate must have a representative present. Information: 736-2265.

MAGIC VALLEY JRD extends fall sports sign-ups

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District is extending registration for fall soccer, flag football and volleyball through Friday, the cost is \$17 for those in the district and \$27 for those in other districts. Soccer is for age 4 through grade 6, while flag football is for grades 2-5 and volleyball is for grades 5-8. Register by phone by calling 324-3389 or stop by the JRD during office hours. Also, the soccer and football coaches meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 9, in the JRD Conference Room.

Valley holds youth sign-ups

HAZELTON — Valley Recreation District will hold sign-ups for youth soccer (boys and girls in grades 1-5) and football (grades 5-6) from 5-7 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday in the art room at Valley High School. Information: Rob Grant at 825-5021.

M.V. Marlinas open practice Sept. 8

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Marlinas swim team will begin practice at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8, at the Twin Falls YMCA City Pool. Those interested in a trial week with the Marlinas will be given a one-week punch card. Anyone above 19 must have a parent's consent and backstroke is invited to join.

Gooding sells activity tickets

GOODING — Gooding High School and Middle School are selling activity tickets at staggered prices. A HS/MS Adult ticket is \$80, a HS Adult ticket is \$70 and a MS Adult ticket is \$40. Information: Joellen Toney at 539-1313. —Compiled from staff and wire reports

EDITORIAL

Uncertain times scuttled Cassia school bond issue

The calculus of education funding in Cassia County has long dictated that areas outside of Burley — Duclo, Oakley, Albion and Malta — are the key to getting approval for a school bond issue.

Not Thursday, Burley residents turned out in droves to vote against a \$44.5 million bond issue for new school construction and renovation.

Much of the money — nearly \$20 million — would have been spent on projects in Burley, including two new elementary schools and five new classrooms and a science lab at Burley High School.

But in Zones 3 and 4, which cover the eastern half of Burley, the proposal got just 39 percent and 49 percent, respectively.

Higher taxes in a time of economic uncertainty was the reason why, and that reality must shape the district's strategy for the next bond issue election.

And make no mistake, there will be one soon. The Cassia district is loaded with schoolhouses built in the 1950s, and they're falling apart.

But the next proposal will be smaller — significantly smaller — and targeted at the most urgent needs: specifically, classroom crowding in Oakley and Burley, and replacing buildings district-wide that are no longer structurally safe.

Historically, Cassia County voters have been extraordinarily generous to the county's schools, but as in the rest of the Magic Valley they're cautious about spending today when their livelihoods are in question tomorrow. It was simply a bad time for the School Board to run a big bond issue.

But the needs persist, so it should expect better results next time.

Our view: The Cassia County School Board picked an unfortunate time to ask voters for \$44.5 million.

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

The life and times of Sarah Barracuda

The guilty pleasure I miss most when I'm out stogging on the campaign trail is the chance to sprawl on the chaise and watch a vacuously spunky and genetically sassy chick flick.

So imagine my delight, my absolute astonishment, when the hockey chick flick came out on the trail, a Cinderella story so preposterous it's hard to believe it's not premiering on Lifetime. Instead of going home and watching "Miss Congeniality" with Sandra Bullock, I get to stay here and watch "Miss Congeniality" with Sarah Palin.



MAUREEN DOWD

Sheer heaven. It's easy to see where this movie is going. It begins, of course, with a cute, cool unknown from Alaska who has never been seen on "Meet the Press" triumphing over a cute, cool unknownable from Hawaii who has been on "Meet the Press" a lot.

Americans, suspicious that the Obamas have benefited from affirmative action without being properly grateful, and skeptical that Michelle really likes "The Brady Bunch" and "The Dick Van Dyke Show" reject the 47-year-old black contender to too upply and untested.

Instead, they embrace 72-year-old John McCain and 44-year-old Sarah Palin, whose average age is 58, a mere two years older than the average age of the Obama-Biden ticket.

Enthusiastic Republicans don't see the choice of Palin as affirmative action, despite her thin resume and gaping absence of foreign policy knowledge, because they expect Republicans to put an underqualified "babu," as Rush Limbaugh calls her, on the ticket. They have a tradition of nominating fun, bank-tameweight cheerleaders, like the previous Miss Congeniality types Dan



Quayle and W., and then letting them learn on the job. So deep into the globe a few times while they're learning to drive, what's the big deal?

Obama may have been president of The Harvard Law Review but Palin graduated from the University of Idaho with a minor in poli-sci and worked briefly as a TV sports reporter. And she was tougher on the basketball court than the ethereal Obama, earning the nickname "Sarah Barracuda."

The legacy of Geraldine Ferraro was supposed to be that no one would ever go on a blind date with history again. But that crazy maverick and gambler McCain does it, and conservatives and evangelicals rally around him in admiration of his refreshingly cynical choice of Sarah, an evangelical Protestant and anti-abortion crusader who became a hero when she decided to have her baby, who has Downs syndrome, and when she urged schools to debate creationism as well as that stuffy old evolution thing.

Palinists, as they are called, love Sarah's spunky, relentlessly quirky "Northern Exposure" story from being a Miss Alaska runner-up, to winning Miss Congeniality, to

being mayor and hockey mom in Wasilla, a rural Alaskan town of 6,715, to being governor for two years to being the first woman ever to run on a national Republican ticket.

Sarah is a zealot, but she's a fun zealot. She has a beehive and sexy shoes, and the day she's named she goes shopping with McCain in Ohio for a cheerleader outfit for her daughter.

As she once told Vogue, she's learned the hard way to deal with press comments about her looks. "I wish they'd stick with the issues instead of discussing my black go-go boots," she said.

"A reporter once asked me about it during the campaign, and I assured him I was trying to be as frumpy as I could by wearing my hair on top of my head and these schoolmarm glasses."

This chick flick, naturally, features a wild stroke of fate, when the two-year governor of an oversized igloo becomes commander in chief after the president-elect chokes on a pretzel on day one.

The movie ends with the former beauty queen slugging out her pinned-up hair, taking off her glasses, slipping on ruby red peep-toe platform heels that reveal a plink

French-style pedicure, and in an island in the Bering Strait. Putting away her breast pump, she points her rifle and informs him frostily that she has some expertise in Russia because it's close to Alaska. "Back off, Commie dude," she says. "I'm a much better shot than Cheney."

Then she takes off in her seaplane and lands on the White House lawn, near the new ice fishing hole and hockey rink. "The 'First Dude,'" she calls the hunky Eskimo in the East Wing, winks on his snowmobile with the kids — Trunk (named after high school track meets), Bristol (after Bristol Bay where they did commercial fishing), Willow (after a community in Alaska), Piper (just a cool name) and Trig (Norse for "strength").

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pelosi should go to Mass more often

Democrat Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In a recent interview, said that the Catholic Church was not determined or stated when life begins. As a Catholic, I strongly disagree, but let me approach this from a simple scientific, rather than religious point of view.

I start with a simple premise—live things grow, dead things don't. At conception, 23 chromosomes from the male and 23 chromosomes from the female join together. Cell division begins. Those 46 chromosomes are the beginning of a human life and they begin to grow. At the time of conception, something else is created. It's called DNA. That DNA is unique to each individual. There are no other known chromosome matches that would allow the crossing of species to create a hybrid; thus, we are talking about a human life.

The only difference between a newly created life and someone who has been born is the amount of time they have been given to develop. The DNA remains the same.

The politically correct term for abortion is "choice." I suggest that the choice should have been made before the act that creates life. Sadly, abortion is used to cover up an error in judgment. It is also used as a matter of convenience. If it's not convenient to be pregnant, we just abort it. There seems to be no respect given to the newly created human life.

Speaker Pelosi, go to Mass a little more often and be sure to listen. JIM DAVIDS Buhl

A vote for Risch is a vote for a better Idaho

I want to compliment and thank Larry LaRocco for creating some much-needed

Tell us what you think

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new jobs for people in Idaho and I think he should stay right here and create more jobs instead of going to Washington, D.C. There are still people here that are in need of a job. In Washington, he would be up there with the "big dogs" and they would have him for lunch. I ought to know because I worked at the Capital for more than two years.

Both Jim Risch and Larry LaRocco are running for the Senate seat. Jim Risch did an outstanding job when he was "acting governor" and will do the best job for Idaho as our Republican senator in

Washington. He is honest, experienced and the most qualified man for the job. A vote for Jim Risch is a vote for the betterment of Idaho and its people. Make your vote count. JACK STREETER Mountain Home

Voters need to use some common sense

I have become very concerned with the apparent loss of common sense demonstrated by "we the people." During the next two weeks, the Regalia, rhetoric and royalty of both parties

will be on flagrant display. The politicians will ask "we the people" to believe opposing concepts within the platforms of both parties. They will ask us to believe doing away with capital punishment is justice and valuing human life, while supporting abortion on demand.

Businesses create oppression while government creates prosperity; a private corporation (Planned Parenthood) with profits in excess of \$100 million a year needs tax funding; the same education system that cannot teach our children the Three R's should be responsible for ethics and sex education; they just need more money.

Gender roles are artificial and limiting while homosexuality is natural and liberating. Homosexual-themed parades displaying drag queens, transvestites and bestiality deserve constitutional protection but manager scenes at Christmas should be illegal. Before federal

funding aid did not exist, self-esteem is more important than actually doing something to earn it. The NRA is bad for supporting parts of the Constitution but the ACLU is good for supporting parts of the Constitution.

The only reason socialism hasn't worked anywhere is because they did not have our leadership. It is OK to give government workers a day off on Christmas but it is not OK to say Merry Christmas; standardized tests are racist but quotas and set salaries are not; intent is more important than outcome and that both parties are there to serve the people.

So seriously, we the people, who picked our brains to the point that common sense has left the political process to be replaced by dichotomous principles and Ponzi schemes from our elected Congress. Vote as you wish but vote with intelligence. ANDREW EDGAR Klnberly

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Many Republicans leave convention out of plans

By Bob Drogin
Los Angeles Times

DAYTON, Ohio — As Sen. John McCain prepares to accept the Republican presidential nomination this week, his party's four-day convention will be notable, in part, for who isn't attending.

Compared with past GOP conventions, a surprising number of prominent lawmakers and candidates will stay away from the Sept. 1 through 4 festivities in St. Paul, Minn. — chiefly citing tough election battles, previous commitments or other scheduling conflicts.

At least 10 incumbent senators, plus several candidates

for Senate seats, already haven't registered. Only three incumbents in both contested races, including Kentucky's Mitch McConnell, the Senate minority leader, will join the partygoers.

"It's probably easier to say who is attending," said Rebecca Fisher, spokeswoman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. But the list is "moving target," she added.

Republican officials have encouraged candidates to focus first on winning their own elections. But an aide to a Republican senator, who spoke on condition of anonymity, offered another reason for the no-shows.

"The party brand is in tatters," said the aide. "The president is highly unpopular. There doesn't seem to be much excitement around the candidate. And there's a real fear of being tagged with the Republican label and being seen with George Bush."

Some absences are due to overriding events in officials' home states. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will bow out to stay in California and deal with a budget stalemate, and Govs. Bobby Lindal of Louisiana and Rick Perry of Texas said they would cancel their prime-time convention appearances because of the threat to the Gulf Coast from Hurricane Gustav. (The White

House said Saturday that President Bush was still planning to attend the convention, but that contingency plans were being made in case of a Gulf Coast disaster.)

One incumbent Republican senator has no choice but to attend. Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota pushed to bring the GOP to his state and is scheduled to speak to the delegates. But facing a stiff re-election battle, he now admits he'd rather be out campaigning.

"If the convention wasn't in St. Paul, I wouldn't be at the convention," Coleman told Minnesota Public Radio.

Two of the GOP stay-aways probably will not miss.

Alaska's veteran senator, Ted Stevens, for example, is avoiding trial on seven federal charges stemming from a corruption scandal back home. His staff says he won't attend because he is too busy campaigning.

