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Feds won't give T.F. money to fight meth

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The city of Twin Falls has given up on its three federal funding requests to Congress — all related to revitalizing downtown — including a previously undisclosed \$125,000 appropriation to combat drug use.

"Our lobbyist ... tells us that every single bill is dead," said Twin

Falls Economic Development Director Melinda Anderson. "Of course we're disappointed, but that's what happens sometimes."

The money would have been used to combat methamphetamine problems in downtown, Anderson said, by funding additional overtime for the Twin Falls Police Department narcotics unit in Old Towne; plus an officer to patrol that area; and

purchasing equipment, including a Segway scooter, a drug detection canine, a video surveillance system and mobile data terminals.

The other requests for a combined approximately \$1 million for downtown revitalization — one would upgrade infrastructure and another would study rerouting U.S. Highway 30 away from downtown — are unlikely to be funded, according to Anderson.

The three requests would assist the ambitious multi-million dollar effort by the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency to redevelop four blocks in downtown. Early designs show a mixed-use development with about 243,000 square-feet of offices, retail and housing. A new city hall was considered a cornerstone but the public investment

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Lincoln Co. loses CAFO rezone appeal

County likely to pay \$21,300 in legal fees

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Lincoln County will likely have to pay about \$21,300 in legal fees to the owner of a confined-animal feeding operation after officials tried to invalidate his permit while considering a subdivision request.

According to court records, Shoshone-based Leed Corp. filed in March 2007 to rezone 82 acres in the county for the fifth phase of its Greentac Subdivision. Kime objected and said that county ordinances prohibit the zone change within one mile of a CAFO.

After public hearings in front of the county's Planning and Zoning Commission and board of county commissioners, the board approved the rezoning on Aug. 27, 2007, and decided Kime's permit was not valid. Kime appealed to court soon after.

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A STEP TOWARDS MODERNIZATION



Danielle Lofgran cradles her daughter Kaylee, 3, as they watch the groundbreaking ceremony from the seating area Tuesday afternoon for the North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding. Danielle's husband is Dr. Reid Lofgran of Gooding Family Physicians. He and other members of the Gooding medical community will have the benefits of operating out of the state-of-the-art facility when it is completed in 2010.

Ground broken for North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Ground was officially broken Tuesday for North Canyon Medical Center and hospital officials looked ahead to when the new Gooding facility will open.

When finished, North Canyon Medical Center will be a 50,000-square-foot building that will replace Gooding County Memorial Hospital. The project is being paid for with \$30.5 million in bonds, a price that also includes furnishings

and equipment at the new hospital, located at the southeast corner of the intersection of U.S. Highway 26 and State Highway 46 in Gooding.

The project is scheduled to be open and ready for patients in January 2010. The goal is to meet the current and future health care needs of the region, Earl Fitzpatrick, CEO of Gooding County Memorial Hospital, said in a speech before the groundbreaking.

"Today we have reached that goal and we are here to

celebrate," he said. Work is currently underway on the hospital's footings for the foundation.

North Canyon Medical Center will have technology that includes CT scans, surgical imaging and digital mammography. The emergency room will have two waiting rooms and six examination rooms.

There also will be a 6,000-square-foot surgical services area with two operating rooms and services such as general surgery, orthopedic and podiatry surgery.

The expansion will carry on a tradition of serving the community, said Dr. Samantha Marshall, chief of staff. At the Gooding hospital, patients ask for lab technicians and other staff by name that they remember, she said.

"They do not feel like just another number," Marshall said.

Pat Nelson, chair of the hospital board, said the new medical center will help the Gooding hospital modernize.

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Western states appeal sage grouse ruling

By Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Livestock and farming groups in four Western states are challenging a ruling by a federal judge in Idaho who ordered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reconsider whether sage grouse deserve federal protections.

The government decided against adding the bird to the endangered species list in 2005, a move that allowed ranchers and the oil and gas industry to escape stiff regulations.

An environmental group sued in federal court last year to force the Fish and Wildlife Service to revisit its decision on the sage grouse, a chicken-sized bird with long pointed tail feathers. Scientists say the popular game bird is on the decline and the population has plummeted in the face of accelerating oil and gas exploration in the West.

West Nile virus, drought and residential development have also taken a toll on the bird.

In December, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill ruled in favor of the Western Watersheds Project, saying the federal agency had ignored expert advice and failed to use "best science"

INSIDE

Feds plan retreat on wolf hunting.

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Recently put on probation, Matheny leaving Jerome pastor position

Times-News

The Rev. Ron Matheny, pastor of Jerome First Presbyterian Church, will leave his position to become a chaplain at a private school in Utah.

Matheny will be the chaplain at the Wasatch Academy prep school in Mount Pleasant, Utah,

according to another local Presbyterian pastor.

Matheny was recently given probation for charges of alleged battery against his estranged wife. He was originally charged on Aug. 13, 2007, with felony charges of rape, domestic violence battery, attempted strangulation, sexual penetration by use of a foreign object, and

destruction of a telephone communication line.

The Jerome prosecutor reduced the charges to a misdemeanor in May, and Matheny entered an Alford plea last week. An Alford plea is when the defendant doesn't accept guilt but recognizes he could be convicted. Matheny maintained his innocence and said he

acted in self defense. He was given two years of probation by the court.

The Rev. Phil Price of Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church confirmed that Matheny's departure was announced recently at a meeting of regional Presbyterian pastors. His last day in Jerome will be Sept. 30.

Efforts to reach Matheny were not successful. Officials at Jerome First Presbyterian did not return phone calls.

"What was shared at the meeting was that he had applied for the position last year, and they're very excited for him starting," Price told the Times-News.

"The congregation in

Jerome continues to be supportive of his ministry. What was reported at the meeting was that they were reluctant to let him go."

Price said Wasatch Academy officials are aware of the charges and probation handed down by the court. Phone calls to Wasatch Academy administrators were not returned.

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MORNING BRIEFING



Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to go and do today

- Enjoy a Block Party at Burley High School from 5 to 8 p.m. with free food, fun for the family, entertainment by students, and every club and organization offering a game or activity. School officials say it's a way to give back to the community. It's free, but you're encouraged to bring a canned good to better Christmas for needy families.
- Home? No chance of boredom at the Herrett Center for the Arts and

- Sciences. What a museum! Well, yes but fun. There's a big mammoth, dinosaur fossils (Who doesn't love dinosaurs for that matter?), art and other great displays. Admission is free. You'll find it at 315 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.
- And stick around for the shows at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center. You'll sit in comfortable chairs and see shows ranging from educational —

such as about the weather or space — to rock-bled with the music of Led Zeppelin. Show times vary each day. Call 736-3059 for more info. You can get a family of two adults and five children in for \$9. What a deal.

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@magiclevel.com.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Mini-Cassia Service Providers Community Resource meeting and no-host lunch, with presentations by Pam Harris of Mini-Cassia Women's Shelter and Lynda Biennen of Independent Growth, Inc., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Connor's Cafe, Interstate Exit 208 and Highway 27, Heyburn, bring business cards, flyers or brochures (optional), 670-4438 or 677-4872 ext. 2.

Magie Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, focus: assisting members in developing speaking, communication and leadership skills, noon, Idaho Plaza, 1852 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, new members welcome, 736-1025.

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, with Jeff Hampsten of Portneuf Medical Center on Hearing Benefits of Oxygen Therapy and Wound Care, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-2427.

Burley Kiwanis Club, noon, Morey's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third St. N., 436-0720.

Rotary Rotary Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-6852.

Burley Soroptimist Int'l., noon, Springa Plaza, 626 Elba Ave., 438-8666.

Snake River Trail Machine Riders Assoc., 7 p.m., Heyburn Police Department, 436-0165.

Empty Pockets Coin & Currency Club, members to bring coin or currency summer finds; visitors welcome to bring samples of their collections, 7:30 p.m., at the Paul City Hall meeting room, Paul, 678-3939.

EXHIBITS

Bob Nugent's "Under the Canopy," 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Shoshone Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-1117.

Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens, 326-4369.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

College of Shoshone Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec

Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; C.S.I. Burley Outreach Center gym, 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., no cost, 732-6475.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Haily, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for HMO-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weight loss from 4:50 to 5:20 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6 p.m., BridgeView Great Room (north entrance, third floor), BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

Griffshere Support Group, a 13-week program from Aug. 27 to Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley, child care provided, 654-2500 or 878-7613.

Cancer Support Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, 650 Addison Ave. W., MSTI Twin Falls Cancer Center Lobby, 737-2000.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Woodcarving days, public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls, classes available, 736-0061.

Lap blankets for injured soldiers, a knitting/crochet group project organized by Caprina, 1 p.m., Burley Senior Center, 678-2666.

HOME AND GARDEN

Buhl Farmers Market, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Legacy Square (next to West End Senior Center), Buhl, 543-6662.

SCHOOLS

Block Party at Burley High School, 5 to 8 p.m., 878-7708.

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

Wildfire scorches land northeast of Declo

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer



Laurie Welch/Times-News

A wildfire burning northeast of Declo consumed 250 acres of private and public land Tuesday but firefighters were able to keep structures in its path safe.

Malta and Declo fire departments, as well as Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management firefighters and federally owned aircraft were sent to battle the blaze that burned near Idaho Highway 81 near Mopost 19.

The fire stretched from the highway north and threatened several farms including the Anderland LLC ranch at 1250 E. 150 N.

Bureau of Land Management Public Information Officer Sky Buffat said the fire started on privately owned land before spreading to other private and public land in the surrounding area.

The cause of the wildfire is not yet known.

A neighboring farmer brings a tractor to help churn up ground around a nearby ranch to create a fire barrier for the property on the north side of Idaho Highway 81 near Declo. Although there was property damage on private and public land, no structures were lost.

"We have sent some investigators out there," Buffat said. Buffat said there was property damage on both the private and public land but no structures were lost.

By early afternoon Tuesday there were three single-engine air tankers, one heavy air tanker, one

helicopter and one small attack plane fighting the blaze along with the ground crews. Crews were expected to have the fire contained by 10 p.m. Tuesday and have it under control by 8 p.m. tonight.

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Funding

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is now unclear. The requests, kept undisclosed by city officials, emerged after a public records request by the Times-News.

Requesting the \$125,000 to combat meth use, Anderson said, was because crime is a deterrent to potential investors — as well as residents, shoppers and employees — in developing downtowns.

Downtown is a focal point for police to curb drug use in for a variety of factors, including its big population, close proximity to headquarters, high number of service calls and a sizable number of rental homes. Drug use could be a factor, but is not the only one, Capt. Matt Hicks said.

Hicks said the department

could obviously benefit from more money, but said efforts to combat drug use in Twin Falls will continue strongly.

"That's not going to stop," Hicks said, adding they constantly serve search warrants. "The narcotics unit is very active."

The department's four-officer narcotics unit has an \$8,000 budget. The meth lab was to be shut down at Fourth Avenue West on Feb. 27 when police arrested two Twin Falls residents.

Hicks said police routinely asks for grants often for overtime and lab equipment. He noted that curbing drug use is part of the city's strategic plan, a five-year guide for public officials.

Meth use has long been a

problem in Idaho, where 14 percent of teenagers say they've been offered the drug and one of every 25 say they've tried it, according to the 2007 Idaho Meth Use Attitudes and Survey.

It's unclear how successful the state-sponsored Idaho Meth Project — modeled after one in Montana with graphic TV ads and billboards — has been since it launched in January. A progress survey will be released in January, said spokeswoman Megan Honk.

The U.S. Senate has approved \$350 million for the project, and it's possible those bills will be signed into law.

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Grouse

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in its sage grouse decision. Last week, attorneys with the Idaho Department of Pacific Legal Foundation appealed that decision in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of ranching, livestock and farming groups in Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming and Nevada. The appeal seeks to overturn the decision on a minor detail, a 60-day notice that attorneys

for the Western Watersheds Project failed to file in federal court in advance of their formal lawsuit.

"I frankly don't think it's any big deal. I think they're grabbing at straws," said Laird Lucas, executive director of Advocates for the West, a public interest law firm in Boise that is representing the environmental group.

The Fish and Wildlife Service initially appealed the

decision, but then backed off, Lucas said. "I think that the fact that the Fish and Wildlife Service has dropped their appeal speaks volumes," he said. "They're not contesting it."

Last year, the states of Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado joined sides with the service, arguing they spent significant time and money creating their own conservation plans.

Appeal

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In his decision, issued July 24 of this year, 5th District Judge John K. Butler said the county commissioners violated Kime's due process rights and ordered them to rescind both Kime's permit and the rezoning application. He also ruled that the county would pay Kime's legal fees for the petition. The Lincoln County commissioners will discuss the issue on Monday, according to the county clerk's office.

In his ruling, Butler noted that neither the Planning and Zoning Commission nor the county commissioners studied whether the subdivision was in the county's comprehensive plan. Rather, he wrote, they focused exclusively on Kime's permit, despite advice from county Prosecutor E. Scott Paul.

The evidence at hand, Butler wrote, shows that Kime applied for his permit on Dec. 8, 2003, and finally received it on March 23, 2006, a delay county officials acknowledged but could not explain. The permit registers Kime for about 240 cattle and calves with the right to slightly expand that without applying for another permit, Butler wrote.

Kime had never been notified of problems with his permit, Butler wrote. Also, he stated, the commissioners did not have enough evidence to argue Kime never had a CAFO despite it being their responsibility to determine that, Paul argued in court filings that Kime refused to provide any information about the current use of his land or how it would be harmed by the proposed subdivision.

It's still not entirely clear what logic county officials based their rejection of Kime's permit on. Paul noted its failures several times in court documents, but did not elaborate exactly what those failures were. According to Kime's opening brief, county officials blamed the planning and zoning administrator at the time for not properly inspecting the permit and site.

The county also argued that Kime did not have standing to contest the decision, and that he had not received a CAFO permit, but rather just a siting permit for the "initial stages" of a CAFO. Various county staff referred questions on the matter to Paul on Tuesday. He could not be reached in time

for inclusion in this article. The decision has stalled the rezoning and the subdivision for the moment. Jerome attorney John Lothrop, who represents Leed Corp., called the appeal "an irregular case" and noted that subdivisions have been built in the area for years.

In a statement made through his attorney, Susan Buxton of Boise, Kime said he was glad that Butler found in his favor, but that the case was still unfortunate. Buxton said she sent several letters to county officials on Kime's behalf during the decision asking them to avoid the lawsuit.

"...No one really won in the case because it cost both the taxpayers and me too much time and money," Kime said.

The county is in the middle of revising its CAFO ordinances after a hearing on the matter is set for Sept. 23. According to a draft of the new ordinance, a zone change like that sought by Leed Corp. would be allowed as close as one-fourth of a mile from a CAFO the size of Kime's.

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COMING UP IN THE TIMES-NEWS

ARTS ON TOUR LAUNCHES

The East Village Opera Company kicks off the season on Sept. 24, transforming opera into rock anthems.

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Heyburn vote incorrect

A Tuesday story incorrectly reported that Heyburn City Council members unanimously approved a preliminary plat for Elk Meadows. Councilwomen Carol Gallegos and Lucan Smith both opposed the motion and Heyburn Mayor George Anderson broke a 2-2 tie to approve it.

Gooding School Board executive session not held

A Friday story about a meeting of the Gooding Joint School District Board of Trustees meeting reported that the board held a closed session following the meeting. Superintendent Heather Williams said no closed meeting was held. The Times-News regrets the errors.

Gooding

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"Everyone has worked together keeping a common goal in mind: We need a new hospital," she said.

When North Canyon Medical Center is built, an additional 15 to 20 employees will be hired, which will bring the hospital's total staff to above 100.

The future of the existing Gooding County Memorial Hospital building is undecided.

Fitzpatrick said. The hospital has been partnered with St. Luke's Health System and the two entities will work together on tasks such as coordination of patient care and purchasing supplies at group rates.

"We're more pleased than you can imagine to be a partner with the Gooding region," said Ed Dahlberg, president and CEO of St. Luke's Health System.

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City of Rocks marks 20 years as reserve

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

It's a geological anomaly amid the sagebrush and dirt that surrounds it — and, while given the "city" appellation during the migration west to California over 160 years ago, it looks more like the landscape of a different planet than anything familiar.

This Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the City of Rocks celebrates 20 years as a national reserve, established by Congress in November 1988. The event is being held in September because most people don't want to take wagon rides through snow.

"It's a perfect time of year for people to go out there — it's not too hot or too cold," Pamela Thibeau of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation said.

But if you prefer the park for its scenic views and contemplative isolation, Saturday may not be the most ideal time to visit.

In addition to the wagon rides, plenty of other events will be offered — such as live music from Burley guitarist Marcus Meeks, historical presentations, Dutch oven cooking, rock-climbing demonstrations, and geology hikes guided by Dr. Kevin Pogue, a geology professor from Walla Walla, Wash., and plenty of bird-watching presented by the Idaho Falconers.

"Part of our charge, with the state parks is to make these destinations accessible to people and inform them about the areas. We try to



The app gets over the City of Rocks in this file photo.

prohibit them through these activities and publicize them with a focus on families and children, because we see that as the future in preserving nature," Thibeau said.

But it's not just for kids. The area offers unrequited opportunities for campers to climb and explore.

"The young guys usually go on their own, but kids need someone to take them, so we try to make it interesting for everyone in the family," Thibeau said. "One of the really interesting things about the City of Rocks is how many people whose ancestors came to Idaho that way... We'll be offering a lot of what people associate with Idaho and the westward-ho pioneers."

The City of Rocks was designated as a state park by the Idaho Legislature in 1956 and was named a national historic landmark in 1964. The area was studied to become a national monument in the 1970s and '80s. Once designated as a national reserve, it was under the supervision of multiple agencies until 1986 when the state and National Park Service assumed a new cooperative agreement.

The park — 14,407 acres of federal, state, and private lands — encompasses some of the largest and most unique formations of batholithic granite in the nation.

"Plus, it really looks like it's always looked — whereas, if

you go to Boise and look for wagon trails, a lot of them are covered up or gone," Thibeau said.

With the exception of a \$6 fee for a chaff lunch, the event is free.

"I think it's going to be a day with nice weather, and it should go smoothly," Juanita Jones of the National Park Service said. "We have some good entertainment coming in, and we hope people will come to see the Idaho Falconers, as well."

For more information, contact Juanita Jones at 208-824-5519 or juanita_jones@nps.gov.

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Community meeting called for Buhl Boys and Girls Club

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Learn more

Does the community of Buhl support the prospect of a Boys and Girls Club or the organization's desire to build a clubhouse in town?

Those are the questions the Buhl School Board hopes to find answers for during a 7 p.m. Monday community meeting. The decision to hold the meeting came during the board's regular meeting Monday.

One of the main concerns with the club deals with plans to build the clubhouse on district land. Before that could happen, trustees would have to go through the process of leasing the land to the city of Buhl, which would then lease the land to the club.

During Monday's meeting Trustee Mike Hamilton said he wanted to find out what the district's long-term plans are.

"We've got to know where we're at before we go giving land away," Hamilton said.

At the board's August meeting club officials suggested building its facility on the vacant lot adjacent to the Seventh Street Gym. The club plans call for building a 6,800 square-foot clubhouse.

The facility would be available for district use, for meeting and classroom space as well as provide parking for the nearby foot-

Residents of Buhl are encouraged to attend a community meeting at 7 p.m., Monday at the Buhl High School. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the idea of building a Boys and Girls Club clubhouse and allow district patrons the opportunity of voicing their support, or opposition.

ball field. The clubhouse could also be built to meet other district wants like providing a concession area and restrooms so the Seventh Street Gym can be fully utilized. Currently, because of the lack of adequate restrooms, the gym is only available for some athletic practices.

Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Sam Fowler said he "wants the discussion to continue," and supports the district's decision in holding the community meeting.

"We want to do what is best for the kids," Fowler said.

The meeting will be an opportunity for the community to address whether it supports the club as well as give the club an opportunity to explain how a clubhouse would benefit Buhl's youth.

"Personally, I think we're going down the right path," said Board President Jim Barker.

BPA exposure linked to health concerns

Compound found in many plastic products

Los Angeles Times

The first large-scale human study of a chemical used to make plastic baby bottles, aluminum can linings and myriad other common products, found double the risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes and liver problems in people with the highest concentrations in their urine, British researchers reported Tuesday.

The findings confirm earlier results obtained in animals, increasing pressure on the Food and Drug Administration to limit use of the chemical bisphenol A, or BPA.

The compound is the primary ingredient of polycarbonate plastics, which are found in a wide variety of modern goods, including DVDs, reusable food storage containers, drinking bottles and eyeglass lenses.

There have been growing concerns about its safety as studies in rodents have linked it to diabetes, brain damage, developmental abnormalities, pre-cancerous changes in the prostate and breast and a variety of other health problems.

About 7 billion pounds of the chemical are produced worldwide each year, and studies by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that 93 percent of Americans have detectable levels in their urine.

The new findings were published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, coinciding with an FDA hearing on BPA in Washington Tuesday.

"This is a human study that really calls into question FDA's assertion that BPA is safe," said Dr. Anita Jacob of the Environmental Working Group, an activist group.

An FDA representative, however, defended the agency's actions at the hearing. "A margin of safety exists that is adequate to protect consumers, including infants and children, at the current levels of exposure," said Laura Tarentino, a senior FDA scientist.

Many experts already think the writing is on the wall for the chemical, however. A draft report issued earlier this year by the U.S. government's National Toxicology Program, which has no regulatory authority, concluded that there was "some concern" that the chemical poses a risk to fetuses, babies and children.

Feds plan retreat on Northern Rockies wolf hunting

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — The government is planning to retreat for now from its attempt to take gray wolves in the Northern Rockies, off the endangered species list, a federal wildlife official said Tuesday.

Ed Bangs with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says the government in the next week expects to withdraw a rule that declared wolves fully recovered. That rule would have allowed public hunting for the region's approximately 1,500 wolves.

Wildlife agencies in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming already have started preparations for such hunts. But they had been in doubt since July, when U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy blocked the states from going forward pending resolution of a lawsuit by environmentalists.

"Hopefully they'll go back to the drawing board and come up with a new plan that better protects wolves," said Earthjustice attorney Doug Homold, who had filed the lawsuit on behalf of a dozen environmental groups that argue wolves in the region remain imperiled.

The decision to withdraw the recovery rule is subject to final approval by the Department of Justice. Molloy also would have to sign off before it could take effect.

In his July injunction against the planned hunts, Molloy raised concerns about whether genetic exchange between wolves — through breeding — was adequate to

ensure their continued recovery. If not enough exchange between different populations of wolves is taking place, wolves could suffer from inbreeding.

Molloy also questioned Wyoming's lack of regulations

on the killing of wolves across most of the state. Outside Yellowstone National Park and adjacent areas, wolves are classified as predators under Wyoming law, allowing them to be shot on sight.

the government's Northern Rockies wolf recovery program, said he still believes there are enough wolves to merit public hunting. But he said the government had failed to explain its reasoning.



Laurie Welch

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A little about me

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Updated photo shows a grizzly bear with cubs inside a bear hair trap in Glacier National Park in Montana.

Federal study says grizzlies thriving in Montana

WASHINGTON (AP) — The majestic grizzly bear, once king of the Western wilderness but threatened with extinction for a third of a century, has roared back in Montana.

The finding, from a \$4.8 million, five-year study of grizzly bear DNA mocked by Republican presidential candidate John McCain as pork barrel spending, could help ease restrictions on oil and gas drilling, logging and other development.

Researchers with the U.S. Geological Survey announced Tuesday that there are approximately 765 bears in northwestern Montana. That's the largest population of grizzly bears documented there in more than 30 years, and a sign that the species could be at long last recovering.

The first-ever scientific census shattered earlier estimates that said there were at least 250-350 bears roaming an eight-million-acre area stretching from north of Missoula to the Canadian border. More recent data placed the minimum population at around 563 bears.

"This is two and a half times the number of bears previously estimated," said Katherine Kendall, the lead researcher, who said the results speak for themselves. "There is no evidence that the population size was ever severely reduced."

In a February 2003 floor speech, McCain poked fun at the project, describing a scenario where a DNA would be used to help a bear cub find its father, or pin down which bear stole hikers' food.

"I don't know if it was a paternity issue or criminal, but it was a waste of money," McCain said in a stump speech earlier this year, erroneously putting the cost of the study at \$3 million. In a campaign ad, he called the expenditure "unbelievable."

Supporters of the research included Montana ranchers, farmers and Republican leaders. They pushed for the study as a

step toward taking the grizzly bear off the endangered species list. Since 1975, the bear has been threatened in the lower 48 states, a status that bans hunting and restricts development that can diminish its population.

Last year, after more than 30 years of research, the grizzly bear population around Yellowstone National Park was deemed recovered.

"Let's make this an Endangered Species Act success ... get them off the list so we can manage them here in Montana," said John Youngberg, vice president of government affairs for the Montana Farm Bureau, who said that farmers who mistakenly shoot grizzly bears or do so to protect their land face \$25,000 fines under current regulations. His explanation for McCain's comments was that it was "silly season."

The McCain campaign did not return requests for comment.

Former Montana Gov. Judy Martz, a Republican and a McCain supporter, said the bear had been used to block the use of the state's abundant natural resources, when all along the animal was plentiful. She asked former Republican Sen. Conrad Burns to help secure the funding, which was paid for in part by add-ons and a \$1.1 million earmark for the Forest Service in 2004.

Burns is the McCain campaign's chairman in Montana.

"If it is going to remove it from the list, it is money well spent," said Martz. When asked about McCain's stance, Martz said "unless you live among these issues it is pretty hard to understand what is going on."

The study employed more than 200 field workers. Over 14 weeks in 2004 they collected hair samples from 2,500 barbed-wire hair traps and 4,600 trees that bears naturally rub against to scratch themselves. A mixture of porcupine fish guts and cattle blood that was added in 100 55-gallon steel drums in a rented barn for more than a year before the study began lured bears to the sampling stations.

Altogether 34,000 hair samples were analyzed — a number that so overwhelmed the company conducting the DNA tests that it had to buy an additional building and double its staff to handle the project.



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Senate reaches new deal on taxes, energy

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new tax deal reached by Senate leaders includes several major provisions sought by Northwest lawmakers.

The bill would extend a multiyear program that pays rural counties hurt by federal logging cutbacks, and would allow Washington state residents to continue deducting state sales taxes on their federal income tax returns.

The bill also extends billions of dollars in tax credits for renewable energy such as solar, wind and hydropower, as well as biomass and geothermal electricity.

Sen. Marla Cantwell, D-Wash., who led negotiations on the energy tax credits with Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., said the credits could mean tens of thousands of jobs.

"This is a major step for-

ward to help get us off our dependence on oil and shift over to renewable technologies like solar, wind and geothermal. That is absolutely the direction we need to go in," Cantwell said.

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EDITORIAL

Penalties don't stop repeat drunk drivers

What's the best way to keep recidivist drunk drivers from drinking and driving again? Probably not more sanctions. Anyone convicted of more than one DUI is an alcoholic or an addict, not just a slow learner.

So should Idaho consider ratcheting up its DUI penalties after a summer of gruesome alcohol-related accidents involving repeat drunk drivers?

In Idaho, drivers convicted of misdemeanor DUI face a mandatory license suspension of 30 days and a \$1,000 fine.

Drunk driving became a felony if a third offense is committed in a 10-year period. Felony DUI carries a \$5,000 fine and up to 10 years in prison.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving doesn't think that's enough. Misty Moysie, the Texas-based spokeswoman for the organization, says Idaho lags behind other states in keeping habitual drunken drivers off the road. One way to do that, she says, is to require drivers with first-time drunken driving convictions to have "interlock" devices.

Drivers breathe into the interlock, which analyzes blood alcohol level and only allows the vehicle to start if the driver isn't impaired.

Interlocks aren't new, and they're not foolproof. A determined driver can defeat them. And there's nobody more determined than a drunk with a set of car keys.

Moysie also suggests Idaho should join 40 other states that allow sobriety checkpoints — a good idea, if the state, counties and cities could find enough law enforcement officials to staff them.

But it would be more effective, it seems to us, to expand — and that means increasing funding for — the state's current treatment strategy.

"Our statutes are really focused on rehabilitation, education and treatment," Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Jill Longhurst told The Associated Press. "Figuring out which individuals are going to be sincere has been difficult to the courts. A second offense tells us an awful lot about what's going on with that person."

If you're not well off, it's hard to afford drug and alcohol treatment in Idaho. Most of it happens after an addict gets into the criminal justice system.

So if the courts are going to be the provider of last resort of substance-abuse treatment in Idaho, it ought to be the most effective treatment possible.

That — and educating teenagers about the real-world implications of driving impaired — has the best chance of keeping drunks off the road.