Stevens and McCain have clashed repeatedly over special congressional spending bills called earmarks, which McCain bitterly opposes. While McCain boasts that he has never sought an earmark for his Arizona constituents, Stevens' Web site showcases 125 recent requests for earmarks from Alaskan groups or communities.

Idaho's outgoing senator, Larry Craig, also has reasons

to avoid the Twin Cities. Craig pleaded guilty in August 2007 to a reduced misdemeanor charge arising from his arrest on suspicion that he solicited sex from an undercover police officer in a restroom at the Minneapolis airport.

Other senators say they are simply too busy trying to save their jobs.

But Roberts, the veteran senator from Kansas, enjoys a double-digit lead over a Democratic challenger in a state that hasn't elected a Democrat to the Senate since 1932. But Roberts is finishing his 105-convict tour of the state and doesn't want to stop, said spokeswoman Molly Haise.

Party tickets bring American experiences to fore

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the latest entry in "Measure of a Nation," a year-long series of stories about the presidency and the 2008 election as seen through the prism of the culture. More stories for this package will be filed until the end of the GOP convention.

By Ted Archard
Associated Press writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — An Irish Catholic guy from a coal town who rides Amtrak home from work each night. A "hockey mom" of five who served on the IFA. A 72-year-old Vietnam vet. A binacial kid with a stepfather and a history of moving around.



Richard Larsoo, right, sings a song with his daughter Olivia, 10, center right, as his wife, Marge left, helps their other Beverly, 8, center left, with her homework at their kitchen table in Anchorage, Alaska Thursday. For the entire Democratic National Convention, speakers have been looking the kitchen table as the metaphor for the lives of regular Americans.

Both parties say they want to appeal to "regular Americans," to steamroll the Washington-insider mentality that doesn't understand the average Joe and Jane. While that hasn't happened yet, it's clear that the four candidates for the nation's two highest offices look a lot like America — more so than any competing presidential tickets in history.

Republican John McCain's selection as Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate, a woman joins a black man and two senior citizens on the major-party tickets to make one thing certain: For the first time in the history of the republic, there is no chance that either the president or the vice president will be a middle-aged white guy.

These are some of the groups represented among the four candidates: War veterans. Working women. Minorities. Christians. Americans who grew up overseas. Small-towners. Parents of young kids. Commuters. Children of fishermen.

It's a laundry list of the American experience, embodied in four people who vary very different political stripes.

Curiously, all four are professional politicians, so a great deal of self-identification is happening. The traits they choose to accentuate are just that — shrewd pack-

aging decisions. None, for example, is struggling to get by.

But tales of personal experience always sell well in America, land of narratives, a fact that Barack Obama acknowledged Friday when he said that Palin "seems to have a compelling life story." And the filaments linking these four candidates' experiences to the people they would presume to govern seem much more durable than, say, the connection between John Adams and new American being in log cabins in the Cumberland Gap during the 1800 election.

With this group, the entry points just keep on coming. If you can't identify with a weekend pickup-basketball player (Obama) or a man who has experienced deep personal misfortune (McCain, Biden), perhaps the anti-abortion parent of a Down syndrome child (Palin) links up with your personal experience.

The parties are both working hard to reach out beyond their stables to offer more descriptive representation on the ticket than we've seen in a long time," says Costas Panagoulis, director of the Center for Electoral Politics and Democracy at Fordham University in New York.

Strategists, he says, struggle with this issue because

they often find candidates "who are the best possible candidates but don't really connect with the average American. And this year, it seems like they're going for people who, for whatever reason, could make that kind of connection."

Not that politicians haven't tried before. But it can be dicey.

George W. Bush was cast as a small businessman, but he was part owner of a business that wasn't all that small — a major-league baseball team. Jimmy Carter may seem like a peanut farmer but he was also an established intellectual. Rhodes Scholar Bill Clinton was more than the fringes-scarfing average guy from Hope, Ark., and George H.W. Bush, try as he did, had trouble connecting with regular folks because he was perceived as a privileged easterner.

"That instinct to connect is powerful. It taps into the modern American desire to see families and life obstacles in our candidates that mirror our lives. And today's voters live more diverse lives, and come from more diverse backgrounds, than their counterparts of generations past."

Is it a sea change, though? Kenneth Lon, a political scientist at St. Joseph College in Connecticut, is skeptical.

"I don't think we're going to go back to 1900 where everybody had to be white and male to run for national office," he says. "But the fact that there are all these entry points to a candidate isn't really a solution to the question, 'Can I relate enough to that candidate?'"

Roger Nemeth, a demographer and sociologist at The College in Holland, Mich., sees hints of a changing America in the choices, which he says tap into "a demographic momentum."

For example, he says, the U.S. Census data last week predicted that by 2042, racial and ethnic minorities, if tallied together, will comprise a majority of the population. And that considers nothing about gender, life experiences or age, which is no small issue given the numbers of Baby Boomers poised to become senior citizens.

Additionally, Nemeth says, two major potential voting blocs, women and blacks, were disenfranchised for large chunks of the country's history. Now, finally, the candidates are catching up.

"What I think you're going to see in this election is a much more accurate reflection of the voting population, those who actually go out and vote, than perhaps any other time in America," Nemeth says.

Candidates' Web sites get to know the voters

By Peter Whoriskey
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Any two people interested in whether Amanda Beard is dating fellow Olympian Michael Phelps, and who clicked on the Obama Internet ad that raced around the Web recently, got the same piece of gossip.

(Begin It) Humored galpal Amanda Beard on Phelps: No Thanks! (End It)

What was different was the political ads that appeared — or didn't — beside the story. Readers who had visited Barack Obama's Web site received as many as three Obama ads alongside the story. Help Elect Barack Obama, President of the United States and "Visit the Barack Obama Website," the ads said.

Readers who hadn't visited his site didn't see a single Obama pitch.

How did the campaign know which readers to send ads to?

"Although both the Obama and McCain campaigns are reluctant to discuss details, the ability to identify sympathetic voters based on their Internet habits, and then to target them with ads as they move across the Web, is one of the defining aspects of the 2008 presidential campaign.

Digital advertising networks and large Web companies such as Yahoo and Microsoft are using Web behavior — which new articles people read, which blogs they visit or what search terms they enter — to target voters who may be sympathetic to a certain cause.

Using a method known as "sentiment detection," some companies even boast that they can tell whether the blog you go to is for or against the Iraq war.

"During a get-out-the-vote drive, you don't want to get out the wrong vote," said Diane Rinaldo, political advertising director at Yahoo, which has worked with both campaigns. With these techniques, the candidates "can reach who they want to reach without wasting their incredibly valuable media dollars, and reach them with the right message."

The advertising technique known as "behavior targeting" or "retargeting" has raised alarms from some privacy advocates, who say no one should unwittingly have their political leanings analyzed as they use the Web,

or be tracked for the delivery of political ads. Congress has been looking into the use of such techniques for commercial advertisers.

"The Web has been hailed for creating new opportunities for political expression, but there is this dark underbelly to it," said Jeffrey Chester with the Center for Digital Democracy. "Yes, you can track everyone — but you can track, target and profile, them as well, and none of this is disclosed."

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Suicide risks studied in drugs prescribed for physical ailments

By Ricard Alonso-Zaldívar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Cody Miller was a high school football player who was diagnosed with degenerative disc disease. A doctor coping with pain from an old back injury.

Both are now dead, hanging victims of suicide, their families believe, when drugs prescribed to relieve physical symptoms upset their mental and emotional balance.

Federal drug regulators are investigating to see if the families could be right.

Until now, the Food and Drug Administration paid attention to the suicide risks of medications has focused on psychiatric drugs, such as antidepressants prescribed to youngsters. But this year, officials unexpectedly broadened their concerns to include a medication for asthma, drugs for controlling seizures and even one for quitting smoking. Those are medical conditions not usually associated with psychiatric disorders.

Several independent experts say the safety standards point to a gap in the FDA's knowledge of how drugs affect the brain. Even if medications are intended for physical conditions, some drugs have unforeseen consequences if they are able to enter the brain. A group at Columbia University has developed a method for assessing the suicide risks of drugs, possibly helping identify risks before a medication goes on the market. But the FDA only requires use of such assessments on a case-by-case basis.

Drug companies say no cause-and-effect link has been established that would tie the medications under scrutiny to suicides. Also, some doctors worry that the talk of suicide may scare patients with serious illnesses away from drugs they need. For example, depression — a major risk factor for suicide — is associated with physical illness, they note.

The Miller and Briggs families say their lives were turned aside down without warning.

Cody Miller, 15, began using Singulair for his allergies in the summer of 2007. He switched from a different drug after a new doctor advised his mother that once-a-day Singulair was better.

When the teenager became moody and anxious, his parents were surprised. He had no history of emotional problems. But they did not connect the drug, physical reactions such as rashes, to indications are easy to recognize.



Andy Briggs, son of Douglas Briggs, is seen at his home in Washington, Aug. 8. Briggs was a doctor coping with pain from an old back injury. Such an ailment is a commonplace medical condition, not the kind that foreshadow a tragedy, Briggs' father, who committed suicide while taking a drug for pain relief, represents a growing number of prescription drugs on the market that have been linked to an increased risk of suicide.

nize, mental health side effects can be confused with everyday ups and downs.

About two weeks after he started taking his new medication, he hanged himself in an upstairs closet of the family home in Queensbury, N.Y., about 50 miles north of Albany.

Some two months later, the company that makes Singulair updated its prescribing literature to report that some patients had experienced suicidal thinking and behavior. But Merck & Co. said that only may be a coincidence because there were no such reports during controlled clinical trials with the drug.

"Singulair is a really effective drug that has been on the market 10 years and has been taken by millions of patients," said Dr. Alan Ezekowitz, an asthma expert with Merck. "It's not a placebo-controlled trial, no reports of suicide in Singulair-treated groups have been found."

An independent study by the American Lung Association supports Merck's conclusion without completely answering the question. The research looked at measures of emotional well-being in three clinical trials sponsored by the association and found a positive effect on emotional outlook in patients taking Singulair.

But the study, set to appear Monday in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, was not designed specifically to look for suicidal thinking or actions.

"The evidence is good, but we couldn't call it perfect," said Dr. Norman Edelman, the group's chief medical officer.

Cody's mother said that if she had had any inkling of a problem she would not have allowed her son to take Singulair. Merck and the FDA should have warned parents more forcefully, Kate Miller said. Cody was her only child.

"When you do not know what to look for, it's pretty sad," Miller said.

Briggs, 54, was a family doctor practicing near Charlotte, N.C. In his 30s, Briggs had injured his back in a car crash. Three surgeries over the years failed to completely resolve his problem. But Briggs stayed active, playing tennis and basketball. In February 2004, he began taking Neurontin, an epilepsy drug also prescribed for nerve-related pain and used for chronic back trouble.

His wife and two sons noticed a change. "He started developing uncharacteristic mood swings and irritability," said son Andrew Briggs, who works as a consultant in Washington. "He began talking about losing the desire to practice medicine, even though it was a great passion of his."

Briggs' family wondered what was going on. They did not connect the changes to Neurontin.

On Christmas Day in 2004, Briggs wanted to let alone. He urged his family to go see a comedy. When they returned, they found he had hanged

himself in the foyer of their home.

"For a guy who was such a family man to do that in a way that would basically ensure his family would be the first to find him was completely baffling," Andrew Briggs said.

Pfizer Inc., which makes Neurontin, said that since the drug was first marketed in the 1990s, the prescribing literature had listed "suicidal" and "suicidal gestures" as rarely reported adverse events seen in clinical trials. But Pfizer does not believe such reactions were connected to taking Neurontin and the company remains confident in the drug.

After Briggs' killed himself, the family started hearing about other Neurontin patients who had committed suicide, Andrew Briggs said. The family is suing Pfizer; their lawyers said there are about 250 such lawsuits.

This summer, the FDA convened a panel of scientific advisers to evaluate the suicide risks of 11 anti-seizure drugs, including Neurontin. Crunching data from 210 clinical trials, the agency found a small increased risk: two of 1,000 patients taking the medications experienced suicidal thoughts or behavior. When millions of people are taking a drug, even such slim odds can have significant consequences.