Our view:
Want to keep repeat drunk drivers off the road? Then treat their addiction.

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

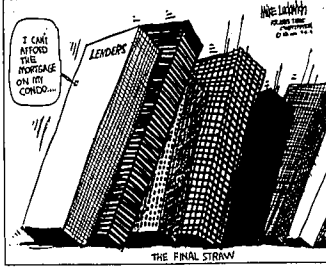
On Wall Street, failure has to be an option

This past weekend, the Treasury and the Federal Reserve finally made it abundantly clear that they won't bail out every significant financial firm in America. Certainly this came as a rude shock to many financiers, including the \$40-billion fourth-largest investment bank, Lehman Brothers, to file for bankruptcy, and by forcefully indicating that they are prepared to see even more bankruptcies, our financial regulators showed Wall Street that they are not such creampuffs after all.



KENNETH ROGOFF

The question now is what's next for the financial sector continues to unfold month over the next couple of months, at what point, if any, should the government get back into the game? It would be a mistake to do so before a clear and more concerted action takes place. During the epic boom of the past 20 years, the financial services sector became badly bloated. At its peak, it accounted for over one-third of corporate profits in the United States, not to mention the staggering billions of dollars in bonuses that Goldman Sachs (\$12.1 billion in 2007) and others paid their employees. Now, in the wake of the subprime mortgage debacle, investors and banks are seeing some of their most profitable lines



of business evaporate. Profits from complex mortgage products are not coming back anytime soon; nor are profits in many other areas that rely on huge borrowing. Instead, "deleveraging" is the buzzword throughout the financial system, as firms press to narrow and trim their positions. As profits come down to more earthly levels, the U.S. financial system is going to shrink. In all likelihood, at least 15 percent of financial employees including at the high end — are going to lose their jobs. In principle, this shrinkage could take place through all firms and banks trimming their operations proportionately. But that is not how a capitalist economy operates. Whether it is in auto, airline or tech industries, the strong devour the weak. That is why it was inevitable that some banks would either fail or submit to distress managers, including even some of the biggest. That is why it has become clear for some months that the trauma to

the U.S. financial system was not over. Letting a big investment bank go, as the Fed and Treasury did last weekend, was a calculated risk in a difficult situation. And the risks are very real. With the immense interconnectedness of the financial system, there really is no telling where the unprecedented failure of a big investment bank might lead. On the other hand, punting up tens of billions in tax money, as the Federal Reserve did in March when another investment bank, Bear Stearns, collapsed, is no answer, either. With the housing market still weakening, with U.S. exports likely to suffer as the global economy falters and with unemployment rising, it is clear that simply bailing out Lehman Brothers would not stop the rot in the financial system. In March, the Federal Reserve took a \$29 billion risk in risky Bear Stearns assets. Bailing out Lehman probably would have involved at least as large a commitment. If

such a maneuver could have put an end to the crisis, it might have been justified, but that is hardly the case with many other giants teetering. This is not to mention the trillions of dollars in liabilities the Treasury took on 10 days ago in bailing out the mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. These alone will probably end up costing taxpayers \$100 billion to \$200 billion, assuming inflation-adjusted housing prices fall another 10 to 12 percent. Will taxpayers now escape without further damage? Probably not. More likely, the stress will continue for some time, raising even more corporate debt, hitting big automakers, many debt-strapped cities and others. At some point, the federal government will blink again, and taxpayers will probably end up paying at least \$100 billion before this extraordinary mess ends. But by placing some of the burden on the shareholders and bondholders of the big financial institutions, financial regulators are at least forcing some discipline onto the system, making bankers and investors think twice before they once again head off to the races. By allowing firms that took excessive risks to fail, regulators are at least forcing the political system in the aftermath of the crisis. Let's hope they hang tough for at least a little while longer.

Kenneth Rogoff is a professor of economics at Harvard University. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

The power of positive unthinking

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — I've been in Alaska only a week, but I'm already feeling ever so much smarter about Russia. I can't quite see it from my hotel window, but, hey, I know it's out there somewhere, beyond all the stuffed bears and cruise ships and glaciers and oil derricks.

The proximity of the country from which William Seward wanted to buy Alaska for \$7 million — Seward's icebox — is so illuminating that I suddenly realize that we would commit a grave error by overestimating Russia's economic strength. After all, it represents only 2.8 percent of the world's GDP, even though its gross domestic product has bounced from \$200 billion in 1999 to \$1.7 trillion this year.

But I overanalyze. An Arctic blast of action has swept into the 2008 race, making thinking passe. We don't really need to hurt our brains studying the world; we just need the world to know we're capable of bringing a world of hurt to the world if the world continues to be hell-bent on misbehaving.

Two weeks after being thrown onto a national ticket, and moments after being speed-briefed by McCain foreign-policy advisers, our Napoleon in bunny boots (not the Pamela Anderson kind, but the knock-offs of the U.S. Army



MAUREEN DOWD

Extreme Cold Weather Vapor Barrier Boots is ready to face down the Russkies and start a land war over Georgia, and, holy cow, what business is it of ours if Israel attacks Iran?

The trigger-happy John McCain has indeed found a soul mate, trigger squared. In Fairbanks on Thursday, at a deployment ceremony for her son who is going to Iraq, Gov. Palin followed the lead of McCain and W. in fusing Osama bin Laden's diabolical work on 9/11 and the mission in Iraq. She told the departing troops, "You'll be there to defend the innocent from the enemies who planned and carried out and rejoiced in the deaths of thousands of Americans."

Asked by Charlie Gibson what insight into Russian actions her Alaskan proximity gave her, Sarah, blithely replied: "They're our next-door neighbors. And you can see Russia from land here in Alaska." Being a next-door neighbor is not quite enough, though. If Sarah had been reading about the world she feels so confident about leading rather than just parroting by rote what Randy

Scheinmann and the neocons around McCain drilled into her last week — Drill, baby, drill — she might have realized that as heinous as Russia's behavior toward Georgia was, it was not completely unprovoked. The State Department has let it be known that Russia's Misha, the botched president of Georgia, not to send troops in to crush the rebellion in two breakaway states. And she might not have had to clench her jaw and play for time when Gibson raised the Bush doctrine, the wacky pre-emption philosophy that so utterly changed the world.

The really scary part of the Palin interview was how much she seemed like W. in 2000, and not just the way she pronounced nu-cue-lar. She had the same firm but tenacious adeptness at saying nothing, the same generalities and platitudes, the same restrained resentment at being pressed to be specific, as though specific is the province of silly eggheads, not people who clear brush at the ranch or shoot moose on the tundra.

Just as W. once could not be so sure of himself before, so Palin took a position on Pakistan that McCain had derided as naive when Obama took it. "We must not, Charlie, blink Charlie, because Charlie, as the good old Charlie, John McCain has said, Charlie, that — and

remember here, Charlie, we're talking about John McCain, Charlie, who I don't want to be binking, Charlie." She tried to finesse her previous church comments about Iraq, asking "what she is a plan, and that plan is God's plan." Earnestly repeating after her tutors, she said she had meant to echo Abraham Lincoln, that in war we must pray that we are on God's side rather than that he is on ours. But her original comments sounded more W. than Abe — taking your policy and ideology and giving it the hallowed mantle of a mission from God.

Sarah has single-handedly ushered in the "Sex and the City" era, and made the sexy new model for America a retro one — the glamorous Pioneer Woman, packing a gun, a baby and a Bible. Her explosion onto the scene makes Obama seem even more like a windy, wispy egghead. Like W., Sarah has the power of positive unthinking. But now we may want to think about where ignorance and pride and my self-doubt has gotten us. Being quick on the trigger might be good in moose hunting, but in dealing with Putin, a little knowledge might come in handy.

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QUOTABLES

"It's clear we're one step away from a financial meltdown."

— Nouriel Roubini, chairman of the consulting firm RGE Monitor, after financial developments over the weekend.

"Today was a bloodbath. This was panic selling ... They are dumping shares, they just want to liquidate their positions."

— Alex Tang, head of research at Core Pacific-Yamachi, noting that trading volume in Tokyo was its highest in months. Tang says as Asian stock markets plummeted in light of the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the takeover of Merrill Lynch.

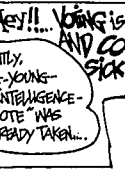
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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The world still blames America

Al-Qaida's media relations department must be seething. Or rather, they must be seething beyond the usual Destroy America/Kill the Jews/Behold the Infidels/Convert-or-Die seething that is their second nature. After years of churning out throat-slitting propaganda videos, investing in the finest video editing software and studio sets, and establishing cozy relations with sympathetic international newspapers and global network news channels, the jihadists still don't get no respect from world opinion.



MICHELLE MALKIN

They are the Rodney Dangerfields of global mass murderers. A poll released this week of more than 16,000 people in 17 nations revealed that "majorities in only nine countries believe al-Qaida were behind the attacks on New York and Washington that killed about 3,000 people in 2001." A mere 46 percent of individuals overall said they believed al-Qaida executed the attacks — despite all the back-patting, fist-pumping video productions from AQ's media arm, al-Sahab, claiming credit.

In 2006, the AQ hacks released tape of Osama bin Laden at an Afghan training camp with several of the 9/11 hijackers. "I ask you to pray for them and to ask God to make them successful, aim their shots well, set their feet strong and strengthen their hearts," bin Laden urged in the sicko promo. In April, another clip showed irate and aggrieved jihadi leader Ayman al-Zawahiri lambasting Hezbollah for crediting Israel for the 9/11 attacks. "The purpose of this lie is clear — (to suggest) that there are no heroes among the Muslims who can hurt America as we also did in history. Iranian media snapped up this lie and repeated it," he griped.

But to no avail. Maybe this is why FBI Most Wanted Terrorist Adam Laxton, the American-born Muslim convert turned al-Qaida publicist, has not been heard from in a while. He's been falling down on the job. Either that or those damned 9/11 Fruiter conspiracy nuts have surpassed the Islamic jihadis' recruitment efforts on YouTube. So, who's stealing the bin Laden operation's thunder around the globe and getting all the blame (er, credit) for the September 11 terrorist attacks? The citizens of the world have cast their vote. Seven years after Mohamed Atta, Hanjour and their Allahu Akbar-screaming team succeeded in slaughtering nearly 3,000 innocent men, women and children, large numbers of our putative allies in the civilized world still blame America and Israel.

"Israel was behind the attacks, said 43 percent of people in Egypt, 31 percent in Jordan and 19 percent in the Palestinian Territories," according to the survey. "The U.S. government was blamed by 36 percent of Turks and 27 percent of Palestinians." The pollsters noted that no prompting was necessary: "These responses were given spontaneously to an open-ended question that did not offer response options."

Among our great friends south of the border, Mexico boasted "the second-largest number citing the U.S. government as the perpetrator of 9/11 (30 percent, after Turkey at 36 percent). Only 33 percent name al-Qaida." Which, of course, is not shock to those who remember when the U.S. soccer team was taunted with chants of "Osama! Osama! Osama!" after a match in Guadalajara four years ago; or when the team was booed again in 2005 and plastic bags filled with urine were reportedly tossed on American players. They hate us. They still really, really hate us. And it is not all about Iraq. As a Mexican soccer fan told the *Christian Science Monitor*: "Every schoolboy knows about 9/11. ... When they robbed our territory," referring to when Texas, California and New Mexico were annexed to the U.S. as part of a peace treaty ending the war between the two countries, "that was the beginning."

Not coincidentally, another world opinion poll was released this week that dovetails with the 9/11 survey. While the global common enemy to humanity, it has decided on who should be America's next president. The BBC-commissioned poll named Barack Obama the world's favorite candidate by an overwhelming margin of four to one. They see in their fellow "citizen of the world" a kindred spirit: Someone whose former spiritual mentor shares the European elites' "chickens coming home to roost" schadenfreude. Someone who has promoted the need for "empathy" toward the head-chopping jihadis. Someone who shares their fetishizing of terrorists as poor victims of imperialism in need of more "understanding" and "education."

Someone who cynically hawks "Buy American" campaign stickers while courting the "Blame America" Left at home and abroad. Obama is their man.

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"Just the psychological impact of this kind of failure is going to be significant. It will color people's feelings about their well-being and the integrity of the financial system."
— Samuel Hayes, finance professor emeritus at Harvard Business School, on how financial developments over the weekend will affect the economy and the presidential election in November.

"A good bath would be nice: have the fire department swing by and spray us down. I'm ready to have a cold beer and read the paper."
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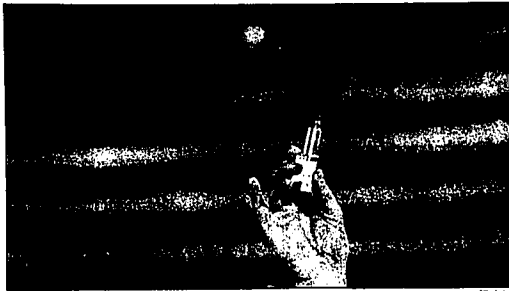
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Palin touches familiar territory at first stops in West

DENVER (AP) — When Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin made her first solo stops on the campaign trail, she stuck close to the sort of places an Alaska governor could feel at home.

Her first stop was a roller hockey rink in Carson City, Nev., a small state capital nestled next to the mountains. Next was a dusty indoor riding center in a Denver suburb, where Palin was introduced by local officials as a candidate in touch with "Western values and independence and self-reliance."

In these first moves on the campaign trail without running mate John McCain, Palin frequently traded on her Western credentials to woo voters in a region the campaign believes will be particularly receptive to her Washington-outsider message and outdoorsy persona.

More than 600,000 Coloradans have fishing or hunting licenses. For some here, Palin's love of moose hunting isn't an exotic quirk. It's a shared hobby.

In naming the first-term

governor as his running mate, McCain, an Arizona senator, gave Republicans an all-Western ticket in a year when Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, and to a lesser degree Montana, are in play. It's a double billing that has allowed the Republicans to try to draw a sharp contrast with the Democrats in the race.

Neither Sens. Barack Obama of Illinois nor Joe Biden of Delaware have obvious ties to the interior West, and Obama's Hawaii has little in common. Neither Democrat has made many attempts to play to the images Western voters have historically responded to. Almost no hats, no boots, no hunting. Yet.

That may be because McCain himself hasn't fully cultivated his cowboy image. More than 25 years in Congress and an upbringing on military bases hasn't helped, said Tom Cronin, a political science professor at Colorado College.