The advisory panel accepted the FDA's findings, but voted against imposing the government's strongest warning on the drugs, saying that could do more harm than good.

Despite credit crisis, most students have found loans

By Susan Kinzie
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The national credit crisis has caused confusion and some last-minute scrambling for college students and their parents, but most of them have been able to borrow the money they need to pay for school.

Students, schools and analysts who monitor lending said it's good, if surprising, news, given the financial turmoil in the credit markets.

"We haven't had a single student turned down for a loan," said Melissa Gregory, college director of financial aid at Montgomery (Md.) College. She was surprised, especially because earlier this year some banks announced that they would no longer lend to students at community colleges.

More than 130 lenders have pulled out of the student loan market, according to Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of *finaid.org*. That included some dramatic departures late in the summer, just when tuition bills were going out.

"What's especially challenging this year," said James Boyle, president of College Parents of America, "is that the college financial aid offices are themselves sort of reeling from various lenders dropping out ... it's difficult for the financial aid offices to keep pace, let alone for parents to understand it."

Federal aid has remained by far the biggest source of loans. But during the past week, the private market rose dramatically. Now, however, many banks have adopted stricter rules, trying to lower their risk, so the hardest-hit are students who don't have good credit, or don't have someone to co-sign a loan.

Some financial aid officers see a bit of a bright side to all this: It could make families more apt to choose federal loans, which offer more protections than private loans, such as deferments, more-flexible payment plans and loan forgiveness options.

Congress and the Department of Education stepped in to help federal loans this year by cutting the rate on certain loans for some students with low credit ratings, by letting undergraduates borrow more money from a federal loan program, and allowing the department to buy loans from some lenders to ensure that federal loans are available.

Kantrowitz estimated that 98 percent or more of students nationwide won't have any issues, although many of the lenders have not gotten the money from the Department of Education, so there is a chance for problems in the next couple of weeks. Schools won't know for sure until this semester's bills are paid.

Still, at the University of

Virginia, Georgetown, Catholic, Johns Hopkins, Howard and the University of Maryland, school officials said they hadn't heard of students unable to get loans for the fall semester.

At American University, Brian Lee Sang, director of the financial aid office, said there were some reports of students having trouble, and at George Washington University, one of two dozen students in the law and medical schools had to find new loans quickly when NorthStar Education Finance suspended its loans. The lender then announced last week that it would fund some on a limited basis, and the financial aid office worked with those students to find other loans.

But the news was frantic nature to loan applications this season, adding to the uncertainty. One lender serving the University of Maryland had said it might not be able to make loans, only to come within a week of funding a week before school started.

It has been significantly worse for career colleges, where many of the students are working adults with low credit ratings, and many parents or others to co-sign a loan, said Bob Cohen, senior vice president at the Career College Association.

The federal intervention has helped, he said.

And some state schools began loaning money themselves.

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Safety regulators stymied in recall efforts

By Anny Shin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Simplicity, a well-known maker of children's products, was already in serious financial straits when 4-month-old Katelyn Marie Simon, of Noel, Mo., died in a Simplicity bassinet last Sept. 29.

Less than two months later, the Cincinnati, Pa.-based firm was losing money and its lender forced it to find other buyers or new financing. The sale of Simplicity's assets in April to SFC, an affiliate of a Bethesda, Md., private-equity fund, complicated efforts by federal safety regulators to get the bassinets recalled after the death of a second infant Aug. 21.

The chain of events illustrates the difficult task facing the Consumer Product Safety Commission even after Congress enhanced its powers earlier this summer, and the balancing act the agency faces when trying to get companies to recall products without putting them out of business, which leaves consumers with no remedy. Simplicity's recall last year of 1 million defective cribs was a major reason the company was forced to sell its assets, subsequently putting them out of business to force new

owners to recall the bassinets.

"When we negotiate with a company, we do take into consideration whether the company will voluntarily recall in some cases. It doesn't work out that way," CPSC spokeswoman Julie Vallesse said. "First and foremost is the safety of the consumer."

Kenneth Wideman, the former president of Simplicity, and his father, William Waldman, declined through an attorney to be interviewed for this story.

The Waldman family started in the children's products and toy business in the late 1940s, according to the company's Web site. Simplicity was founded in 1988. The company designed children's furniture and nursery products, such as cribs, in countries such as China, Indonesia, and Vietnam, a May 2008 National City Capital Markets release said.

In May 2005, it recalled 575 cribs because the white paint chipped off, posing a choking hazard. In December 2005, Simplicity recalled about 100,000 Aspen 3-in-1 cribs sold under the Graco brand after eight reports of children getting trapped when the wooden mattress support came loose, including one case in which a child turned blue.

The month after the recall, an infant died in an Aspen 3-in-1 crib, and the company and the CPSC alerted the public again about the crib in February 2006.

Then, in June 2007, it recalled 40,000 Nursery-in-a-Box cribs because they came with incorrect instructions for installing a drop side rail. When installed upside-down, the rail could fall through a gap where infants could get caught and suffocate.

The company had known of the hazard. That month, it settled a wrongful death case with the California family of Liam Johns, a 9-month-old who died when his crib's drop side came off in April 2005, for the boy's family.

cribs — the largest crib recall in U.S. history.

The company agreed to send out repair kits to people who bought the recalled cribs. As of February 2008, only about 45,000 kits had been requested, according to Cara Smith of the Illinois State Attorney General's Office, which has aggressively pursued child safety cases.

A little more than a week after that recall, Simon died in a Simplicity bassinet. Authorities notified the CPSC immediately. Her family also notified Simplicity and Waldman where they purchased the crib, said Jeff Satoro, the family's lawyer.

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Incremental Anbar drawdown expected

By Chelsea J. Carter
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — The drawdown of Marines from the former Sunni insurgent stronghold of Anbar will take time because there is still much work to be done, a top U.S. commander said Sunday on the eve of the once violent province's transfer to Iraqi security control.

Monday's handover of Anbar, scene of some of the bloodiest battles of the Iraq war, marks a major milestone in America's strategy of turning security responsibility over to the Iraqis so that U.S. troops can eventu-

ally go home.

"The Marine force will be smaller soon," Marine Maj. Gen. John Kelly told The Associated Press in an exclusive telephone interview Sunday from Iraq. "I don't think it will be overnight. I think it will happen incrementally."

Kelly said he has already made his recommendation for troop cuts in the province to the top-ranking U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and Petraeus' No. 2, Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin. Petraeus is widely expected to conclude in the coming weeks that the outlook in Iraq has improved enough to

merit more troop reductions this fall.

Kelly's comments come after the top Marine Corps general, Gen. James Conway, said last week that fewer Marines were needed in Iraq and could be shifted to other places, such as Afghanistan.

Sen. Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential nominee, said he also told Petraeus some U.S. forces should be pulled out of Iraq and deployed to Afghanistan when the two met in July in Baghdad. Since he took command of U.S. forces in western Iraq in February, Kelly said he has seen his troop level drop 40

percent from 37,000 troops to 25,000 today. He has also seen a 60 percent drop in Iraqi troops in the region after several battalions were sent to fight Shiite militias in the southern city of Basra and Baghdad's Sadr City.

Kelly would not divulge the specifics of his troop cut recommendation. But he made clear that the U.S. military mission in Anbar was not finished.

"Our job until we leave, whenever that is, is to continue training the Iraqi police, training the Iraqi army, giving them advice, and continuing to be a force for stability," he said.

Russia support for separatists could have ripples

By Paisley Dods
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Russia's conflict with Georgia and recognition of its small breakaway territories as independent states may have broad repercussions for separatist movements in the former Soviet sphere and around the world.

The crisis could give a jolt of energy to other breakaway regions, especially those with links to Russia, or embolden China to pursue a tougher line in Tibet and Taiwan in the absence of tough Western measures.

"Any country that has a potential separatist movement will view the events in Georgia through its own unique prism," Richard Holbrooke, the former U.S. envoy who mediated peace in Bosnia in the mid-1990s, told The Associated Press.

"But the greatest cause for concern lies in the Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova," all former Soviet states.

designs in its "near-abroad" so acute as in Ukraine.

The country the size of France with a population of 46 million has long held a special place in Russian foreign policy. It has been humiliated by its drive to join the European Union and NATO.

Many now fear Moscow has its sights on the strategic Crimea peninsula on the Black Sea — once one of the glories of the Russian empire.

Russia has not explicitly declared it wants to regain control of Crimea but nearly 2 million of the region's 2 million residents are ethnic Russians, many of whom believe Crimea should be Russian.

Russia has a lease that gives it control of the Sevastopol military base until 2017 and has hinted that it does not want to leave when the lease runs out.

The events in the Caucasus have been watched closely by a resurgent China, which has tried to extinguish separatist movements in Tibet and its far western province of Xinjiang, where Beijing says radicals are trying to set up an Islamic state.

For Beijing, the Russia-Georgia conflict may be double-edged.

On one hand, the spectacle of South Ossetia and Abkhazia making a big leap toward independence with Moscow's backing may send chills through the Chinese ruling elite as it struggles with its own separatist movements.

On the other, the Kremlin's use of military might to reassert dominance in a region it considers its own backyard could set a global precedent for Beijing as it maneuvers to assert its will in places like Taiwan — which China has vowed to take back by force if necessary.

That may account for Beijing's prompt response to Russia's request for support at a meeting last week in Tajikistan.

China, along with four Central Asian nations, refused to endorse the invasion or recognize the breakaway provinces — but also criticized the West and signed a statement praising the "active role of Russia in promoting peace and cooperation" in the region.

"We have our Western friends and those in Central Asia who are not in agreement with Russian actions. But we also have a strong relationship with Russia," said Shi Yinhong, a professor of international relations at People's University in Beijing.

"So China just needs to take a mild road," he said in Turkey, which borders both Georgia and Armenia and hosts pipelines for Caspian Sea oil, Kurds in the country's southeast near the frontier with Iraq have been fighting for self-rule in parts of Turkey's east and southeast.

So far there are no signs the Georgia conflict will give a psychological boost to the Kurds' flagging struggle or revive the Turkish government reason to consider a harsher crackdown.



People seen sitting just outside the Parireyvatva government hospital in Harare, Zimbabwe, Aug. 21. The advice of doctors to beleaguered Zimbabweans: Don't get sick. If you do, chronic shortages of drugs and broken hospital equipment will probably kill you.

Zimbabwe docs' advice: Don't get sick

By Anqa Shaw
Associated Press writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe — The advice of doctors to Zimbabweans is, don't get sick. If you do, don't count on hospitals — they're short of drugs and functioning equipment.

As the economy collapses, the laboratory at a main 1,000-bed hospital has virtually shut down. X-ray materials, injectable antibiotics and anticonvulsants have run out. Emergency resuscitation equipment is out of action. Patients needing casts for broken bones need to bring their own plaster. In a country that is one of the world's worst AIDS epidemics, medical staff health protective gloves.

Health authorities blame the drying up of foreign aid and Western sanctions imposed to end political and human rights abuses under President Robert Mugabe. A power-sharing agreement aimed at bringing the opposition into the government could open the gates to foreign aid. But negotiations have stalled over how much power rests with Mugabe.

Meanwhile, the economic meltdown is evident in empty store shelves, long lines at gas stations — and hospitals

where elevators don't work and patients are carried to upper wards in makeshift hammocks of torn sheets and blankets.

Jacob Kwaramba, an insurance clerk, brought his brother to Harare's Parireyvatva hospital, once the pride of health services in southern Africa. Emergency room doctors sent Kwaramba to a private pharmacy to buy drugs for his brother's lung infection. He returned two hours later to find his brother dead, he told the AP in the emergency room.

"I couldn't believe it. It wasn't a fatal illness," he said.

Another family said a relative dying of cancer was sent home, and no painkillers could be found in Harare pharmacies. Relatives abroad were able to pay for morphine, but by the time import clearance was obtained from the state Medicines Control Authority, the man had died in agony, the family said, awaiting anonymity for fear of government retribution.

A report by six independent Zimbabwean doctors indicates the scale of the collapse.

"Elective surgery has been abandoned in the central hospitals and even emergency surgery is often dependent on the ability of

patients' relatives to purchase sutures materials from private suppliers," it said.

"Pharmacies stand empty and ambulances immobilized for want of spare parts ... this is an unmitigated tragedy, scarcely conceivable just a year ago."

The doctors who compiled the six-page report for circulation among aid and development groups withheld their names because of concern they would be seen as critical of Mugabe or a punishment of Mugabe's forces.

In an interview this year, Health Minister David Parireyvatva said lack of foreign currency due to sanctions was hindering efforts to maintain equipment. But political violence has added to the burden. The human rights group Amnesty International said hospitals ran out of crutches for victims of attacks blamed on Mugabe's forces.

The independent Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum, an alliance of human rights campaigners, said doctors and medical staff were chased from rural clinics to keep them from helping opposition supporters, while many city hospitals couldn't cope with the number of patients injuries sustained in

beatings and torture blamed mostly on militants' of Mugabe's party and police and soldiers.

The opposition Movement for Democratic Change says at least 200 of its supporters died in the violence, with thousands more beaten and made homeless.

No data is available on how many lives have been lost because of the medical crisis, but the report said hospital admissions declined sharply because of the cost of treatment and transportation over long distances to clinics and hospitals.

In recent years, 70 percent of births took place in health facilities; now it's under 50 percent, the report said.

It said that a decade ago Zimbabwe had the best health system in sub-Saharan Africa. But with the economic crisis worsening, 10,000 Zimbabwean nurses are employed in Britain alone, and 80 percent of Zimbabwean medical graduates working abroad.

The main Harare medical school, once renowned for the quality of its graduates, has lost 60 percent of its complement of lecturers, and an unprecedented 30 percent of its students failed this year's final examinations.

With the exception of the Balkans, post-Soviet era Europe has grown accustomed to the notion of territorial integrity as stable — if not sacrosanct.

Russia's push into Georgia and its recognition of the territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia have undermined this status quo — and may start to warm up so-called "frozen conflicts" in Moldova's Trans-Dniester region and Azerbaijan's Nagorno-Karabakh, where Moscow backs separatist movements.

Azerbaijan and Armenia are locked in conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, which is encircled by Azerbaijan but controlled by ethnic Armenian forces. Russia has close historical and economic ties to Armenia, which surrendered control of key sectors of its economy to Russia in exchange for debt forgiveness.

For the Kremlin, the stakes in oil-rich Azerbaijan have been raised by Washington's plan to build a military base there — a project that has incensed the Russians, who have a large military installation in Armenia with hundreds of personnel, fighter jets and air defense systems.

Russia also continues to back the breakaway Russian-speaking province of Trans-Dniester, that has split from Moldova over its leared reunification with Romania.

Russian troops remain stationed in the province to guard a huge stockpile of Soviet-era military equipment. It's a situation with eerie echoes to South Ossetia — the flashpoint of the Russia-Georgia conflict — where Russia kept "peacekeepers" before the eruption of this month's war.

"By illegally recognizing the Georgian territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, Dmitry Medvedev, Russia's president — made clear that Moscow's goal is to redraw the map of Europe using force," Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili wrote in an editorial that appeared in the Financial Times on Friday.

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Shirley Anne Whitesell of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Earnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Tuesday at the mortuary.

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

Phyllis C. Wasko of Filer, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Edward the Confessor in Twin Falls; rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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Betty J. Emerson of Salem, Ore., and formerly of Goodline, 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.

Thomas Lloyd Neddlo of Malta, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Malta LDS Church.

Elaine McCulston Ferbrache Craig Reynolds of Boise and Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at Gem Memorial Garden; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Hansen Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley.

James Dale Mizer of Halley, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Grange Hall, 609 S. Third St. in Halley.

Ada Grimm of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Park's, Magic Valley-Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

burial with military grave side rites in the Rupert Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Sandra Eleanor Perkes

Sandra Eleanor Perkes, 60, of Hichfield, passed away Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008 at the University of Utah Medical Center from complications of strokes and cancer. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Richfield LDS Church.

A viewing will be held Friday, Sept. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Richfield LDS Church and one hour prior to the services. Burial will be at the Moreland Cemetery at 3:30 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Josephine H. Turner Colby

Josephine H. Turner Colby, 79, of Burley passed away Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008 in Elmore County in an auto accident. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Payne Mortuary of Burley.

Ernest 'Curt' Pinther

Ernest 'Curt' Pinther, 74, of Rupert, passed away Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008 at St. Luke's of Magic Valley. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Rupert 5th ward building. Viewing for family and friends will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the Hansen Mortuary and for one hour prior to the services at the church. Services will conclude with

8 sickened by chemical exposure at plant in Ill.

By Jim Suhr Associated Press writer

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — One of two Missouri hospital emergency rooms reopened Sunday, a day after being shut down under quarantine when eight people sickened by a dangerous chemical's release sought treatment.

Price McCarty, an FBI spokesman in Springfield, Ill., said the chemical release Saturday at the Ro-Corp. plant caused no harm, countering a statement earlier Sunday by an East St. Louis' city official that two people had died.

The chemical, which authorities said was likely the highly toxic material nitrobenzene, was released when a barrel was dropped at the Ro-Corp. plant.

The eight people sickened — identified by the FBI as mostly Ro-Corp. workers — remained hospitalized Sunday.

Three were in good condition at SSM DePaul Health Center in Missouri's St. Louis County. The hospital reopened its emergency department Sunday afternoon after quarantining it the previous night, spokeswoman Jamie Newell said.

Three others were in satisfactory condition at St. Anthony Medical Center. The hospital expected to reopen its emergency department later Sunday. One man remained hospital-

alized at St. Louis' Barnes-Jewish Hospital on Sunday — a spokeswoman declined to divulge his condition — while another person was listed in serious condition in the intensive care unit at Saint Louis University Hospital.

Earlier Sunday, East St. Louis city manager Robert Betts said two people had died. He later told a newspaper that he couldn't confirm the deaths. Betts did not immediately respond to repeated calls made to his office and cell phone Sunday by The Associated Press.

Nitrobenzene is commonly used in the synthesis of dyes, antioxidants, pharmaceuticals, pesticides, and medicines, and as a corrosion inhibitor. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Web site says it can cause vomiting, diarrhea, convulsions, respiratory arrest and other symptoms and ailments.

McCarty said the FBI initially was called in to pinpoint whether there was anything criminal or terrorism-related about the chemical release, but agents found neither.

Steve Robins, president of the G.S. Robins & Co., the parent company Ro-Corp. Inc. told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that while "we really don't know what happened" at Ro-Corp., the problem was contained by Sunday.

Critics: Palin used 'Bridge to Nowhere' for gain

By Mary Pemberton Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gov. Sarah Palin was for the infamous "Bridge to Nowhere" before she was against it, a change of position the GOP vice presidential running mate ignored Saturday when she bragged about "telling Congress 'thanks but no thanks' to the pork barrel project."

Federal funds of the \$398 million bridge were tacked into an appropriations bill. The Anchorage Daily News quoted her on Oct. 22, 2006, as saying yes, she would continue state funding for the bridge because she wanted swift action on infrastructure projects. "The window is wide while our congressional delegation is in a strong position to assist," she said.

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examples is John Kerry's explanation for opposing and then favoring an \$87 billion Iraq funding bill during the 2004 presidential campaign. "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion," he said, "before I voted against it."

According to the Ketchikan Daily News, the bridge issue came up on Sept. 29, 2006, during an appearance the gubernatorial candidates made in Ketchikan.

"The money that's been appropriated for the project, it should remain available for a link, an access process as we continue to evaluate the scope and just how best to just get this done," the newspaper quoted Palin as saying. "This link is a commitment to help Ketchikan expand its access, to help this community prosper."

The newspaper also reported that she said "I think we're going to make a good team as we progress that bridge project."

The bridge issue dates back several years. Former Republican Gov. Frank Murkowski, who had been an Alaska senator, wanted it. Stevens and Rep. Don Young, pushed the project through Congress, securing \$452 million in a federal transportation bill for two bridges — the one in Ketchikan and another in Anchorage.

With criticism over earmarks increasing, Congress stripped the provision from

the bill, requiring instead that some of the money be used for an airport. Alaska eventually received about half the money. Murkowski and the Legislature redirected all of the money but \$60 million in 2006, and Palin has left the remainder untouched.

Bill McAllister, Palin's press secretary, questioned how she could have used the extra bridge project to promote herself in national politics when she got there a week ago as McCaIn's unexpected choice for the ticket.

"How could she have foreseen that she would be at this point now? Everybody is surprised by this development," McAllister said.

McAllister, who covered the 2006 campaign as a TV reporter, said Palin was lukewarm about the bridge as a candidate and cooled on it as governor.

"Of course when you become governor things come into much sharper focus than when you are a candidate," he said. "Then she is forced to pay very close attention to the fiscal realities of it."

Economy may not influence election as it has in past

By Lori Montgomery The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Home prices are plummeting, food and energy costs are sky high and for many families, disposable income is stagnant or falling. Economic forecasters say conditions are the worst they've seen in a presidential election year in nearly three decades.

That should spell big trouble for the party in control of the White House, and the Democrats should be welcoming a victory, history suggests. But so far, it hasn't turned out that way, even though voters by a wide margin name the economy as the most important issue in the campaign. As the presidential contest enters its final months, public opinion polls show Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., locked in a tight race with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Economists who say economic conditions can be used to explain the outcome of almost every presidential election since at least the 1950s are perplexed.

"Historically, the economy seems to matter. And given the state of the economy, it should be giving Obama an edge," said Chris Varvares, president of MacroEconomic Advisers, a St. Louis firm whose forecasting model found that Obama should trounce McCaIn by nearly 10 points in November.

Indeed, certain economic factors are so negative that, according to Varvares' model, 2008 should be one of the few years the economy "rises to the level of being a leading factor." But he said, the odds "continue to show something different."

Although the economy has not fallen into recession, which is generally defined as a significant decline in economic activity lasting more than a few months, there has been plenty of bad news. The nation has been shedding jobs, pushing the unemployment rate to 5.7 percent last month, the highest in four years. Record oil prices drove gasoline prices over \$4 per gallon just as people began planning for the holiday season. And, depending on the projections, real disposable income is recording its weakest annual growth in an election year since at

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least 1980, when President Jimmy Carter's administration lost the House to Ronald Reagan during a national economic malaise.

Forecasting models by MacroEconomic Advisers and Global Insight, a Massachusetts forecasting firm, suggest that stagnant disposable income is "the key economic variable that should be hurting" the Republicans, said Nigel Gould, chief U.S. economist for Global Insight. Gould predicts that per capita disposable income will decline in the current quarter, making this year "only the second time since World War II that we'll be going into the election with real disposable income having fallen" from the previous year, he said.

That should leave McCaIn fighting a real uphill battle, said Galls, whose model shows Obama winning by 7 points.

That battle should be over, though, because McCaIn is seen by many political analysts as weak on the economy. His camp has committed a handful of public relations blunders. In July, adviser Phil Gramm, senior economist and former Bush economy as a "mental recession." More recently, McCaIn was ridiculed for failing to recall the number of houses he owns.

To be sure, the polls could be wrong and Democrats could win by a big margin in November. In the meantime, however, the tight race has led some economic forecasters, political scientists and fringe think tanks to conclude that factors other than the economy must be weighing more heavily than they have in the past. "One possibility is that the economy isn't really that bad — that, this year, it's not 'the economy, stupid,'" as Bill Clinton's campaign famously put it in 1992.

The family of *Stathley "Willie" Taylor* would like to thank everyone for their many cards, flowers, contributions and condolences. She'll truly be missed.