"He is really a creature of being a Navy brat and a Washington, D.C., guy. He doesn't strike most people as

a Westerner," Cronin said.

There is no doubt Palin is a creature of the big skies and open spaces. A lifelong enthusiast married to a champion snowmobile racer, she hails from about as far outside the beltway as a politician can get. She regularly expounds standard messages of lower taxes and government reform, themes that jibe easily with Westerners' libertarian streak.

"I reminded people there that government is not always the answer, in fact, too often government is the problem," Palin said Saturday of her work in Alaska. "So, we've got back to basics."

Republicans have wasted little time casting Obama and Biden as city slickers, unfamiliar with public land and water issues.

"There's a very big contrast between these two tickets. One is a couple of senators from the big cities in the East Coast and one that is much more in line with the West," Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., told reporters this week, misplacing Obama's Midwest home.

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Stocks higher as Fed holds rates

Wall Street ended another tumultuous session with a stable gain Tuesday, partly recovering from its worst sell-off in years after the Federal Reserve said it was keeping interest rates steady.

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Regional wages fail to keep up with inflation

South-central Idaho's median wage grows at slowest rate since 2003

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Wages improved in south-central Idaho, but it wasn't enough to keep up with inflation.

The median wage for all occupations in the region rose 2.3 percent in 2007 from 2006, the lowest growth rate since the median wage actually declined 3.5 percent in

2003 during a national recession.

The region's wage growth was slightly below the median growth for the state, which reportedly grew 2.4 percent compared to the previous year.

However, inflation has swelled more than 4 percent.

The Idaho Department of Labor's 2008 Occupational Employment and Wage

Report, which reflects specific occupational wages, for 2007, finds that the median wage statewide was \$13.79 an hour for all jobs, up from \$13.47 an hour in 2006.

The decline may reflect the early beginnings of the slowdown in the Idaho economy that took hold in the fall of 2007.

And labor officials say projections aren't looking good for the coming year.

"I don't think we're going to have a lot of things improve in the economy," said Ian Roesser, regional economist

with Idaho Department of Labor. "It has nothing to do with the area and more to do with what is going on in other parts of the country."

The education sector was the only category to experience a noticeable wage increase, as many private businesses were slow to boost wages during a sour economy.

According to the report, education administrators for elementary, middle and high schools are the highest paid employees in the region — with a median wage of more than \$81,400. Chief execu-

tives of private companies are the second-highest paid employees, however, Roesser said the numbers might not accurately reflect their total compensation because CEOs often receive additional benefits and stock options that are not reported in the survey.

According to the report, 2007 also marked the first time since the recession that the actual gap between the median wage and the average wage declined from the previous year. The average wage, which can be skewed by excessive numbers of very high paid or very low paid

occupations, was \$16.98 an hour in 2007, \$3.19 an hour, or 23.1 percent, more than the median wage, which is the wage at which half the workers make more and the other half make less.

In 2006, the gap was \$3.26 an hour, or 24.2 percent higher. That was up from \$3.08 in 2005.

The report does not include the impact of the first of three increases in the state minimum wage on July 24, 2007.

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CSI offers course in Microsoft Word

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassin Center is offering a Microsoft Office-Word 2007 course from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 24 to Oct. 15.

The course will cover the new features, such as building blocks, SmartArt and themes, as well as fonts, formats, importing text and images, graphics and templates. The cost is \$40.

For more information, call 208-678-1400.

Jerome Chamber to host Business After Hours

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will host Business After Hours today at First American Title located at 199 Country Lane.

For more information contact Elizabeth Thomas, executive director of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce at 208-324-2711.

IDAHO

Older workers invited to state job fair

BOISE — Idaho's first annual Mature Workers Job Fair will be held, Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Meridian School District Building, 1303 Central Drive.

For more information on the job fair, log onto laboridaho.gov or call 208-332-3570 ext. 3545.

NATION

Agriculture futures end trading lower

CHICAGO — Agriculture futures traded lower Tuesday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for December delivery fell 37 cents to \$6.90 a bushel; December corn lost 29.75 cents to \$5.3225 a bushel; December oats slipped 13.5 cents to \$3.2625 a bushel; November soybeans dropped 55 cents to \$11.24 a bushel.

Beef and pork futures traded mixed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. October live cattle fell 1 cent to \$1.0275 a pound; October cattle shed 1.15 cents to \$1.0767 a pound; October lean hogs added 0.12 cent to 67.47 cents a pound; February pork bellies gained 1.97 cents to 90.12 cents a pound.

— Staff and wire reports

U.K. bank steps back in Barclays to buy Lehman banking divisions for \$250M

By Joel Bruno and Stephen Bernard
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — Two days after walking away from a deal to purchase all of Lehman Brothers, Barclays PLC said Tuesday it had agreed to acquire Lehman's North American investment banking and capital markets businesses for \$250 million in cash.

The British bank will also purchase Lehman's New York headquarters and its two data centers in New Jersey for \$1.5 billion.

Lehman's parent company Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday after it was unable to find financing or fresh capital to shore up its balance sheet amid a continued downturn in the credit markets.

The deals require approval from the bankruptcy court.

Barclays said it will acquire Lehman's North American banking operations, which include fixed income and equities sales, trading and research and investment banking business. The deal throws a lifeline to about 10,000 employees working in the divisions.

Barclays and Lehman reached the agreement hours after Lehman's first bankruptcy hearing in a crowded courtroom at the U.S. bankruptcy court in Manhattan, just steps away from Wall Street's iconic bull statue.



Lines are seen parked outside the headquarters of Lehman Brothers in New York, Tuesday. Barclays, the British bank, said Tuesday it had agreed to buy some of Lehman's assets. Lehman filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday.

JPMorgan advanced Lehman \$87 billion when the market opened Monday, netting in part on a request by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The New York Fed later repaid JPMorgan that amount. On Tuesday, JPMorgan advanced another \$51 billion.

Shal Waisman, a lawyer for Well, Gotshal & Manges,

LIP representing Lehman Brothers, in his opening statement argued that Lehman's Brothers' downfall was the result of a "chain reaction" of events that were largely out of the investment bank's control.

"Lehman operated in an extremely unfavorable business environment," Waisman said, referring to declining asset values and low levels of liquidity.

Judge James Peck approved a motion that JPMorgan Chase & Co. will remain Lehman's clearing house through the bankruptcy proceedings. The issue arose over the past two days, when JPMorgan made the advances to Lehman to allow it to keep trading and

"avoid a disruption of the financial markets," according to court filings.

Also on Tuesday, the House Oversight and Government Reform committee said it would hold a hearing Sept. 25 to examine the "regulatory mistakes and financial excesses" that led to Lehman's bankruptcy filing.

Showing tough love, Fed holds key rate at 2 percent

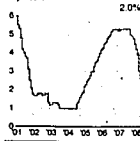
By Jeanine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Showing a tough love stance for now, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues decided to keep a key interest rate steady Tuesday. They acknowledged stresses in financial markets have grown, though, and hinted they stood ready to lower rates if needed.

Wreckage on Wall Street in recent days did not force the Fed — as some thought possible — to reverse course and cut rates. The Fed left its key rate at 2 percent for the third

Rate unchanged

The central bank held its benchmark funds rate at 2 percent. Federal funds rate 7 percent



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Federal Open Market Committee, which sets interest rate policy, agreed unanimously with a decision.

The prime lending rate for millions of consumers and businesses stayed at 5 percent. The prime rate applies to cer-

tain credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other loans. The Fed's key rate and the prime rate are at four-year lows.

The Fed's view of economic and financial conditions, however, was more dire than its last assessment in early August. Economic growth appears to be slowing as consumers hunker down and export growth cools off a bit. Fed policymakers said, "strains in financial markets have increased significantly," the Fed said.

The more bearish tone indicates the Fed is again open to

rate cuts down the road, some analysts believe.

"The Fed has opened the door to a rate cut that many thought was closed," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "I think there was more emphasis about the economy being weak."

The Fed said it would "act as needed." In recent days, the American financial system has suffered its worst shakeout since the Great Depression as bad bets on dodgy mortgage-backed securities claimed more Wall Street giants.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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COMMODITIES

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Live cattle 102.75 ▼ 1.00 | Oct. oil 92.85 ▼ 2.86
Oct. gold 778.50 ▼ 5.30 | Sept. silver 10.50 ▼ .58

Today in business

• Commerce Department releases housing starts for August

and current account trade balance for second quarter.

• House Financial Services Committee hearing on the mort-

gage industry's response to a request to delay foreclosures.

• Morgan Stanley releases third-quarter financial results.

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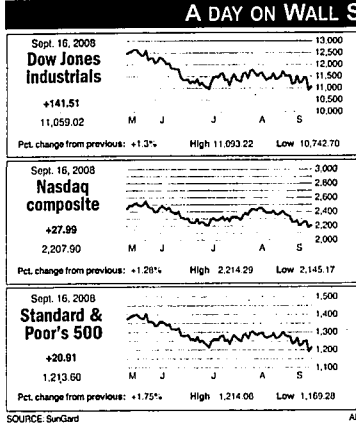
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INDEXES table showing Dow Jones Industrial, Dow Jones Transportation, and other market indices.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST table listing various local companies like Idaho Power, Boise Cascade, and others.

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The Dow rose 41.51, or 1.30 percent, to 11,059.02, after falling about 100 points immediately after the Fed announcement. The Dow at turns rose and fell as much as 175 points in fraction trading on Monday, it suffered its largest drop since the September 2001 terror attacks.

COMMODITIES REPORT. CLOSING FUTURES table listing prices for various commodities like oil, wheat, and soybeans.

POTATOES. Market report for Idaho potatoes, including prices for different grades and varieties.

LIVESTOCK. Market report for livestock including cattle, hogs, and sheep prices.

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Gooding, addition to residence; \$36,078. Ray Mavecamp, 18302 U.S. Hwy. 30, Hagaman; deck; \$17,465. Culer Construction/Doret Lamm, 2028 E. 2950 S., Wendell; new house; \$121,671.

METALS/MONEY. Market report for metals and money, including gold, silver, and currency prices.

Is the U.S. going overboard on bailouts?

By Michael A. Hitzik and Los Angeles Times. Does America have the bailout monkey on its back? So far this year, the federal government has put up nearly \$30 billion to avert a major financial default by the investment bank Bear Stearns; committed to investing up to as much as \$200 billion in preferred stock of the loss-plagued financial giant Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and at least \$5 billion in their mortgage securities; and agreed to provide an emergency loan of \$85 billion to American International Group Inc. in return for an ownership stake of as much as 40 percent in the stricken insurance giant.

standards by a 2020 deadline will be staggering. That could provide a template for a similar appeal from airlines, which could argue that the cost of fuel and security measures are hobbling them. Without more open rules governing the decision-making process, the entities with the most potent lobbyists may get bailouts, putting competitors at a disadvantage.

Oil price dives toward \$90 a barrel. By Ronald D. White, Los Angeles Times. Oil prices took another swan dive Tuesday, falling more than \$4 a barrel to flirt with the \$90 threshold. But in the wake of Hurricane Ike, Gulf Coast fuel supply operations remained a mess for minutes from Texas to the Northeast, with prices spotted well above \$5 for a gallon of regular gasoline.

Government announces \$85 billion loan to save AIG

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government has agreed to provide an \$85 billion emergency loan to rescue the huge insurer American International Group Inc., the Federal Reserve said Tuesday.

The Fed said the U.S. Treasury Department was in full support of the decision. The Fed determined that a "disorderly failure" of AIG could undermine already fragile financial markets.

The government will receive an 79.9 percent equity stake in AIG, the Fed said. If AIG had failed, it could have triggered a wave of problems for banks around the world and opened the ugliest chapter yet of the financial meltdown that has shored billions of dollars from global stock markets.

Sources in New York, who asked not to be named because of the sensitive nature of the negotiations, said Lehman and federal officials had decided a government bailout of AIG was the



A man reports an American International Group office building Tuesday in New York. Stocks fluctuated Tuesday following a report that the government is considering extending aid to AIG Inc. — the latest in a string of companies investors are worried could be undone by a shortage of cash.

best solution to save it from collapsing. The sources said the Federal Reserve would receive warrants that could

be exchanged for an ownership stake in the company in return for its \$85 billion loan. The ownership stake could total close to 80 percent of

New York-based insurance company, one of the world's largest. Earlier, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and

U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson met with Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Financial Services Committee Chairman Boehner of Ohio, to brief them on the government's option.

Bernanke and Paulson left the meeting without commenting.

"At the administration's request, I met this evening with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. They expressed the administration's views on the deepening economic turmoil and shared with us their latest proposals regarding AIG," Reid told reporters. "The Treasury and the Fed have promised to provide more details in the near future, which I believe must address the broader, underlying structural issues in the financial markets."

On Tuesday, shares of the insurance company swung violently as rumors of potential deals involving the gov-

ernment or private parties emerged and were dashed. By late Tuesday, its shares had closed down 40 percent — and another 45 percent after hours. Still, no deal emerged.

The problems at AIG stemmed from its insurance of mortgage-backed securities and other risky debt against default. If AIG couldn't make good on its promise to pay back sourced debt, investors feared the consequences would pose a greater threat to the U.S. financial system than this week's collapse of the investment bank Lehman Brothers.

The worries were triggered after Moody's Investor Service and Standard and Poor's lowered AIG's credit ratings, forcing AIG to seek more money for collateral against its insurance contracts. Without that money, AIG would have defaulted on its obligations and the buyers of its insurance — such as banks and other financial institutions — would have found themselves without protection against losses on the debt they hold.

Fall in energy pushes consumer prices down

By Martin Crutinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices in August posted the first monthly decline in nearly two years as Americans finally get a break from surging energy prices.

The Labor Department reported Tuesday that consumer prices edged down 0.1 percent last month, a significant improvement from a 1.1 percent price spike in June and a 0.6 percent rise in July. Prices of gasoline and other fuels have plunged, reflecting big drops in crude oil prices.

The decline, which was in line with expectations, may give the Federal Reserve the room it needs to cut interest rates if Fed officials feel a rate reduction could help stabilize turbulent financial markets.

Stocks turned in their worst performance since 2001 on Monday, with the Dow Jones industrials plunging 500 points on worries about a teetering financial system. Stocks were headed for a lower opening on Tuesday too.

Fed officials were meeting to review interest rates on Tuesday. The possibility of a rate cut has suddenly reappeared given the chaotic reaction to the bankruptcy filing by Lehman Brothers on Monday and the pressured sale of Merrill Lynch to Bank of America as a severe credit crisis has triggered the biggest restructuring of Wall Street since the 1930s.

The 0.1 percent drop in consumer prices in August was the first monthly decline since prices fell by 0.5 percent in October 2006, another time where energy prices took a big decline.

Core inflation, which excludes energy and food, was also well-behaved in August, edging up by a slight 0.2 percent, after months in which prices had risen by 0.3 percent. Both the overall decline and the small increase in core inflation were in line with economists' expectations.

Even with the dip in overall prices, paychecks continued to be under pressure. Weekly wages of non-supervisory workers dropped by 2.5 percent in August compared to a year ago, the 11th straight month in which wages had been down on a year-over-year basis.

Over the past 12 months, overall inflation is up by a 4.8 percent. That's a slight improvement from the 5.8 percent rise for the 12 months ending in July, which had been the largest year-over-year increase in 17 years. Core inflation is up 3.4 percent over the past 12 months.

Washington Mutual's rating cut to junk

By Thomas Heath and
Blynnn Appelbaum
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Washington Mutual, the Seattle-based savings and loan giant whose stock has been hammered the past week, has raised concern because its demise would be the largest bank failure in U.S. history, putting stress on the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to cover depositors.

During the market meltdown on Monday, Washington Mutual closed at \$2 per share, down 27 percent on the day. The stock is 95 percent off its 52-week high. Standard & Poor's downgraded the company's credit rating to junk status, citing the deteriorating housing market.

"The cost to the FDIC if this company fails is likely to

be quite high," analyst Rich Beve of Lendeburg Thalmann wrote. He estimates the net cost to the FDIC at \$24 billion, which is about half of the assets in the FDIC's insurance fund.

The FDIC doesn't comment on specific cases, but a spokesman said Monday that the fund has sufficient resources to cover the failure of a very large bank. In most cases, the FDIC promises to guarantee deposits up to \$100,000. The government regards that promise as sacred. The FDIC might just have to borrow money from the Treasury Department to meet its obligations to depositors.

"We're confident that our resources would be more than adequate to cover any losses from bank failures," FDIC spokesman Andrew Gray said. Washington area hedge

fund managers who specialize in financial firms think the chances of Washington Mutual seeking bankruptcy protection are unlikely. Even if the bank does go under, they said, the FDIC could endure the hit.

"The loss can be absorbed by common shareholders, preferred shareholders and bondholders, in that order, before you get to the deposit insurance," said Gary Townsend of Hill-Townsend Capital, a hedge fund that concentrates on financials. "I assume that's not enough to break the (FDIC) bank."

Eric D. Howde of Howde Financial, a hedge fund that trades in bank stocks, said Washington Mutual should not be lumped in with Lehman Brothers because he said it has billions of dollars in savings account deposits that make it less vulnerable.

Federal bank insurance fund dwindling

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Banks are not the only ones struggling in the growing financial crisis. The fund established to insure their deposits is feeling the pinch, and the taxpayer may be the lender of last resort.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., whose insurance fund has slipped below the minimum target level set by Congress, could be forced to tap tax dollars through a Treasury Department loan if Washington Mutual Inc., the nation's largest thrift, or another struggling rival fails, economists and industry analysts said Tuesday.

Treasury has already come to the rescue of several corporate victims of the housing and credit crunches. The government took over mortgage finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and helped finance the sale of investment bank Bear Stearns to J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

Eleven federally insured banks and thrifts have failed this year, including Pasadena, Calif.-based IndyMac Bank, by far the largest shut down by regulators.

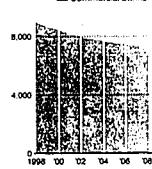
Additional failures of large banks or savings and loans companies seem likely, and that could overwhelm the FDIC's insurance fund, said Brian Bethune, U.S. economist at consulting firm Global Insight.

"We've got a... retail bank run forming in this country," said Christopher Whalen, senior vice president and managing director of Institutional Risk Analystics. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Monday that the country's commercial banking system "is safe and sound" and that "the

21 percent drop in fed-insured banks

The number of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation-insured commercial banks and savings institutions has steadily declined since 1998.

FDIC-insured institutions, as of June 2008



SOURCE: FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

American people can be very, very confident about their accounts in our banking system. FDIC officials also said 98 percent of U.S. banks still meet regular standards for adequate capital.

But fear is growing on Main Street as well as Wall Street about the likelihood of multiple bank failures and the strain that would put on the FDIC.

The fund, which is marking its 75th anniversary this year with a "Face Your Finances" campaign, is at \$45.2 billion — the lowest level since 2003. At the same time, the number of troubled banks is at a five-year high.

FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair has not ruled out the possibility of going to the Treasury for a short-term loan at some point. But she has said she does not expect the FDIC to take the more drastic action of using a separate \$30 billion credit line with Treasury — something that has never been done.

Bank deposit insurance fund dwindles

By The Associated Press

WHAT'S UP: The federal fund that insures American bank deposits may need a taxpayer-financed cash infusion in the form of a Treasury Department loan.

WHAT GIVES: After 11 bank failures this year, especially the July collapse of IndyMac Bank, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. has less in its fund than is required by Congress. WHAT'S NEXT: All eyes are on Seattle-based Washington Mutual Inc., the nation's largest thrift, whose deposits would cost billions more to insure if it fails. The FDIC fund currently has about \$45 billion, the lowest level since 2003.

rently below the minimum set by Congress in a 2006 law. The failure of IndyMac Bank in July cost \$2.1 billion.

Next month, Bair plans to propose increasing the premiums paid by banks and thrifts to replenish the fund. That plan is likely to be approved by the FDIC board, which consists of her, Comptroller of the Currency John Dugan, Thrift Supervision Director John Reich and two other officials.

Bair also is considering a system in which banks with riskier portfolios would be charged higher premiums, raising the possibility those costs could be passed on to consumers.

A Washington Mutual failure would be the largest bank collapse in history.

Continental Illinois National Bank in 1984, with \$33.6 billion in assets.

By comparison, WaMu and its subsidiaries had assets of \$309.73 billion as of

June 30 and IndyMac had \$32 billion when it shut down.

Arthur Murton, director of the FDIC's insurance and research division, said that when large institutions have failed in recent years, the hit to the fund has been about 5 to 10 percent of the company's assets.

Standard & Poor's Ratings Service late Monday cut its counterparty credit rating on WaMu to junk, action that followed downgrades by both Moody's and Fitch last week. Concern about the Seattle-based thrift, which has significant exposure to risky mortgage securities and other assets, has grown in recent weeks, and the company's stock price has plummeted.

WaMu responded Monday by saying that it did not expect the S&P downgrade to have a material impact on its borrowing, collateral or margin requirements.

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Gadget tour

What's new in the kitchen

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

BUHL — They say everything old is new again, and when it comes to the kitchen, that appears to be true this year.

At Jones' Hardware in Buhl, the most popular cooking gadgets are those used for old-fashioned techniques — a manual apple peeler and canning accessories.

Kimberly Smith, an owner of Jones', said people from out of the area have come by just to buy the peeler.

"I had one woman say, 'I've been up and down the coast and I couldn't find

a jar lifter,'" Smith said. "There's just some old-fashioned things that are in short supply."

Of course, there are plenty of new things to choose from to outfit your kitchen this year.

Here, we present items from kitchen shops across the area: Jones', Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise and Ketchum Kitchens in Ketchum. Items may be available at other locations as well, so check your local stores.

Van Vactor Garlic Press \$29.99 at Ketchum Kitchens

This garlic press is four tools in one: It slices, cubes and makes rough- and fine-consistency mash. A press cleaner pushes the pulp out when you're done, and clips to the device when it's stored.

The brand-new press has been in the store about a week, said sales associate Kim Holden, but is already proving popular.

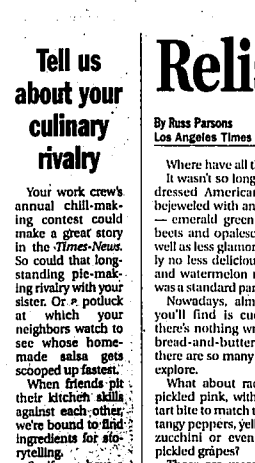


Norpro potato ricer \$34.99 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise

One old standby that's making a comeback is the potato ricer, which makes smooth mashed potatoes without a blender.

"Just rice them and add warm milk and stir it," said Donna Okarma, manager at Rudy's. She noted that it can be used for any kind of potato, including sweet potatoes and yams, and ricing keeps the starches in the potato from affecting the ideal mashed texture.

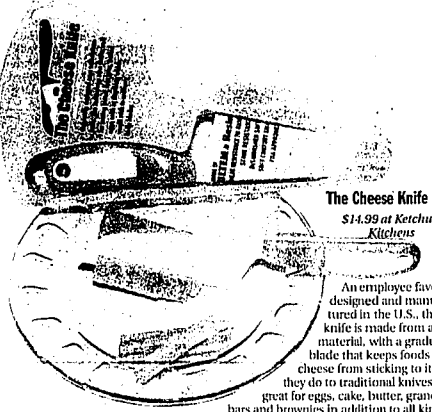
The gadget can be used for other things as well — perhaps a whole head of garlic at a time for your homemade salsa or garlic pickles.



Chef'n GarlicZoom \$10.99 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise

It seems that every year, there's a new way to hull, slice or mash garlic. This little gadget, though, is particularly kid-friendly: Inside a plastic case, three blades cut the garlic to whichever consistency you like just by running the wheels along a flat surface.

So load up the case, give it to Junior, and watch the garlic fly. The adults seem to like it, too. "When we had our garlic class, we sold tons of them," said Donna Okarma, store manager.



The Cheese Knife \$14.99 at Ketchum Kitchens

An employee favorite designed and manufactured in the U.S., this knife is made from a resin material, with a graduated blade that keeps foods like cheese from sticking to it like they do to traditional knives. It's great for eggs, cake, butter, granola bars and brownies in addition to all kinds of necessary accessories — like a wide-mouth funnel or a tool for lifting jars out of boiling water. So Jones' is doing a brisk business in them.

Back To Basics Canning Funnel and Jar Lifter \$1.89 and \$3.89 at Jones' Hardware

Canning accessories are regaining popularity, Smith said, perhaps because families want to put up their own preserves rather than buy them in this economy.

Because canning fell out of favor for so long, though, many stores don't carry the necessary accessories — like a wide-mouth funnel or a tool for lifting jars out of boiling water. So Jones' is doing a brisk business in them.

"I have noticed it more this year, that they are asking about the old-fashioned items," Smith said.



Back To Basics Apple Peeler \$24.99 at Jones' Hardware

"These are just such an old-fashioned thing, but we're selling them like crazy," said Smith. "People say, 'I haven't seen one of these in years and years.'"

Attach the peeler to a countertop, then shove an apple onto the spindles. Turn the handle and, like magic, the peel comes off in one long piece. In just minutes you can peel enough for a pie.



Chef'n Palm Peeler \$5 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise

Does your wrist get tired when you peel carrots or potatoes? That's because standard peelers, held between the fingers, aren't ergonomically designed.

The Palm Peeler is, though. As the name suggests, it fits in your palm, attached to one finger, so you're using your whole forearm instead of just your wrist to peel. "This is one of our best-selling gadgets," said Donna Okarma, store manager.

It comes in three color schemes, with a standard or serrated blade, and there's a blade cover to protect both the gadget and your fingers when it's stored.



Photos by ARIEL HANSEN
Times News

Griddler Express by Cuisinart \$69.99 at Ketchum Kitchens

Unlike the fat-reducing grills that have been on the market for the past decade or so, the Griddler Express has a floating lid. "It doesn't compress at one end and burn it," said Kim Holden, Ketchum Kitchens sales associate.

The store carries griddles in a variety of sizes. This one can handle two big panini or four chicken breasts, but it's not too big for a standard cabinet. "It's the perfect size for a family. It's not too big, easy to store," Holden said.



Tell us about your culinary rivalry

Your work crews annual chili-making contest could make a great story in the *Times-News*. So could that long-standing pie-making rivalry with your sister. Or a pooduck at which your neighbors watch to see whose homemade salsa gets scooped up fastest.

When friends pit their kitchen skills against each other, we're bound to find ingredients for story-telling.

So if you have a friendly food competition coming up, tell us about it in advance. Contact **Times-News** Features Editor Virginia Hutchins at virginia.hutchins@lee.net or 735-3242.

Relishing punched-up pickle plates

By Russ Parsons
Los Angeles Times

Where have all the pickles gone?

It wasn't so long ago that every well-dressed American dinner table was bejeweled with an assortment of them — emerald green tomatoes, ruby red beets and opalescent pearl onions, as well as less glamorous (though certainly no less delicious) okra, mushrooms and watermelon rind. The pickle tray was a standard part of a Sunday supper.

Nowadays, almost the only pickle you'll find is cucumber. And while there's nothing wrong with your basic bread-and-butter, half-sour or dill, there are so many other possibilities to explore.

What about ndishes, for example, pickled pink with a refreshing sweet-art bite to match their crisp texture? Or tangy peppers, yellow turmeric-stained zucchini or even surprisingly savory pickled grapes?

These are more than mere curiosities. A bite of crisp tart pickle is as cooling as an evening breeze.

Their acidity cuts right through the smoke and richness of grilled meat, just as their sweetness and spiciness balance and complement it. Do you doubt it? Think about ketchup, which, when broken down to its basics, is really nothing more than a pureed pickle of ripe tomatoes.

Pickles also make great antipasti. Like olives (technically, yet another kind of pickle), their punchy flavors prime the palate for the bigger dishes to come.

But while many traditional pickles take weeks of aging to mellow and mature, there are very good pickles you can make in a single day.

You don't need fancy equipment or advanced cooking skills. If you can slice a vegetable and boil water, you can make a pickle.

First, a little definition: A pickle is a fruit or a vegetable that is preserved through acidity. Because most harmful bacteria have a hard time surviving in a low-pH environment, pickling was an important part of preserving the harvest in the days before refrigeration.

There are two main ways of making a pickle. The first is by salting the food to draw out its moisture, which is rich in sugars that are fermented by naturally occurring bacteria to create lactic acid (the same acid that preserves so many of our favorite foods, including yogurt, cheeses and salami).

This is how pickles as diverse as sauerkraut and olives are made. The flavors created are complex, but the time required is long — weeks or even months.

A simpler form of pickle can be made simply by soaking food in an acid liquid, in most cases, a flavored vinegar

mixture. All that's necessary is to first soften the fruit or vegetable. This can be done either by blanching it briefly in boiling water or by salting it for an hour or two.