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Systems Engineer Jussi Melartin takes a drink after work at the White Horse Tavern, a well known watering hole in the shadows of lower Manhattan's financial district Aug. 28. In the past few weeks, scattered reports have noted that alcohol sales are up in some places, despite, or maybe because of the downturn in the economy.

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— Paul Gruenewald, scientific director of the Prevention Research Center

By Adam Keller
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — By 6:30 p.m. every stool at the bar is taken. It's a Thursday night at the White Horse Tavern, a well-worn watering hole in the shadows of lower Manhattan's financial district, and the regulars have found a refuge.

All that depressing news about the economy — job cuts, spiraling inflation, the mortgage mess — you don't need to tell these folks. But the offer of 53 platts is good until 8, and with the television at the end of the bar tuned to the ninth race at Louisiana Downs instead of the stock market wrap-up, the world is on hold.

So what does this scene tell us?

a) When people are under financial stress, they're more likely to frequent bars.

b) When economic times are tough, people drink more alcohol.

c) In a downturn, folks will cut back first on other purchases before they give up booze.

d) Maybe we're more complicated creatures than conventional wisdom suggests.

A tough economy ratchets up the pressure to rethink spending decisions. Food, clothing and shelter are essential. But when it comes to the extras, grim new realities set out some straightforward choices between needs and things we can live without.

Then there's booze. In the past few weeks, scattered reports have noted that alcohol sales are up in some places, despite — or maybe even because of — the downturn in the economy. The new figures have revived the

thinking that when Americans are taking it on the economic chin they keep a firm grip on the bottle.

In Pennsylvania, for example, officials reported that sales of wine and liquor are up 4.7 percent for the 11 months ending in May, to \$1.63 billion. In Connecticut, the state reports that the taxes it collects on sales of alcoholic beverages also are up 4.7 percent for the fiscal year that ended in June.

A closer look, though, shows in those states and others, the rise in alcohol sales merely follows on past increases. The most recent increases are in some cases, smaller than what has been seen in the past. Still, the fact that they're increasing says something.

"Beverage alcohol really is only mildly affected by the economic factors," says Danny Brager of The Nielsen Company, which tracks consumer purchasing decisions. "A lot of consumers would still consider alcoholic beverages as an affordable indulgence."

But the psychology of alcohol consumption is far from simple, and very different from many other economic choices.

When gas rises by \$1 a gallon, choices are limited to driving less or using a different vehicle. But there's no immediate, easy alternative to gas.

It's the same with cigarettes, she-purchase — more regularly compared to alcohol. True, you can quit or cut back, and there's a limited selection of cheaper smokes. But the bottom line remains that if you want a cigarette, you have to pay the price.

Alcohol is different. If high-end European vodkas

are expensive, you might try the stuff distilled in Wisconsin. If that's too much, how about a beer? Don't have enough for an import, try a domestic. If the bar, tab is too much, too bad, stop off at the store and bring a six-pack home.

"It's essentially a portfolio the industry presents to the customer so that if there's a problem in income, you can still drink and they can still sell," says Paul Gruenewald, scientific director of the Prevention Research Center, a federally funded non-profit in Berkeley, Calif.

"People are very rational over all. They're doing what makes sense. They still want to sit down after work and have a beer, and OK, it won't be a Heineken. They'll have a Budweiser."

When Nielsen asked consumers in May whether the economy was affecting their alcohol spending, nearly half said not at all. More than 80 percent said they're spending the same amount they were a year ago, or more.

But individual decisions about alcohol can be very nuanced. In the short term, its clear consumers are going out to eat less and drinking more at home, Brager said.

In a persistent economic downturn, though, drinking habits can change significantly over time.

"A lot of people think that when times are bad people will drink more. The evidence is pretty clear that, at least in terms of alcohol sales, that that's not true, that

people will drink less," said Christopher Ruhm, a professor of economics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Gruenewald agrees, but makes an interesting observation. When the economy tanks, the wealthy can afford to keep drinking. Poorer consumers — often stereotyped as the ones with drinking problems — are the first to cut back, he says.

But just because overall consumption may dip, doesn't mean everyone believes that way, says Thomas S. Dee, a professor of economics at Swarthmore College. "Someone might cut back on the expensive bottle of wine but spend that same amount of money on a quite a bit of high alcohol whiskey or liquor and they could engage in much more serious binge drinking," says Dee. His analysis of data, culled from surveys taken between 1995 and the late 1990s, found that a 5 percentage point increase in the unemployment rate is linked to a 4 percent increase in binge drinking.

In a booth across from the bar, Tibor Nemes and Paul Davis, executives at a Wall Street firm, said having a few drinks is a fixture of social life that they can't imagine giving up. But Tom Quirk, the bar-side bartender says some folks are doing just that.

"It's not great, let me tell you," Quirk says. "All the Scotchies are sitting still. The budweiser on tap is a good mover. That's about it."

Wind, solar energy built on temporary tax breaks

By Ben Abrams
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Congress is putting the short-term future of renewable energy companies in jeopardy even as the presidential candidates and most lawmakers hail windmills, solar panels and biofuels as long-term solutions to high gasoline prices and global warming.

Some \$500 million in investment and production tax credits will expire Dec. 31 unless Congress renews them. Without that help, solar and wind-power companies say they will reverse planned expansions and, in many cases, cut payrolls and capital investment.

Schott Solar has visions of quadrupling its operation in Albuquerque, N.M., to reach 1,500 jobs and \$500 million in investment. But the investment tax credit, company spokesman Brian Lynch said, is what makes solar power cost-competitive. Without it, expansion plans must be reconsidered.

"We don't want to build a giant factory that the market doesn't need or want," Lynch said.

The Solar Energy Industries Association says some 20 utility-scale solar power plants, many in California, are together capable of producing power for a million homes, are at risk because of the uncertainty in Congress.

Proponents of wind power, a nascent industry that relies on skittish investors, are in a similar predicament. Greg Weststone of the American Wind Energy Association says his group is predicting a loss of 76,000 jobs and \$1.4 billion in investment.

Investors like to know what tax policies apply when they are putting millions of dollars down on a project. There's a long history that these projects are less likely to go forward without a credit, he said.

Congress let the credit expire in 2000, 2002 and 2004. In those three years, when Congress has not allowed its production tax credit to expire.

Naviant Consulting, which advises on renewable energy technology, estimated that investments in wind and solar power in 2009 would amount to \$26.6 billion with the credits; that would fall to \$7 billion without them.

The credits are expected to total \$334 million, according to congressional estimates.

"These companies are shutting down projects, firing people and it's Congress's fault," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.,

chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Investment tax credits, available to homeowners and businesses that invest in solar power equipment, and the production tax credit, based on kilowatt-hours of energy produced by wind, geothermal, bio mass and other renewables, are only two of dozens of temporary tax breaks that die out after a year or two if Congress does not revive them.

This year Congress is considering tax-extenders worth more than \$50 billion over the next decade. The production tax credit would cost \$7 billion and two solar investment tax credits would cost \$2.7 billion over 10 years.

In addition to breaks for renewable energy and energy conservation, several dozen other tax breaks are targeted to businesses and individuals. They include people paying state and local sales taxes; parents with higher education tuition costs; and teachers with out-of-pocket expenses.

Almost all the provisions are popular. But Senate Republicans have blocked consideration of tax-extenders by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont. GOP lawmakers are protesting efforts to offset the costs with other taxes or other items attached to the proposals. In the House, conservative Democrats promise to block any extension that adds to the deficit.

That's nothing new. In 2006, Congress did not come together on a tax-extenders deal until December, forcing the Internal Revenue Service to delay processing returns claiming several of the tax breaks. In 2007 Congress never agreed on extenders and again waited until December for the IRS disruption, to settle another annual tax crisis, the alternative minimum tax.

That tax was, enacted 40 years ago, was supposed to become a time machine of very rich people from avoiding taxes. But it never was adjusted for inflation and now reaches into the pockets of 4 million people, mainly upper middle-income. Millions more are threatened every year until Congress steps in, usually at the last possible moment.

The Baucus bill has provisions to keep those affected by the tax from growing to \$1 billion, at a cost of \$63 billion over the next decade.

"A big part of the problem is uncertainty," said Marie Lee, a tax analyst with the American Electronics Association. "Our companies are getting tired of this game."

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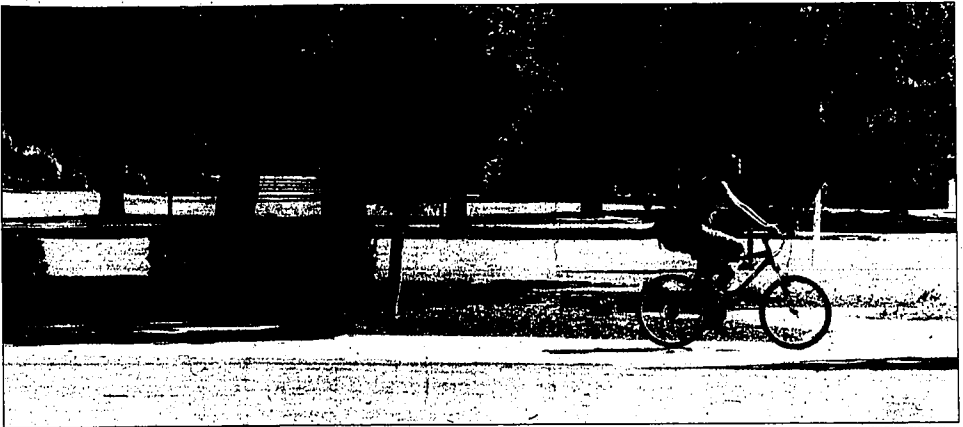
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Biking basics

CSI Bike-Week schedule:

Workshops — held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday on the north side of the Taylor Building.

Monday — Getting started. CSI instructor Scott Rogers will be on hand to demonstrate what to look for in a new bike.

Tuesday — Bike safety. Learn about the importance of helmets, how to navigate bike lanes and traffic, and the safest routes to campus.

Wednesday — Basic bike maintenance. Learn small repairs like fixing a flat tire and do brake and gear tuneups.

Thursday — Question and answer session with experienced commuters.

Friday — Bike rally. Door prizes will be given out to recognize students and faculty with the longest commute, the most miles logged during bike week and other accomplishments.

Breakfast: Daily, 8:30 to 11 a.m. on north side of Taylor building. Open only to those who bring their bikes.

Information: Brenda Larsen, blarsen@csi.edu.

CSI offers instruction, encouragement

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

It's the talk of the campus: Driving to College of Southern Idaho is a real pain.

Between waiting in construction traffic, gas prices and trying to find a parking space during the morning class rush, cars are quickly becoming a burden for many campus commuters.

But the frustration isn't necessary, said Whitney Smith, English department chair at CSI.

"The parking's not an issue when you're riding your bike," she said.

That's the message of CSI's first annual Bike Week, a celebration aimed at encouraging bike use and increasing awareness of cyclists among drivers.

There are several benefits to riding instead of driving, said Brenda Larsen, associate professor of psychology at CSI. It's a fantastic cardio exercise, great for the environment and easy on the wallet.

Studded bike tires make winter biking plausible, and Larsen said she has biked through almost every kind of weather.

And with rising fuel prices showing no signs of letting up, Larsen suggested that getting used to

bikes would be a good idea.

"In the long run, we're going to have to make some really radical changes in our habits," Larsen said.

But in the short term, not everyone is embracing the idea. Mike Gouty, manager of Spike & Wheel in Twin Falls, said bike sales haven't gone up as much as he expected since gas prices have risen.