The latter has the added benefit of slightly dehydrating the fruit or vegetable, which allows it to absorb more of the moisture from the vinegar-mixture, saturating it with flavor. As you might expect, this technique allows plenty of room for the creative cook to mess around.

Although ordinary, white distilled vinegar can be used for most pickles, you can get a different effect by substituting apple cider or Asian rice vinegar. Similarly, don't feel bound to the common pickling spices of mustard, peppercorns, dill and their brethren. Try using cloves, allspice or cinnamon, fresh ginger or dried chiles.

The two ingredients you'll want to include in some measure are a little salt to bring out the flavor of the vegetable and some sugar to soften the harsh edges of the vinegar.



The relish tray includes pickled radishes, top to bottom, peppers, zucchini and grapes.

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Los Angeles Times

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Savor summer's fresh corn with a big batch of fritters

The Washington Post

These fritters are like light, fluffy pancakes, a bread-like batter perfect for grilled food or barbecue, or an appetizer to be dunked or draped in fresh salsa.

As always when deep-frying, keep a sharp eye on the oil's temperature for safety's sake and to ensure proper cooking. We found we could

fry four or five fritters at a time; any more and we risked lowering the oil temperature too much and creating soggy specimens.
Adapted from Pam Pahl of Pahl's Farm in Woodstock, Md.

CORN FRITTERS

Vegetable or peanut oil, for

- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup fresh corn kernels
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1 tablespoon salted or unsalted butter, melted
- Line a large baking sheet

with several layers of paper towels. Fill a large skillet with about 1 inch of the oil; place over high heat and monitor so that it reaches 375 degrees.
When the oil is close to the right temperature, combine the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a medium bowl; mix well.
Combine the eggs, corn kernels, milk and melted butter in a large measuring cup;

mix well. Add to the dry ingredients and stir just until combined. Taste the batter and add salt, if desired.
Working in batches of 4 or 5 at a time, drop the batter by slightly rounded teaspoonfuls into a measuring teaspoon into the hot oil, being careful to space them apart. Cook for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes, turning them over after about a minute and again later, if

needed, to achieve a golden color all over (watch out for any exposed corn kernels, which might sizzle or explode in the hot oil). Use a slotted spoon to transfer the fritters to the lined baking sheet as you work. Serve warm.
Per fritter: 40 calories, 1 g protein, 5 g carbohydrates, 2 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 60 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber.

Pickles

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These brines is up to you, be careful that you have at least as much vinegar as other liquids (and note that apple cider does not have the same acidity as apple elder vinegar). Because commercial vinegars standard acidity is 5 percent, that will ensure that the finished brine is at least a safe 2.5 percent.

However you flavor the pickle, there is likely to be a bit of a learning curve when you start experimenting. Soon, though, you'll develop a palate for tasting pickles early. What initially might seem a little dull and one-dimensional can develop into something delicious as herbs and spices contribute their flavor and the pickle mellows and deepens.

The first couple of times your experiment don't go overboard with the spicing. Give the pickles a day to develop and see how you like them before adjusting the recipe for the next attempt.

A good way to start pickling is by trying some reliable recipes from favorite cookbooks.

One classic on pickles, jams and jellies is "Fine Preserving," by Catherine Plagemann. Published in the 1980s, it was largely forgotten until it was reissued in the 1990s with annotation by none other than M.E.K. Fisher. Although the idea of pickled grapes sounds unusual, Fisher said it was one of her favorite recipes in the book. Intrigued, I had to give it a try. It's spectacular. The addition of just the tablespoon of minced onion lends a surprising savory dimension to the brine. M.E.K. Fisher says she left out the onion when she made it. ... Maybe she is fallible after all.

Next, I tried a couple of pickles of my own invention. I love "torshi," the Middle Eastern onion pickles, and I wondered whether you couldn't get the same texture from a radish, but with a slightly different flavor.
Turns out, radish pickles are every bit as crisp, but with a subtle spice underneath.

I tried these a number of ways — with white vinegar and rice vinegar, spiced with cloves and flavored with peppercorns and mustard seed — before settling on this version, which will become a standard part of my appetizer repertoire. They are absolutely delicious served with sliced salmon.

Finally, I wondered whether you couldn't pickle large shishito peppers — commercial pickled peppers are usually small, and small wax peppers can be hard to find, even at farmers markets.

Hallohah, it's a snap, one of the easiest pickles I made. Simply cut a couple of slices in each pepper to allow the heat and brine to penetrate, blanch them in boiling water for about a minute, then cover



Minced onion adds a savory dimension to pickled grapes, great with pork.

Photo by RICHARD HARTZOG/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Calling all picklers

It's the season to break out the brine, pick those cucumbers or cut away that watermelon rind. It's pickling time!
We want to do a story on south-central Idaho folks who pickle, and especially those with a recipe that all the relatives love. Whether your specialty is sauerkraut, pigs' feet, eggs, beans or just plain ol' cucumbers, give reporter Ariel Hansen a call at 735-3376 (or e-mail ariel.hansen@lee.net) and share your love of a good brine.

them with warm vinegar spiced with dried chiles, oregano and onion. The pickles — crisp, sweet and tart — will be ready to eat in eight hours or so.

All of these pickles can be canned, if you like, following the standard instructions. But they'll keep their texture and flavor for weeks simply stored in the refrigerator.

Of course, delicious as they are, it's doubtful they'll be around anywhere near that long.

QUICK PICKLED PEPPERS

- 3/4 pound shishito peppers
- 2 1/2 cups rice vinegar
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and lightly smashed
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
- 1 small onion, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 2 to 3 whole chiles de arbol or other small dried red chile (optional)

1. Cut a thin lengthwise slit on each side of each pepper to allow the brine to penetrate.
2. In a medium saucepan, simmer the vinegar with 2 cups of water, the garlic, salt, sugar, oregano, peppercorns, onion and dried chile, if desired, until fragrant, 3 to 4 minutes.

3. Blanch the peppers in a large pot of boiling water until they begin to soften and the color begins to fade, 2 to 3 minutes. Drain the peppers and pat dry with a kitchen towel; do not rinse them.

4. Place the peppers, still warm, in a large nonreactive container with a cover and pour the vinegar solution over them. Seal tightly and refrigerate at least 8 hours.
Total time: 20 minutes, plus

pickling time. Servings: Makes about 4 cups.

Each 1/4-cup serving: 7 calories; 0 protein; 2 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 0 fat; 0 saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 36 milligrams sodium.

ZUNI CAFE ZUCCHINI PICKLES

Adapted from Judy Rodgers' "The Zuni Cafe Cookbook."

- 1 pound zucchini
- 1 small yellow onion
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 cups elder vinegar
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 3 cups zucchini crushed yellow and/or brown mustard seeds
- Scant 1 teaspoon ground turmeric

1. Wash and trim the zucchini, then slice them 1/16-inch thick; a mandoline works best. Slice the onion very thin as well. Combine the zucchini and onions in a large but shallow nonreactive bowl, add the salt and toss to distribute. Add a few ice cubes and cold water to cover, then stir to dissolve the salt. Alternatively, transfer

to a large bowl and cover with water until they are completely submerged. Drain the zucchini and onions in a colander and pat them dry. Bring the vinegar, sugar, mustard, turmeric and onion to a boil, then simmer 5 minutes. Pour the syrup evenly over the grapes and insert a cinnamon stick in each jar. Seal tightly and refrigerate at least 8 hours.
Total time: 20 minutes plus refrigeration time. Servings: Makes 3 cups.
Each 1/4-cup serving: 55 calories; 0 protein; 14 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 0 fat; 0 cholesterol; 1 milligram sodium.

the sliced zucchini and onion slices to a Japanese pickle maker and screw down the top; do not add any water or ice cubes.

2. After about 1 hour, taste and feel a piece of zucchini — it should be slightly softened. Drain and pat dry.

3. Combine the vinegar, sugar, dry mustard, mustard seeds and turmeric in a small saucepan and simmer for 3 minutes. Set aside until just warm to the touch. (If the brine is too hot, it will cook the vegetables and make the pickles soft instead of crisp.)

4. Return the zucchini to a dry bowl and pour over the cooled brine. Add to distribute the spices. Transfer the pickle to jars, preferably ones that have "shoulders" to hold the zucchini and onions beneath the surface of the brine. Seal tightly and refrigerate for at least a day before serving to allow the flavors to mellow and permeate the zucchini, turning them a brilliant chartreuse color.
Total time: 20 minutes, plus marinating and pickling time. Servings: 3 cups.
Each 1/4-cup serving: 27 calories; 0 protein; 7 grams carbohydrates; 1 gram fiber; 0 fat; 0 cholesterol; 74 milligrams sodium.

PICKLED GRAPES

Adapted from Catherine Plagemann's "Fine Preserving."

- 3 cups stemmed red seedless grapes (about 3/4 pound)
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup white wine vinegar
- 3 (3-inch) sticks cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon minced onion

1. Wash the grapes and divide them into three pint-sized canning jars.
2. In a small saucepan, bring the sugar, vinegar, cinnamon and onion to a boil, then simmer 5 minutes. Pour the syrup evenly over the grapes and insert a cinnamon stick in each jar. Seal tightly and refrigerate at least 8 hours.

Total time: 20 minutes plus refrigeration time. Servings: Makes 3 cups.
Each 1/4-cup serving: 55 calories; 0 protein; 14 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 0 fat; 0 cholesterol; 1 milligram sodium.



Radish crisps: Rubby crisps pickle in a cool mill but heat until they are fragrant, about 20 minutes. Add the vinegar, 1/2 cup water, the sugar and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and simmer 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and the pickling mixture is just warm to the touch.
3. Rinse the radishes well and pat them dry with a towel. Place them in a small, nonreactive container and pour the warm, pickling mixture over them to just cover. Seal tightly and refrigerate at least 1 day to mature.
Total time: 20 minutes, plus softening and pickling time. Servings: Makes about 2 cups.
Each 1/4-cup serving: 11 calories; 0 protein; 2 grams carbohydrates; 1 gram fiber; 0 fat; 0 cholesterol; 270 milligrams sodium.

QUICK RADISH PICKLES

2 bunches radishes (about 3/4 pound with tops removed)

- 1 tablespoon plus 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon whole mustard seed
- 1/2 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
- 3/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar

1. Trim the tops and tails of the radishes and quarter them lengthwise. In a large, nonreactive bowl, toss them with 1 tablespoon kosher salt to coat well. Add water to cover and several ice cubes. Set aside until the radishes have softened slightly but are still crisp, about 2 hours. Alternatively, transfer the salted radishes without the water and ice cubes to a Japanese pickle maker and screw down the top.

2. While the radishes are softening, toast the mustard seed and black peppercorns in a small sautepan over medium heat until they are fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add the vinegar, 1/2 cup water, the sugar and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and simmer 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and the pickling mixture is just warm to the touch.
3. Rinse the radishes well and pat them dry with a towel. Place them in a small, nonreactive container and pour the warm, pickling mixture over them to just cover. Seal tightly and refrigerate at least 1 day to mature.
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Today's campaigns pick a side: Arugula vs. iceberg lettuce

By Joel Achenbach
The Washington Post

It lurks in the Produce Department, sneaky-silent, all tied up in a bunch, seemingly minding its own business even as it threatens to change the course of the 2008 presidential election. It is arugula. Some call it rocket, or rockette. It's a trendy salad ingredient, often viewed as a type of lettuce, though the government lists it as an herb.

Without question, it is the most politically explosive of the leafy greens.

At the loftiest levels of American politics, there are operatives who are eager to play the arugula card. When Barack Obama's campaign skewered John McCain for forgetting how many houses he owns, the McCain camp responded by dropping the a-word on him — twice.

First, McCain spokesman Brian Rogers sent out an e-mail describing Obama as "a guy who worries about the price of arugula." Later in the day, Rogers said in an interview, "In terms of who's an elitist, I think people have made a judgment that John McCain is not an arugula-eating, poliny-headed-professor type."

Obama's arugula problem dates to last summer, to an offhand remark in Iowa. He was saying that farmers could make good money planting specialty crops rather than just corn and soybeans. He aimed his audience if anyone had seen the price of arugula lately at Whole Foods. Pundits howled: Arugula! Whole Foods! As if the mooring masses of Iowans had ever heard of such a thing or



such a place!
The arugula controversy raises an obvious question: When did arugula become the undisputed symbol of elitist food — what you might call the anti-cabbage? And what about the other lettuces? Can a politician seeking to connect with ordinary people safely eat anything other than iceberg? We all know, intuitively, that kale is on the elitist side of the elitist-vulgarian divide, but what about romaine?
"There's nothing wrong with eating arugula," argues May Bugdanovic, owner of

Arucola, an Italian restaurant in Washington. She says her restaurant is named after the Italian word for the leafy green, with an extra "R" at the beginning just for flair. "It's one of the healthier leaf lettuces. ... If Obama is worried about the price of arugula, then obviously he has a healthier diet than McCain," Robert Rossi, co-owner of Field Fresh Farms, a major grower of arugula and other greens in Watsonville, Calif., also defends Obama against the elitist-salad-eater slur.
"I think he has very good taste buds. And I'm a Republican," Rossi says.

The rise of arugula, Rossi says, can be traced in part to a big E. coli scare that damaged the spinach industry a few years ago. Some buyers simply wanted to switch from spinach to arugula.

But there's a broader consumer trend: Americans are no longer content with iceberg lettuce drenched in Thousand Island dressing. Brian Todd, president of the Food Institute, a nonprofit research service, says Americans are demanding more products from their supermarkets. He scoffs at the notion that arugula is elitist.

"I think of it as an ethnic vegetable. It started out as an Italian vegetable. I don't think it has any bearing on anything," he says. "I think people eat what they like, and there's just a wider array of foods out there to choose from than there were 20 or 30 years ago."

Arugula — *eruca sativa*, as the Latin-speakers call it — is definitely a hot vegetable.

"People are looking for a different flavor profile salad on their plate," says Erik Brown, produce coordinator for Whole Foods Market in the mid-Atlantic region. Arugula "gained momentum every single year."

But this remains, at core, an iceberg Nation. According to the United Fresh Produce Association, American farmers grew 6.3 million pounds of "leaf lettuce" — iceberg — in 2007, more than twice as much as the next-most-popular lettuce, romaine. In fact, the iceberg total is more than romaine, green leaf, red leaf, spinach and every type of specialty lettuce combined.
Iceberg's great virtue is

that it is remarkably consistent and doesn't look like something that was ever anywhere near the ground. Arugula, by contrast, is flamboyantly plantlike, and with its wowed-beauty name is clearly foreign, and a reminder, politically, of Obama's exotic biography.

The arugula issue echoes what has become known as the beer-wine divide, also known as the Dunkin' Donuts-Starbucks divide. Republican campaign strategist Mike Murphy wrote in *Time* magazine that working-class voters are suspicious of Obama, whom they see as one of the over-educated executive-types who are constantly downgrading the work force. "Deep down, they think he'd rather hit the executive gym for a cardio workout during lunch hour than share a cheesesteak and beer with the hourly work force." In this formulation, simply being health-conscious separates a candidate from the common citizen.

But there's also the money issue. Obama mentioned Whole Foods, a company that has no stores in Iowa, and which typically locates itself in upscale neighborhoods.
Some might argue that vegetables and salad dressings should not be assigned political symbolism. But this is an election year. Everything's on the table. And of course you remember that it happened before, with Belgian endive.
That was 1987. Michael Dukakis, like Obama, was in Iowa, and known to the pondering a presidential run. He, too, was talking about

how Iowa farmers could diversify their crops. He mentioned, as an example, that they could grow Belgian endive. The Republicans never missed a chance thereafter to whack Dukakis with the endive gaffe.

Along with language and religion, fond is one of a culture's defining characteristics. Americans simultaneously embrace a chance while being wary of becoming divorced from our red meat, boiled-potatoes past. Arugula? Bok choy? Escarole?

The wise candidate doesn't even add to knowing what these things are, lest he or she appear elite.

But there's one good piece of news for Obama: McCain in recent days has been making regular forays to a Starbucks. And did McCain get coffee? No: cappuccino.

The arugula of hot beverages.

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FRIDAY IN ENTERTAINMENT

Dinner in 30 minutes: A Greek-like pairing

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

As it happens, this is the only non-Italian pasta recipe in "Olives & Oranges," a nice new cookbook of Mediterranean flavors by Sara Jenkins and Mindy Fox. Fresh mint and cool, tangy yogurt keep company with hot ground lamb, they do in many Greek dishes.

"It would horrify an Italian, but it works because it's a good flavor combination," says Jenkins, who grew up in Italy, Spain, Cyprus, Lebanon and beyond with her foreign-corned-and-cured dad and her now-famous food-authority mom, Nancy Harmon Jenkins. Fox, her friend and co-author, is the food editor at *La Cucina Italiana* magazine.



Photo by KULLA ENWA/Washington Post

1/4 cup water
Cracked or coarsely ground black pepper

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Since the garlic (about 3 teaspoons total), reserving about 1 teaspoon; coarsely chop the mint leaves, reserving 1/2 cup. Combine the 2 teaspoons garlic and 1/2 cup of the mint in a medium bowl with the yogurt and Aleppo pepper, stirring to mix well.
Mince the onion (at least 1 cup).
Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat till the oil shimmers. Add the onion, the remaining 1 teaspoon garlic and a pinch of salt; cook for about 2 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the onion starts to become translucent. Add the mince and butter, cook for about 2 minutes, until the nuts begin to turn golden. Remove from the heat and add to the garlic-yogurt mixture, stirring to mix well.
Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook according to package directions.

Add 1/3 of the lamb to the same skillet used to cook the onion and pine nuts; increase the heat to medium-high and cook for 5 to 7 minutes, until the lamb starts to brown, stirring often to break up any large clumps. Add the remaining lamb in 2 batches, moving the cooked meat to the sides of the skillet. Cook both subsequent batches for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until browned and crisped in spots; the meat should have no traces of pink.
Toss a wide shallow bowl at hand.
Partially cover the skillet with a lid, then use the lid as a stopper/strainer to carefully drain the fat into the bowl while the lamb is still in the skillet. (When the fat cools, discard it.)
Return the skillet to medium heat; add the water to ensure the lamb stays moist and is not crumbly (break up any large clumps that may remain). Season lightly with salt to taste. Remove from the heat, then turn half to a large serving bowl. Add half of the onion-yogurt mixture, stirring to combine.
Drain the pasta and add to the bowl; toss to combine. Add the reserved 1/2 cup of mint, the remaining lamb and the remaining onion-yogurt mixture; toss to combine, making sure the pasta is well coated. Season with salt to taste and lots of black pepper. Divide among individual plates and serve immediately.
Per serving (using low-fat yogurt): 797 calories, 47 g protein, 74 g carbohydrates, 35 g fat, 12 g saturated fat, 102 mg cholesterol, 234 mg sodium, 10 g dietary fiber.

SPAGHETTINI WITH GROUND LAMB, YOGURT AND MINT

4 servings.
3 medium cloves garlic
1 cup packed mint leaves
1 3/4 cups plain low-fat or whole-milk yogurt, such as Old Chatham sheep's milk yogurt
1/2 teaspoon ground Aleppo pepper, a Syrian pepper with a moderate heat level and fruity quality (may substitute crushed red pepper flakes)
1 medium onion
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Sea salt, plus more to taste
1/4 cup pine nuts
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
12 ounces spaghetti or other long pasta
1 1/4 pounds ground lamb



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Beer that gives a taste of history, or prehistory

By Gabe Oppenheim
The Washington Post

Paul Cano is the real-life "Jurassic Park" scientist. Just as the novel's employees of a theme park to do with a dinosaur to create their dino-amusement park. One newspaper account said the "achievement" related "the long-held view of many biologists that DNA of a great an age" couldn't be preserved.

Canu was less interested in extinct reptiles than in Homo sapiens now roaming the Earth. He next revived ancient bacteria from the gut of an amber-encased bee, hoping to turn the strains into new antibiotics. That didn't work, and Cano, who has a doctorate in medical microbiology, put his 1,200-specimen organism collection on the back shelf and returned to more fruitful microbial endeavors, like assessment of petroleum-degrading diversity in sand dunes and the bioinformatics of *Acetobacterium woodii*.

And then, this summer, a breakthrough. The product? Beer. "I was going through my collection, going, 'Gee whizz—this is pretty silly. Maybe we should use it to make beer,'" says Cano, 63, now director of the Environmental



The beer that takes you back ... millions of years. An enterprising scientist finds a new use for yeast extracted from a piece of Burmese amber from 45 million years ago.

Biotechnology Institute at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo.

The result is Fossil Fuels Brewing Co., which ferments a yeast strain Cano found in a piece of Burmese amber dating from 25 million to 45 million years ago. The company — in which Cano is a partner, along with another scientist and a lawyer — introduced its pale ale and German wheat beer with a party at one of the two Bay Area pubs where Fossil Fuels is made and served.

In April, at the World Beer Cup in San Diego, "we had one judge give us the highest marks, one just below and one who didn't like it," says Chip Lambert, 63, the company's other second micro-

biologist. "We learned that the issue was that in these competitions, you have to match the traditional concept of the style, which these years just don't do."

William Brand, the Oakland Tribune beer critic, says the ancient yeast provides the wheat beer with a distinctively "clove-y" taste and a "weird spiciness at the finish."

Of the science behind the suds, Cano says: "It's just like the Rip Van Winkle effect. What they are doing, they are remaining dormant — the bacteria or yeast spores of some sort — and then when you take them out of the amber, they reawaken and continue to reproduce. So they are alive."

You ask, of course, why men do so. Ultimately for home brewer in 1997 and served at both the party for "The Lost World" (the second "Jurassic Park" movie) and Cano's daughter's wedding. But without a business plan, the company died out.

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that route back in '97 with Stegosaurus Stout and Jurassic Amber Ale.

But "one thing people are skeptical about," Lambert says, is whether they're they drink the beer. "Yranosaurus Pale Ale — that was so intimidating and so dangerous as far as marketing that we decided to get rid of any association with 'Jurassic Park.'"

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Gazpacho gets better with time

By Julie Rothman
Special to The Baltimore Sun

Kathi Schweitzer of Lutherville, Md., was looking for a good recipe for gazpacho. Debby Miran, also of Lutherville, sent in a recipe she has worked on and perfected over the years for this tasty summertime classic.

Her recipe is a bit labor-intensive because it requires a lot of chopping, but I found that using my food processor, particularly for the fresh herbs, was a timesaver. Just be sure not to over-process.

Maintaining some texture is important for this soup. Like most traditional gazpachos, this one gets better with time. It's best to make it at least one day before you expect to serve it. It will keep

well for several days in the refrigerator.

GAZPACHO

- 4 large tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced
- 2 green onions, finely diced
- 1 small zucchini, diced
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced
- 1 to 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and finely diced
- 1 avocado, diced
- 1/2 cup each: fresh parsley, dill, basil, oregano and cilantro, chopped to a fine pulp
- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 5 tablespoons red-wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

(plus extra to serve on the side)
2 quarts tomato juice
salt and pepper to taste

Combine all the chopped ingredients, olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice and Tabasco sauce together in a large bowl. Stir in the tomato juice and season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and chill (best made 1 day ahead). Serve very cold with extra Tabasco sauce on the side.

Makes 2 1/2 to 3 quarts.
Per 1-cup serving: 155 calories, 3 grams protein, 10 grams fat, 1 gram saturated fat, 16 grams carbohydrate, 4 grams fiber, 0 milligrams cholesterol, 537 milligrams sodium.

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Whether doing it to be more environmentally conscious or to make your home's landscape more aesthetically appealing, planting a tree or trees around your property can be a great way to spend some time outdoors while making a positive impact on your surroundings. But before heading to your local nursery or out to the yard with your shovel, there are some things to consider when it comes to planting trees around your property.

- What type of tree? Do you want to plant an evergreen or a deciduous tree? Each tree comes with its own benefits. Evergreens won't shed their leaves in the colder months, meaning they'll provide shade year-round. These trees can also be very functional for those who live in areas with particularly harsh winters, as evergreens remain thick in the winter, making them a good choice for homeowners who want their trees to function as barriers from wind or noise.
- Deciduous trees provide functionality as well, but on the opposite end of the spectrum. Deciduous trees can provide shade in the summer and allow sunlight to come through in the winter when they've shed their leaves. For homeowners with young children who love to play

In the yard, deciduous trees can protect kids from getting too hot in the warmer months and too cold during winter. • Where to plant your new tree? Where to plant your tree should be of the utmost importance. This involves knowing what the tree will look like down the road. You won't want to plant a tree that will get very big too close to your home, as a storm or other inclement weather could result in the tree potentially damaging the house. Even if that does not happen, you want to avoid having the tree removed when it reaches maturity, if you feel it's gotten too big and you do want it removed to avoid an accident, this can be a costly expense.

Another thing to consider is property lines. If the tree crosses the property line when it reaches maturity, it could cause trouble for you with your neighbors.

- What will the tree look like? Looks are important, as no one wants to plant an eyesore in their front yard. Trees can be wonderful additions to a landscape by complementing surrounding flowers or shrubs and even the color of your home. Ask a local nursery professional what a specific tree will look like throughout the seasons.

CAPTION: While aesthetic appeal is important, there's more to consider than just looks when deciding to plant trees on, and around your property.

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B.C. By Johnny Hart

IF MY PART SELF SAW ME IN THE PRESENT, WOULD IT ALSO HEAR THAT MY PRESENT SELF WAS SEEING ME IN THE FUTURE?

I WISH I HAD SAID THAT.

WHY?

I WOULD HAVE PHRASED IT IN A WAY THAT MADE A MESS OF SENSE.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

OHAN HERE'S THE GAME THE SANDBOX IS A DEEP (ISLAND SURROUNDED BY OCEAN)

THERE'S NO ESCAPE AND WE HAVE TO SURVIVE OUT HERE WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER UNTIL LUNCHTIME!

(LUNCHTIME)

WHAT ABOUT SO BABY?

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

UH... A MESSY DESK IS THE SIGN OF A BUSY MAN

OR... A MESSY DESK IS THE SIGN OF A MAN BUSY AT SOMETHING OTHER THAN WORK

COULD YOU BE BUSY?

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

DUH! INSTEAD, WERE YOU AN HOUR LATE TO WORK THIS MORNING?

YES, I WAS

BUT TO MAKE UP FOR IT, I PLAN TO LEAVE AN HOUR EARLIER THIS EVENING

GOOD

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE, EMPLOYEES WHO CAN FIGURE OUT THEIR OWN PUNISHMENT

Dilbert By Scott Adams

AND THEN SHE ACTED AS IF I HAVE NO RIGHT TO MY OPINION!

IS THE POINT OF THIS CONVERSATION TO CONVEY USEFUL INFORMATION, OR JUST TO MAKE YOURSELF FEEL BETTER AT MY EXPENSE?

MAYBE WE'RE BONDING. MAYBE NOT.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Delivery for Miss Overdune

Abt My patrol cart accessories?

More giant dice for the mer??

Police lights and a siren

Overdune wishes for cold-down on spiky Elderberry!

These are additional tools for keeping Elderpark safe.

Siren has "first" setting

No more of that nonsense when we run out of pie on Cherry Pie Wednesday!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

CHRISTOPHER, SWIPE YOUR FINGERES WITH MICHAEL'S NUT!

DON'T BE SELFISH! GO AND SWIPE!

BLAMPP!

HE DIDN'T WANT ANY!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPT.

E.T. IS BACK IN TOWN AND WAS ARRESTED FOR PICKING POCKETS.

THE GUY IS STILL LIGHT-FINGERED

DETECTIVES!

Garfield By Jim Davis

ODIE IS DREAMING ABOUT CHASING A RABBIT

ARI!

IT ALWAYS ENDS WITH THE RABBIT BEATING THE STUFFING OUT OF HIM

VIP! VIP! VIP!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

... SO TJ COMES UP WITH THIS MONEYMAKING SCHEME: A HOT PREFIREFIGHTERS CALENDAR

HOT PREFIREFIGHTERS?

HE EVEN SAID YOU SHOULD BE ON THE COVER, AND - GET THIS - HE OFFERED TO PAY THE INDICES CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT GUY?

SO PERHAPS YOU COULD SET UP A SOFTBALL LEAGUE FOR US!

NO, I CAN'T. WE NEED A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

IS EVERYBODY WHERE?

MOST PEOPLE PD THEIR BANKING ONLINE NOW.

GO WHY ARE PZ WAITING ON LINE?

THERE'S ONLY ONE BANK TELLER.

QUIT! BANK

Luann By Greg Evans

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Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

A TOOTH! I'VE LOST ANOTHER TOOTH!