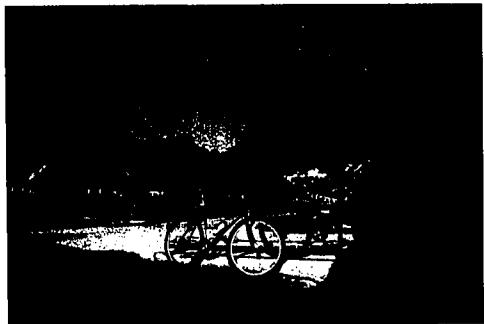
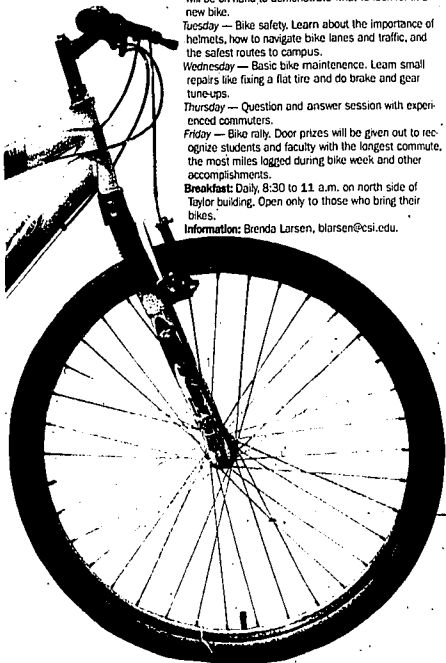
"(Sales) have been up a little bit," he said. "Maybe 10 percent over the past year. People love their cars too much, I think."

A lack of bike lanes and awareness among drivers is also a problem, Gouty said.

"Part of it is we don't have a super bike-friendly town yet," he said. While Twin Falls is heading in the right direction, the city needs more bike lanes and a better bike path, he said. There are few bike racks at businesses and on the CSI campus, and some roads, like Blue Lakes Boulevard, are just plain unrideable.

Larsen agreed, saying almost every rider she knows has had close calls with cars. Smith said crossing Falls Avenue is especially scary.

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On the campus of College of Southern Idaho, bicyclists often chain their rides to railings because there aren't enough bike racks. The college is starting Bike Week today, encouraging students, faculty and visitors to ride bicycles to campus rather than drive.

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Who's on those bikes?

**Dar Wagner**

Biking experience: Has ridden for pleasure for 9 years. Started commuting 3 years ago.

Why: Pleasure
Advice: "My biggest thing I would say is make sure when you see a car and you're going to cross a road, make sure you have eye contact with that driver before you proceed to cross the road."

**Carol Carille**

Biking experience: 3 months.

Why: For fun
Advice: Wear a helmet, and watch for traffic!

**Lena Paxton**

Biking experience: 3 months.

Why: Exercise and to save money on gas
Advice: "Don't yell at people (in cars) when you're on your bike," Paxton said. "They're bigger than you are!"

**Chris Anderson**

Biking experience: 10 years; 8 years on a recumbent bike.

Why: "Mostly kind of a health thing." Environmental factors, too.

Advice: At first, it takes a while to adjust to riding a bike, Anderson said. "We're used to having this nice metal box around us with temperature control and stuff like that." But hang in there. "When you're adjusted, then it feels strange to use the motor vehicle."

You Weight issues can affect school performance

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. Free; 324-6133.

Alzheimer's support

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Rosetta Hilland, 1919 Hilland Ave. in Burley.

Open to Mini-Cassia residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. Information: Maquet Wrigley, 677-5451.

Childhood education

The College of Southern Idaho Early Childhood Education Program will offer two sessions of parent and child educator classes in Room 108 at CSI's Aspen Building. One credit for each class.

"The Science of Obedience," 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, this week through Oct. 21.

"The Art of Communication," 9-11 a.m. Saturdays, Oct. 18 through Dec. 13.

Cost is \$95 per class. Preregistration required: www.esi.edu. Information: 732-6549.

About C-sections

Cesarean childbirth class, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topics: Cesarean deliveries, nonconforming labors, pain management and hospital procedures. Wear comfortable clothing; bring two pillows and, if possible, a support person.

Free. Preregistration required: 732-3148.

About childbirth

The childbirth class of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's prepared childbirth class series, 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Jerome Ambulance Building, 240 E. Main.

Topics: pregnancy, nutrition, relaxation and massage. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person.

Fee is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

About fitness

The University of Idaho Extension office will offer two fitness classes in Burley and Rupert.

"A Stronger You," a strength training program for those 45 and older, 4:30-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, this Wednesday through Oct. 15, at Cassia County Extension office, 1013 W. 16th in Burley. Cost is \$10 (includes materials and equipment maintenance).

"Steps to a New You," a pedometer walking program, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 8 through Dec. 3, at Minidoka County Extension office at McGregor Center, 85 E. Baseline Road in Rupert. Cost is \$30 (includes pedometer, stretch band and notebook). Register: 878-9661.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, this week through Oct. 2, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topics: wellness of the mother; labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques; care of the postpartum mother and newborn; breast-feeding and bottle feeding; and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Wear comfortable clothing; bring two pillows and, if possible, a support person.

Cost is \$60. Preregistration required: 732-3148.

Big Kids Klub

Big Kids Klub, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. Cost is \$10 for two or more children; pre-registration required: 732-3148.

Fitness class

The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center will offer the course "Over 60 and Getting Fit," 9-10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Sept. 8 through Dec. 12, in the gym at Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding, Shelley Cornstock will instruct.

Topics: cardiovascular activities (walking and other low-intensity aerobic movement) and flexibility and resistance strength training. The course is also offered in Shoshone, Hagerman and Jerome.

Cost: Free for 60 and older, and \$95 for under 60.

A medical release is required to participate. Register: 834-8676 or North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

New exercise class sites

South Central Public Health District will open new "Fit and Fall Proof" exercise class sites in Twin Falls, Halley and Burley. The low-impact exercise classes will help individuals increase their strength and balance. The new class sites are:

• Twin Falls: 10:45-11:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays, beginning Friday this week. Prerequisite: Assisted Living front entrance, 622 Filer Ave. W.

• Halley: 10-11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning Sept. 8, Miller Ave. Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave.

• Burley: 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Sept. 16, Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.

The additional sites make a total of nine class sites in the Magic Valley. Register: 737-5988.

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

Los Angeles Times

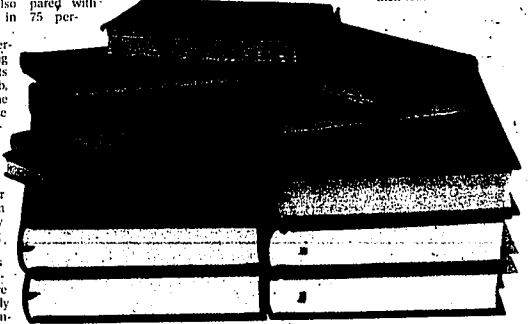
Overweight kids are at risk for a host of health complications, including elevated cholesterol, diabetes and high blood pressure. They also might do more poorly in school.

When grade-point averages were compared among 566 middle school students in a Philadelphia suburb, overweight students came in at about half a grade point lower than normal-weight kids.

The study, published in the journal *Obesity*, also found that overweight students had lower reading comprehension scores on a nationally standardized test, ranking in the 66th percentile; normal-weight kids ranked in the 75th percentile. Heavier kids were also five times more likely to have six or more detentions than their normal-

weight peers, had more school absences and lower physical fitness test scores, and were less inclined to participate on athletic teams — 37 percent compared with 75 percent of normal-weight students.

Stuart Shore, a doctoral candidate in kinesiology at Temple University in Philadelphia and lead author of the study, speculates that self-esteem might be less inclined to attend school and might not relate well with their teachers.



Hamstring injury, marathon recovery

By Howard Schneider
The Washington Post

At first she thought she was feeling routine soreness, something that Donna Grubb-Hewlett was pretty sure she could muscle through. But when she heard a pop in the back of her leg during a February morning warm-up, she knew she had a more serious problem.

"(The soreness) was something I thought I should expect," said Grubb-Hewlett, a Mitre Corp. program manager who is training for her first marathon. "But this didn't go away." Things crept up on her in her 40s, and Grubb-Hewlett's steady exercise regimen hadn't prevented her hamstring from giving way.

Hamstring injuries are among the most common in elite athletes and gym regulars — whether it's the sudden tweak that pulls you up short in a softball game or a more profound "Level 3" tear that shreds fiber deep within the muscle and requires months of rehabilitation. In the most serious cases, the muscle and tendon can snap away from the bone and must be surgically reattached.

Hamstrings are complicated muscles — actually, they're sets of three that begin at the hip and extend down the back of the leg to just below the knee — responsible for a lot of the body's motion. They flex the knees and pull the hips forward when you are walking and jogging in faster running, they actually help slow the legs down before pulling the feet back to the ground.

That involvement in the sprints common to many sports seems to factor in many hamstring injuries, said John McCarthy, an assistant professor with the University of Alabama-Birmingham's Department of Physical Therapy. Such motions force the hamstrings to contract even as they lengthen with forward momentum, establishing an internal tug of war.

"That is where you get the peak stretch," McCarthy said. Weakness of the muscle almost certainly is a cause of injury, and some doctors and researchers feel that strength imbalances may also be to blame. In many people, the quadriceps, at the front of the

leg, are substantially stronger than the hamstrings, perhaps setting up the back of the leg for injury. Postural problems can also add strain.

Fortunately, a pulled hamstring is not likely to be a career-ending injury. Many Level 1 tears can be treated at home with ice, a compression bandage, elevation (to keep the swelling down after the injury) and a few days of rest from activity until the pain subsides. After that, a gradual return to stretching and exercise will ensure that the muscle heals properly.

Though Grubb-Hewlett's was considered a Level 1 tear, she is working with a chiropractor, Kathy Cantabina, in hopes of recovering more quickly and completing her marathon program. After two weeks that involved therapy with Cantabina but little or no running, she moved on to 10 minutes of lower-impact work on the stationary bike and elliptical trainer. A month later she began running again, and now is adding to her distance — she is back up to about five miles — using intervals that began with two minutes of walking for every one of running.

Her chief recommendation: Swallow your pride and get help early. Coach Tina Spurling agrees: Just trying to soldier on can make the problem worse, she said.

"The deeper a hamstring injury, the lengthier the recommended rehabilitation. Even those inclined to treat mild tears themselves should be cautious because the incidence of hamstring re-injury is high, doctors and therapists say.

Though pain will limit what can be done at first, McCarthy said that side-to-side exercises such as the "grapevine" — a

Prone to injury

series of crossover steps popular in aerobics classes — can be done slowly to start the recovery. He also focuses on improving agility and the strength of the trunk, back and other core muscles that can help protect the hamstring.

Gradually, hamstring stretches and strengthening exercises can be reintroduced. The National Strength and Conditioning Association has prepared a guide to some of them (www.nscailift.org/Perform/articles/060305.pdf).

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For those eager to avoid injury, Frank Holmes, director of the sports medicine program at Georgetown University Hospital, recommends a good warm-up. "Let the muscle fire at a lower level and get into a rhythm," he said. "You avoid that shock value."

Cross-training can help avoid overuse: If you're a runner, bike or swim as well. If you're in a sports league, get other exercise that conditions you for the activity. Weight training can help ensure that the hamstrings are up to what you have in store for them.

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home by securing a resistance band tied to a door or piece of furniture, looping it around the ankle, then flexing the knee. (Use a chair or wall for balance.) If you are using a leg-curl machine, he recommends isolating one leg at a time and slowing the "eccentric" phase of the exercise — when the weight is being released — since hamstrings seem to get injured most often as they are being extended.

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Up against a wall of boredom? Well, we can work on that

By Vicky Hallett
The Washington Post

I've recently changed gyms. However, I'm discovering the new gym and I am a poor fit. I need more variety. At my former gym, I had access to a pool, indoor running track and group classes as well as the usual assortment of cardio machines and weights. At the new gym I'm left with only the (admittedly excellent) selection of cardio machines and weights. I'm not able to do much cardio outside due to exercise-induced asthma. Do you have any tips for stay-

ing motivated on a cardio machine for the next nine months, until my contract expires? Starting at a wall for 30 minutes at a time while I'm sweating my tuchis off is starting to get irritating and uninspiring.

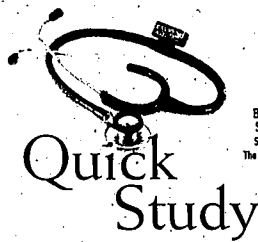
Sounds like you and your gym could use some couples therapy, and I happen to know just the guy to help: Kevin Owens, who teaches Treadmill Race Training at the Tysons Corner (Va.) Equinox. He says he can convert anyone into a machine maniac. "Most people who exercise indoors are bored out of their

brains, but of course I know how to make it interesting," he boasts.

The key, he explains, is to plan your workout before you punch in your age and weight. Otherwise, you're likely to take it too easy, or push full throttle right away and poop out. "I'll write it down on a piece of paper and say this is what I'm going to do," he says. "Plop it in front of you. You're more likely to stay true to your goal that way."

So what should those goals be? Well, Owens starts with ground rules. His students

always need to keep their treadmills at a one-degree incline or higher, and always keep moving. Then he gives them intervals to struggle through. "You want to be tired and keep your heart rate up, but you don't want to be over-stressing your body," he says. He might start students at 70 percent of their top pace for two minutes, followed by one minute of recovery, for five sets. The bulk of the workout is generally more intense: Think longer spurts at a faster pace or upping the incline while trying to stay at a quick clip.



By Linda Searing
Special to
The Washington
Post

The topic: Mammogram pain

Numbing gel seems to ease mammography pain.

THE QUESTION
Might applying a topical analgesic help reduce the discomfort that many women experience during a mammogram?

THIS STUDY
It involved 418 women scheduled for a screening mammogram. They were randomly assigned to have lidocaine gel (Topicaine) or a placebo gel applied to their chest, to take acetaminophen, ibuprofen or a placebo tablet, or to use a combination of gels and tablets. Gels were left on an average of 48 minutes and wiped off before the mammogram; tablets were taken about 80 minutes before the procedure.

Women who used lidocaine gel reported the least amount of pain during their mammogram (averaging about 33 on a zero-to-100 standardized scale, with 100 representing the worst pain imaginable); by comparison, participants' ratings of pain from previous mammograms averaged 64 points.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?
Women who are urged to have a mammogram every year or two starting at age 40. Mammograms can detect breast cancer early, when it's easier to

treating. However, studies have found that more than half of all women don't have a mammogram as frequently as recommended, often because of anticipated pain.

CAVEATS
Women who did not anticipate pain during a mammogram were excluded from the study. Gel was removed 30 to 60 minutes before the procedure; the authors suggested that pain relief might be greater if mammography were done right after the gel was removed. Topicaine was provided by its maker, ESBA Laboratories.

FIND THIS STUDY
July 22 online issue of Radiology.

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

How to trim your waistline

By Marjie Gilliam
Cox News Service

Losing weight around the waistline is a goal for many people. There are numerous misconceptions related to how to best reduce body fat in this area, probably due to infomercials claiming f-pack abs in minutes a day, supplements suggesting fast and easy weight loss, and a mountain of misinformation related to diet.

Here I address some of the more common questions I receive with regard to how to trim the waistline.

Q. What type of exercises should I be doing to get rid of the fat around my waist?

A. There is no such thing as spot-reducing. Abdominal exercises will help to strengthen weak muscles and burn a few calories, but will not give you six-pack abs. When body fat is lost, it is lost everywhere, and the result of either consuming fewer calories than your body's current energy needs, and/or burning off more calories with increased physical activity.

The steepest and healthiest way to trim the waistline is to decrease calories slightly per meal (for a total of 250 less calories per day) while increasing physical activity level slightly (250 more calories burned per day).

It is still important to

include abdominal exercises as part of your regular workout plan, as well as exercises for the low back. These muscles support the trunk, providing for greater stability and functional strength. Strong abdominal and low back muscles act as a natural "girdle" surrounding your entire waistline, a natural protection for the spinal column and organs.

Q. I am at a healthy weight and exercise regularly, but still lack flatness and firmness around my waist.

A. There can be many reasons for lack of firmness in this area, even if you are not overweight. These can include:

- **Body fat levels.** Being at a weight considered normal for your height does not necessarily equate to low body fat levels. Subcutaneous fat is easy to recognize because it lies just under the skin and therefore covers the underlying muscles. If subcutaneous fat levels are high around the middle, the abs will still have a soft look and feel.

- **Age-related skin changes.** As time goes by, the elasticity of the skin diminishes, which can leave the abdominal area looking less taut. While some age-related changes are to be expected, drinking plenty of water, limiting exposure to the sun and consuming sufficient amounts of Omega 3

fats, such as can be found in fish, nuts and whole grains, can help keep the skin healthy and improve its appearance.

- **Water retention.** Too much sodium increases fluid retention, and so if you tend to favor salty foods, try using herbs, spices or other low- or no-salt flavor options instead. With excess sodium levels, the blood becomes saltier and water is drawn from the cells to dilute it. High-sodium culprits include processed foods and restaurant or fast foods among others, so read labels, modify portions or substitute for healthier choices. Water retention and bloating can also be caused by hormone fluctuations, allergic reactions, steroid medications and other medicines as well as some starch or flour-based foods such as rice, breads or pasta if they are over-consumed. Consuming too much fiber or increasing fiber too quickly can give a bloated look to the ab area as well as cause digestive problems.

The Institute of Medicine recommends consuming 14 grams of fiber for every 1,000 calorie requirement. With some people, water retention and bloating seem to come and go without an obvious cause.

If despite your best efforts to pinpoint the source of the

problem you continue to experience difficulties, check with your doctor.

Remember that when stepping on the scale, the number you see encompasses many things, including body fluids, bones, muscle and organs. It is not uncommon for scale weight to fluctuate as much as 3 to 5 pounds a day, due to fluid loss or retention, the amount of food eaten, and how many calories have been burned or stored as fat.

It is far more important to pay attention to body composition rather than a number on the scale, especially when it comes to how much, and where, fat is stored. Visceral fat is a substantially higher health risk indicator than subcutaneous fat, and can lead to insulin resistance, which is associated with high triglycerides (blood fats), low HDL (healthy) cholesterol, high blood pressure and heart disease. Studies show that insulin resistance may cause as much as 25 percent of cardiovascular disease in men, and 80 percent in women, and that visceral fat accumulates rapidly in those who choose a sedentary lifestyle.

Marjie Gilliam is an International Sports Sciences Association Master certified personal trainer and fitness consultant.

Vibrate your way to good health? No

By Vicky Hallett
The Washington Post

Q. I'm an active person (running, weight training, martial arts), so I'm not looking for an easy way to get fit. But I am always looking for more efficient or more effective ways to train. Several years ago, I started hearing about using vibration platforms, especially for building core strength. I remember that some of the NFL teams were using them. Nowadays, I don't hear about them anymore. Did they not catch on because were they too expensive? Do you have any experience with these, or any info on them?

A. To find out what's shaking in the world of vibrations, I turned to William Gombatto, an exercise physiologist at the University of Houston at Clear Lake who has been studying whole-body vibration since 2002.

Yes, that's right, there's a scientific field dedicated to exploring the potential of what is essentially Magic Fingers. And as you've heard, research indicates that jostling can do a body good: It improves bone density, ups flexibility and boosts one's power. It's that last part that has made it attractive to some football players and, increasingly, to higher-end health clubs. (The platforms aren't cheap.)

But if it's abs strength you're after, I'd stick with sit-ups. "The plate does knock your center of gravity off," Amonte admits. "But how much core activation do you get? I don't know."

Vibration research is still in its infancy. And regardless of what the Beach Boys may have told you, all vibrations aren't good. People who operate jackhammers and drive trucks develop back and joint problems from too much shaking, Amonte says.

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Bike

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"Even walking sometimes, it's frightening to cross," she said.

Larsen hopes to address safety issues during Bike Week. Motorists need to realize how vulnerable cyclists are, she said, and give them a wide berth on the road. She also wants more bike racks on campus and to teach the importance of wearing helmets. The message: the health and environmental benefits far outweigh any risks that come with biking.

Her encouragement is

working. Biology professor Pat Seleyto began biking to work this year to improve her health. To keep herself motivated, she told everyone about her goal so she doesn't fall off the wagon. Seleyto uses Larsen, who has biked seriously for more than 25 years, as an inspiration.

Just like Larsen, Seleyto said, "I want to be able to say someday, 'I've been doing this for years.'"

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

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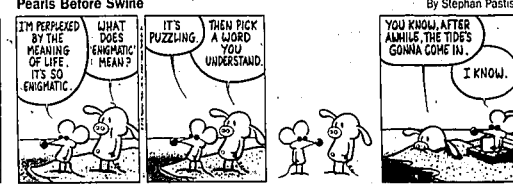
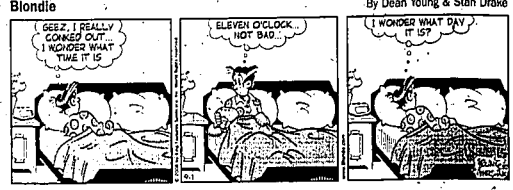
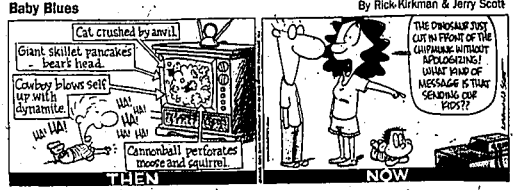
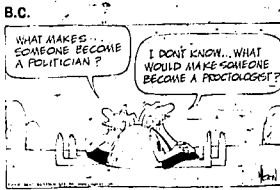
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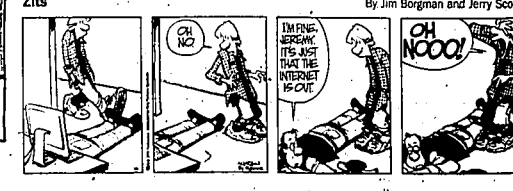
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No. CV 08-3479

A Petition to change the name of Tom Logan Bauman, born 08/27, 1950 in Homestead, Florida residing at 2987 E 3600 N, Twin Falls, Idaho, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Tom Logan Bauman because a clerical error made by the USAF in the early 60s caused all his legal documents after his birth certificate to state his name as Tom Logan Bauman. The petitioner's father is living and his address is 3365 N 3000 E, Twin Falls, ID 83301. The petitioner is now living at the address 2987 E 3600 N, Twin Falls, ID 83301. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 8:45 o'clock AM on September 25, 2008, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Dated August 11, 2008.
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: August 18, 25, Sept 1 and 8, 2008
1. INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the office of the Deputy City Clerk until 4:00 o'clock P.M., prevailing local time, on September 8, 2008, at which time they will be opened publicly and read in the Conference Room of City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Bids will be received for the purchase of 300KW 3-Phase Diesel Standby Generator.
Bids must be submitted on bid forms provided by the City of Twin Falls. Bid forms are available at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Sharon M. Bryan
Deputy City Clerk
City of Twin Falls
321 Second Avenue East
P.O. Box 1907
Twin Falls, ID 83303-1907
PUBLISH: August 25, 2008 and September 1, 2008
OPEN: September 9, 2008

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION
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South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) will be accepting sealed material bids for attic and basement blowing insulation, batt fiberglass and duct insulation and vinyl windows. Specifications for material will be available at 550 Washington St., South Twin Falls, Idaho. Contact: Ken Robinson, (208) 733-9354. All bids must be mailed to P.O. Box 531, and hand delivered to 550 Washington St., South Twin Falls, ID 83303 by September 22, 2008, 4:00 p.m. MST. Bids received after 4:00 p.m. MST will not be accepted. No bid or may withdraw after the hour set for the opening, which will be September 23, 2008, 10:00 a.m. MST at 550 Washington St., South Twin Falls, ID. All reserves the right to split or reject any or all bids, or to accept the bid deemed best for the SCCAP.
PUBLISH: August 29, 30, September 1, 2008

CITY OF HOLLISTER
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
8-12-2008

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2008, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$122,300 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF HOLLISTER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE. BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hollister, Twin Falls County, Idaho, that:
Section 1: That the sum of \$122,300 be, and is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Hollister, Twin Falls County, Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008-2009.
Section 2: That the objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose as follows:
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: \$24,093
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Maintenance 6,200
Insurance 2,158
Miscellaneous 8,202
TOTAL \$40,084
WATER FUND \$13,045
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Administration 8,200
Garbage 9,730
Maintenance 2,915
TOTAL \$32,850
TOTAL EXPENSES \$55,000
Section 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Hollister be levied in amount approved by law for the general purposes for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008.
Section 4: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.
Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage and approval publication in one issue of the Times-News, newspaper of general circulation in the City of Hollister, and the official newspaper of said city.
PASSED upon suspension of rules upon which a roll call vote was taken and after approval publication in one issue of the Times-News, newspaper of general circulation in the City of Hollister, and the official newspaper of said city.
ATTEST: Maureen Fleener, City Clerk
PUBLISH: September 1, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA

Case No. CV-2008-602
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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MAHEL G. LOPEZ, ADA BELL LOPEZ,
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DATED this 1st day of August, 2008.
SARAH E. BAXTER
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 487
Burley, Idaho 83618
PUBLISH: August 18, 25 and September 1, 2008

1. INVITATION TO BID

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Bids will be received for the purchase of a 20 lb. capacity, 1/2 horsepower, Generator System for Water Supply (Hankins).
Bids must be submitted on bid forms provided by the City of Twin Falls. Bid forms are available at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Sharon M. Bryan
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PUBLISH: August 25, 2008 and September 1, 2008
OPEN: September 9, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 08-2187
SUMMONS
IDAHO POWER COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs
JASON LAWRENCE
Defendant.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SEUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF, THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE ATTACHED INFORMATION CAREFULLY.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT in order to respond to this summons an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within twenty (20) days after service of this summons. If you fail to respond to this summons, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. A copy of your response is served with this summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response to the summons may be filed in time and your legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:
1. The date and number of this case.
2. Your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.
5. Determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the Court for more information.
DATED this 1st day of August, 2008.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: August 18, 25, Sept 1 and 8, 2008

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No. CV-08-3543

A Petition to change the name of Aloxa Anne Martinez, born 7-29-04 in Twin Falls, ID residing at 1107 1st Ave E, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Aloxa Anne Quaintance, because it is the mother's maiden name. The child's father is living. The child's mother is living. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock AM on October 14, 2008, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: August 14, 2008
By: Deputy Clerk
PUBLISH: August 25, September 1, 8, and 15, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

The City of Hagerman, Planning and Zoning Commission, has scheduled a public hearing to consider a request for a Multi-family unit for 130, 140 and 150 Hagerman Avenue. The property is in the City and zoned commercial. A Special Use Permit has been issued to allow a R2 project in a Commercial zone. The project is for the future use of Multi-family units in 2 buildings.
The location of the property to be used is located in Block G Lots 1, 2 & 3. The owner of the property and person requesting the Special Use Permit is:
Andrea F. Summers, 1121 E East 2000 South, Hagerman, Idaho 83332.
Public testimony on the request for the Multi-family unit will be heard on September 17, 2008, at 7:00 PM at the Hagerman City Hall, 191 State Street North, Hagerman, Idaho. Comments may be made by calling 208-897-6636. Comments regarding the Special Use Permit request may be submitted orally during the hearing or in writing any time prior to the hearing by sending them to the City of Hagerman, P.O. Box 158, Hagerman, Idaho 83332.
PUBLISH: September 1, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME

Case No. CV 2008-833
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
KATIE R. LAUBERGER,
Deceased.
Denny Ray Norms has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said deceased person are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice at the office of Frederickson, Williams, Massey & Lothspioch, Attorneys at Law, 233 West Main Street, Jerome, Idaho 83308, or claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative at the above address and filed with the above Court.
DATED August 2008.
JOHN B. LOTHSPIOCH
Frederickson, Williams, Massey & Lothspioch
Attorneys for Petitioner

PUBLISH: August 25, Sept 1 and 8, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF:
SAUL MARTINEZ,
Case No. CV-2008-759
THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETING TO:
YOLANDA MARTINEZ
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:
A petition has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate Division of District Court of Jerome County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging that the above-named child comes within the purview of the Child Protection Act, and:
You, Yolanda Martinez, the biological mother of Saul Martinez, are hereby directed to appear personally before the court for a Adjudicatory Hearing at the Jerome County Judicial Annex, 233 West Main Street, Idaho on the 4th day of September 2008, at 1:00 P.M.
You are hereby notified that service of such summons upon you, as the parents, guardians, or custodians, of the child, shall confer the personal jurisdiction of the court upon you and does not subject you to the provisions of the International Parental Child Support Act.
You, Yolanda Martinez, are notified that the parents, guardians or custodians may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the child.
You, Yolanda Martinez, are further notified that the child and the parents, guardians, or custodians have the right to be represented by the attorney of your choosing, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the court to represent the child or the parents, guardians, or custodians at county expense.
You, Yolanda Martinez, are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that a child is placed in the custody of the department and is also placed in the care of the home care for a period of less than fifteen (15) of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of adjudication. The court shall initiate a petition for termination of parental rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding of the court that the filing of a petition for termination of parental or custodial rights, in and of itself, does not constitute a finding of the court that the filing of a petition for termination of parental or custodial rights is in the best interest of the child or reasonable efforts have not been provided to reunite the child with his/her family, or the child is placed permanently with a relative.
Thomas H. Berreson, Magistrate Judge
PUBLISH: August 25 and Sept 1, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. 08-01040 Title Order No. 08318 Filed in Case RPT10860000040

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, pursuant to a trust agreement between the Trustee of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Fairview Ave. East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 12/28/2008 at 11:00 am, (reconized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 04/21/2005 as Instrument Number 2005030280, and executed by ROSA ELVA TREVIÑO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: LOT 4, FAIRWAY ESTATES PHASE 1, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 16 OF PLATS, PAGE 30, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, the Trustee is making this notice of sale with the street address of 587 CALLAWAY COURT, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 03/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installment due 03/01/2008 plus late charges, and which is currently arrearage at 8.95% per annum, together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, ID 83301 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY balance owing as of 08/01/2008 is \$12,378.98, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid net for accruing real property taxes and other assessments, taxes, fees, trustee fees and costs. And any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the abovesaid Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to say it cause said real property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANORS ARE INFORMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(a)(4) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OBLIGATION DATED 08/01/2008. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONSTRUCT COMPANY 1800 Tappan Canyon Rd, SVZ-202 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90089-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8218 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY Successor Trustee: Kan Mark, Assistant Secretary ASA#258522
PUBLISH: August 25, September 1, 8 and 15, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 5003660741 T.S. No. ID-08-17 723-RJ On 12/10/2008, 0:00:00 AM I (reconized local time) have received notice from the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, dated at 10:00:00 AM in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, that the above-mentioned property is to be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money in satisfaction of the certain Deed of Trust recorded in the Public Records of the County of TWIN FALLS STATE OF IDAHO, and described as follows: LOT 7, BLOCK 1, SOUTHWIND SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 9 OF PLATS, PAGE 47, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Section 61-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 1584 COTTONWOOD ST, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by BEATRICE MIRANDA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR WILLINGMONT FINANCE, INC. is named as Beneficiary and TRANSCRIPTION TITLE & ESCROW AS Trustee and recorded 6/13/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-04238 in book 11 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, Idaho. Please Note: The above Granors are named to comply with section 45-1506(a)(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are or are not presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust in the amount of \$5,414.00 with interest (if applicable) of \$723.20, due per month for the months of 4/1/2008 through 7/24/10/08, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale (reinstatement). The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$63,045.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 8.1200 per cent (%) per annum from 3/1/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or otherwise dispose of the real property described herein. If the Trustee is unable to credit a title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no recourse. Dated 8/29/2008 BY: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Paul Johnson, Assistant Vice President For Sale Information Call: 714-30-2127 or Log on: www.trustee.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to overstep the notice holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. AS required by law, you are hereby notified that any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you dispute the debt, you must file a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASA# 2851130
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BRITANNY pups AKC reg. born 7/02, 4 males, Pat 208-788-8525 stephenson@hotmail.com

CHESAPEAKE LAB 6 puppies, silver male & black female, \$25 each. Free 1 yr old black female. **Call 208-532-4238**

CHIHAUHAU Beautiful blood line, 2000 w/w, w/d. Parents 4 lbs. \$200. **368-1555**

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CHIHAUHAU puppies, born July 2, 2008, 7 males, \$150 on. Please call before 2pm. **208-421-0753**

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COCKAPOO Tiny chocolate female, white chest and leg, 7 wks old, shots, dew claws removed, tail docked. **\$375. 208-324-3737**

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FREE American Pit Bull Terrier, female, young, completely up to date on shots, ab. chip. Must find home. **Call 418-3439. 420-8884**

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FREE German Shorthair, male, 12 weeks old. Also momma, 2 years old, good hunter. **Call 731-6307**

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FREE Kitten, Siamese, cream colored with dark points and blue eyes. 2 mo. old. House broke and very sweet. **458-1172**

FREE Kittens (4) approx 2 1/2 months old, 2 males, 2 females. **208-324-2180.**

FREE kittens to a good home, 4 wks old, 2 tiger striped 2 black/white 3-males 1 female and the mother cat. **Call 878-1240**

FREE Kittens, (5) have had 1st shots, 2 Tabby's, 3 all white, litter box trained. **Paul. 609-242-7293**

FREE Kittens, 2 females 6 wks old, 2 males 1 wtd and 1 grey, pretty and good, haven't been around children. **324-8466**

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BLACK LAB Puppies, adorable, good pets & family dogs, both parents \$1000. **544-2810 or 280-3013**

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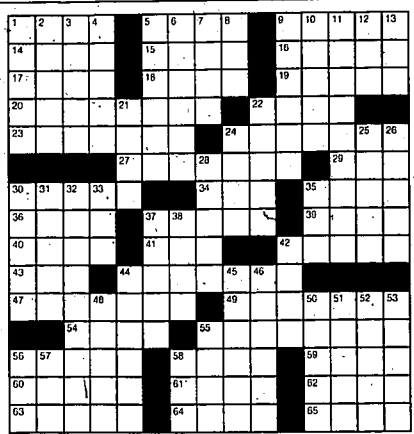
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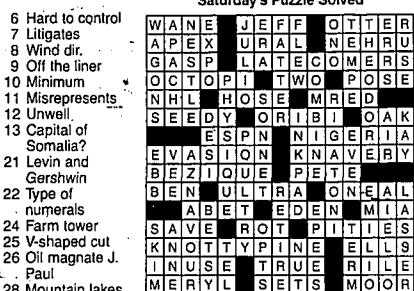
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Tonight: Clearing and drying. Lows low 40s.
Tomorrow: Hot as cool with fair skies. Highs low 70s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

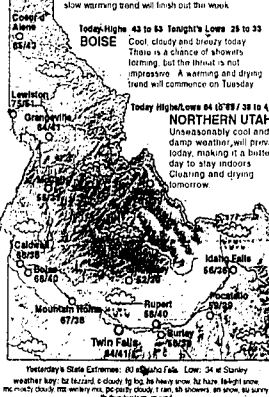
Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Precip. Lists weather for Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Brick walls, scattered showers and cool weather. Highs upper 50s.
Tonight: Steady clearing and drying. Lows upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Sunny and not as cool, but still cooler than normal. Highs upper 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today will be very cool, almost chilly with showers in the area. Gradually clearing and drying on Tuesday.



ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

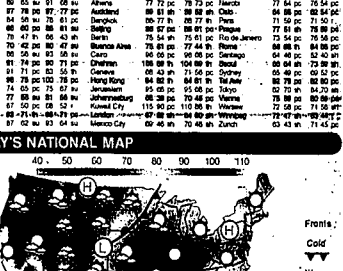
REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday, Thursday. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday, Thursday. Lists forecasts for various international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST

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