I MUST BE GETTING OLD..

PRETTY SOON I'LL BE LOSING ALL MY HAIR..

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?

BOOK CLUB. I FOUNDED IT.

BOOK CLUB? WHAT DO YOU READ?

OH, ALL THE WORLD'S GREAT LITERATURE. THEN WE GO THROUGH SOME OF THE DISCUSSION POINTS I'VE WRITTEN DOWN HERE.

WHAT WAS BIG STEPH'S MOTIVATION FOR GOING TO THE PARK WITH ERNIE?

NO, I CAN'T. THE BIRD IS QUITE COMPLEX

Pickles By Brian Crane

WHEN I USED TO RIDE IN THE CAR WITH MY GRANDPA, YOU ASK HIM HOW MUCH LONGER, AND HE'D SAY "IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!"

THEN HE'D GRIN AND SAY "SAID THE MONKEY!"

AND THEN HE'D APD, "AS HE PUT HIS TAIL IN THE LAWN MOWER!"

AND THEN I'D SCOOT WAY OVER AND BE QUIET THE REST OF THE TRIP

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

... BUT... TROMP TROMP...

UH-OH! HERE ON HER TRAINING APPARATUS!

WE'D BETTER TAKE OFF!

I COULD WIN! KITTEN GYMNASTIC ROUTINES ALL DAY!

THE BIRD BATH STRADDLE IS ONE OF MY FAVORITES!

Non Sequitur By Willy

THE RULES COMMITTEE SAID THEY'LL TAKE UP YOUR PROTEST AFTER YOUR FUNERAL

I SEND THE KID HOME, BUT IT'S ALWAYS A ROUND-TRIP TICKET!

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

I WAS JUST OVER AT OLD LINDY'S WAKE

HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE THERE?

OVER THREE HUNDRED

WOW, IF HE HAD KNOWN THAT MANY FOLKS WOULD SHOW UP, HE WOULD HAVE DIED YEARS AGO

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

I LIKE YOUR HAIRCUT, SARA

YOU'D? REALLY?

BECAUSE I STILL WONDER IF IT LOOKS GOOD OR IF MY FRIENDS ARE JUST SAYING THAT WHILE SECRETLY THINKING THAT IT MAKES ME LOOK STUPID!

MY MOUND THEY DO THAT?

BECAUSE THEY'RE MY FRIENDS!

Lonna Marie Allphin

Lonna Marie Allphin was born March 4, 1944, in St. Anthony, to Leonard Hansen and Eva Louise Branson. Lonna went to school in St. Anthony. In 1954, she moved to Rupert to finish school. She quit just shy of graduating. In late 1961, she married Harry Stockham; they had two daughters, Jackie Stockham, living in New Mexico, and Corina (Dennis) McLaughlin of Boise. They later divorced, and then on Oct. 11, 1970, she married Samuel Owen Allphin in Elgin. They lived in Rupert for a while, then in Burley, and then they lived in Twin Falls where Sam still lives. Lonna worked as a chef in numerous restaurants, including Frenchie and Sharps, among others.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is sur-

vived by her husband, Sam; her daughters, Jackie and Corina; three sisters, Nadyene (Meredith) Smith of Burley, Sherry (Kevina) Larson and Jan Johnson, both of Lynnwood, Wash.; three brothers, Harlie Rose of Lynnwood, Wash., Jesse Rose of Jerome and Lonnie Meagher of Sacramento, Calif.; four granddaughters; three grandsons; two great-grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at White Mortuary, "Clap by the Park," in Twin Falls.

Shirley Mae Fisher

HEYBURN — Shirley Mae Fisher, 66 years old, of Heyburn, passed peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008.

She was born Shirley Anderson in Frank and Dora's a home in Anderson in Dec. on July 23, 1942. She is survived by her loving husband, Vince "Joe" Fisher; and their nine children, Shelley Dennis of Boise, Carrie (Dennis) Jones of Bennett, Colo., Edward Dennis of Colorado, Tonia (Fisher) Mandio of Menifee, Calif., Carla (Fisher) Goldsmith of Yakima, Wash., Tim Fisher of Burley, Lester Fisher of Rupert, Casey Fisher of Boise and Rick Fisher of Michigan. She is also survived by her brothers, Darwin Anderson, Ben Anderson, Carl Anderson and Ray Anderson; sister,



Sheryl Anderson; 19 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Delsa Anderson; sister, Delsa Carter; her first husband, Richard Dennis; nephew, Shad Anderson; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Shirley went to school in ferome and settled in the Mini-Cassia area. She loved to spend time with her family and became when talking of her grandchildren. She touched the lives of everyone she met from the people at work to all of her children's friends that they seemed to bring home. She loved working at Unit 54 because of the friendships she made with her co-workers and customers. She will be missed and always remembered!

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert. Friends and family will gather immediately after the service at 1630 18th St. in Heyburn.

Kirk 'Corky' Lu Voeltzel

GOODING — Kirk "Corky" Lu Voeltzel passed away early Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Corky was born at Craig, Colo., on March 31, 1941, to Inez Irene (Hart) Voeltzel and George W. Voeltzel. He spent most of his life working on ranches throughout Colorado, Nevada and Idaho. He had a great love of animals and enjoyed working with them. Though he loved all animals, horses were his pride and joy.

He married Nancy Hake April 17, 1968. They had two daughters, Barbara Inez Voeltzel Coleman and Janice Robin Voeltzel Newton. Corky passed away in 1990. Corky has four grandchildren, Sean Hake, Caleb



Newton, Franklin Newton and Nathaniel Newton. He is survived by his children and sisters, Darlene Rolando of Hayden, Colo., and Doreen Paul; and his brother, Don Voeltzel of Lakemore, Idaho. Corky was preceded in death by his parents, Inez (Hart) and George W. Voeltzel.

Corky will be missed by his coffee-drinking buddies where he was known for his mischievous grin and playful sense of humor. He could be found most mornings swapping stories with his friends and joking with the waitresses. Your family misses you and will always love you.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. In lieu of flowers, you can make memorial contributions to the Diabetes Foundation.

Your family misses you and will always love you.

Maycie 'Timmons' Smith

GOODING — Maycie "Timmons" Smith, our little miracle angel, came into this world silently on Sept. 12, 2008, at 7:10 a.m. at home in Gooding, with daddy trying his hardest to help mommy deliver her.

Maycie is survived by her daddy, Kyle Smith; and mommy, Salina Timmons of Gooding; big stepbrother, Hunter Smith of Bullh; her grandparents, Billy and Nancy Timmons of Heyburn; special cousin, Oscar Flores Jr. of Heyburn; grandmother, Maxine Smith of Grace; a

great-grandpa, Iva Timmons of Rupert; along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by a great-grandmother, Rena Timmons; and a great-great-great-grandmother, Amy Garner.

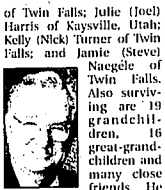
The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. Services will conclude with burial in the Hansen Cemetery. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Mortuary.

Jack F. Cox

Jack F. Cox, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Jack was born Nov. 16, 1925, in Murtaugh, the son of Fay and Leona Martin Cox. He grew up and attended schools at Three Creek and Jerome before entering into the U.S. Navy, where he served in World War II. He served his country proudly as a First class Steward until he was Honorably Discharged in 1945, Jack returned to Twin Falls, where he worked for Youree Motor Company from 1950 until 1972. Jack obtained his Realtor license and was co-owner of CVR (Cox, Veeh, Rasmussen) Realty Group and later worked at Brawley Realty for many years before retiring in 2004. Jack golfed to live and loved to golf. He was a member of Jerome and Club. He enjoyed automobiles, waterskiing and his love was being the Greatest Papa in the World.

Jack is survived by his wife of 18 years, Audenne Cox of Twin Falls; his daughter, Carol Claborn of Twin Falls; his sons, Jack Cox Jr. of Boise and Tom (Dedeck) Cox of Twin Falls; his stepdaughters, Kathy (Handy) Hansen



of Twin Falls; Julie (Joel) Harris of Kaysville, Utah; Kelly (Nick) Turner of Twin Falls; and Janice (Steve) Naegle of Twin Falls. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Barbara Nelson; and his brother, Pete Cox.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2406 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with military honors by the Magic Valley Veterans Association and Idaho National Guard. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. At Jack's request, there will be no public viewing.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Jack's name to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Thomas Kinsey Watson Jr.

BURLEY — Thomas Kinsey Watson Jr., 77, of Burley, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, at his home.

Tom was born Aug. 29, 1931, at Malta, Mont. He was the oldest of seven children and son of Thomas K. Watson Sr. and Eulas Tucker. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Bernice and Betty. Tom is survived by his brother, Don; sisters, Cora, Garand and Lavonia; his wife, Cora; former wife, Marie; their six children, Tom, Terrie, Mauricie, Ronald, Robert and Dale; 19 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Tom served in the USAF from 1950 to 1954, during which time he was stationed

in Korea during the war. He received the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Tom was a good-natured and fun-loving man unless you ruffled his feathers, and he wasn't afraid to let you know what he thought. In the 28 years that Tom and Pauline were married, they enjoyed each other's company. They loved to travel and spend winters in Arizona after his retirement from Boise Cascade, where he drove truck for 30 years. He will be greatly missed by those that knew him and his family.

Aloha, old dad.

Carl Anthony Muegerl

KIMBERLY — Carl Anthony Muegerl, 90, of Kimberly, Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Burley, passed away Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, at his home.

He was born Nov. 3, 1917, in Kearney, Neb., to Anton and Mary (Maidel) Muegerl.

Carl was born in a place where he was known for his mischievous grin and playful sense of humor. He could be found most mornings swapping stories with his friends and joking with the waitresses. Your family misses you and will always love you.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. In lieu of flowers, you can make memorial contributions to the Diabetes Foundation.

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Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Burley.

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SERVICES

Don C. Arrington of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Byron Amos "Bud" Pearce Jr. of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

William Joseph Spellus of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Campus Grove at Albion; visitation at 10 a.m. today at Campus Grove (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Gene E. Ellis, formerly of Hazelton, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Hazelton Cemetery; luncheon will follow at Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls.

Jessie May Shappee Sprenger of Twin Falls, funeral at 3 p.m. Friday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation one hour before the funeral Friday at the mortuary.

Begie Elise Hatmaker of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone (Demary's Shoshone Chapel).

Mary T. Eldrede of Carey, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Carey Cemetery in Carey (Wood River Chapel of Hurley).

DEATH NOTICES

Lillie M. Newcomb
BURLEY — Lillie Mae Newcomb, 77, of Burley, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Sandra J. Giles
BURLEY — Sandra Jean Giles, 66, of Burley, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Patient Spotlight

"I decided that I wouldn't make my family suffer from my hearing loss!"

Bobby Kelly, Twin Falls

Being a real estate agent, it's imperative that I'm able to hear what my customers are saying. My new digital hearing aids are awesome!

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Odierno takes over U.S. troop command in Iraq

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD — Army Gen. Ray Odierno took command of American troops there Tuesday with words that made it clear he wants the Iraqis to take a bigger role in security and move forward with political progress as pressure mounts for U.S. forces to leave the country.

In comments made shortly after receiving command from his predecessor and former boss, Gen. David H. Petraeus, Odierno said he will emphasize the need for Iraq's government to hold provincial elections this year and use its military and police to preserve the security gains made since Petraeus' arrival in February 2007.



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Odierno said he will emphasize the need for Iraq's government to hold provincial elections this year and use its military and police to preserve the security gains made since Petraeus' arrival in February 2007. U.S. troops will be there to help, Odierno said. But he added, "We must do this with our Iraqi partners out front, in the lead."

Crisis steals spotlight

On campaign trail, economy dominates debate

By Terence Hunt and Gen Johnson
Associated Press writers

GOLDEN, Colo. — John McCain and Barack Obama traded increasingly barbed insults along with prescriptions for the ailing economy Tuesday as financial fears shoved aside lipstick on pigs and every other political issue in a blink with just weeks left in the long presidential campaign.

An ad by Democrat Obama sneered: "How can John McCain fix our economy if he doesn't understand it's broken?" Getting even more personal, Republican McCain retorted: "Sen. Obama saw an economic crisis, and he's found a political opportunity. My friends, this is not a time for political opportunism; this is a time for leadership."

McCain commented as he and running mate Sarah Palin addressed a rally late Tuesday in Vienna, Ohio.

The verbal dueling showed the importance both candidates put on the issue of the economy as the continuing financial meltdown on Wall Street has driven all other issues out of the news. Both campaigns now believe the candidate who manages to wrest control of the issue and gain voters' confidence could well be the next president.

Earlier in the day, McCain called for a crisis commission, while Obama laughed that off as "the oldest Washington stunt in the book."

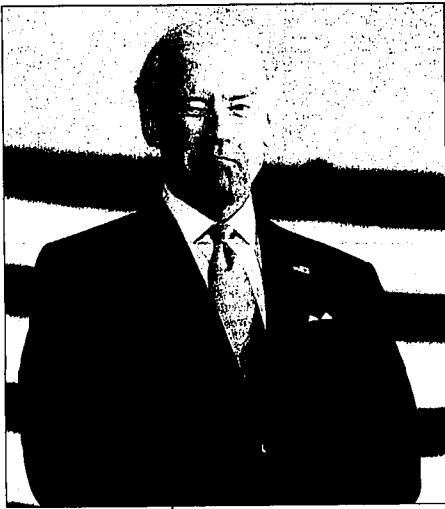
"This isn't 9/11," Obama told a noisy crowd of thousands of people at the Colorado School of Mines, dismissing the idea of a need for study. "We know how we got into this mess. What we need now is leadership that gets us out. I'll provide it. John McCain won't."

McCain, campaigning in Florida, promised reforms, too, to expose and end the "reckless greed, corruption and unbridled greed" that he said had caused the financial crisis on Wall Street.

The bewildering turmoil has shaken Americans' confidence, erased hundreds of billions of dollars from the pockets of stockholders and led McCain and Obama to forsake other controversies and scramble back to the economy as the primary concern of voters.

The presidential campaign had taken an odd turn to side issues — Alaska's "bridge to Nowhere," an issue to expose and end the "reckless greed, corruption and unbridled greed" that he said had caused the financial crisis on Wall Street.

McCain and Obama now are trusted equally on the economy, with 34 percent of voters naming each as the candidate who would do a better job of handling what is easily the country's top worry, according to an Associated



Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., winks during a campaign stop at South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores, Mich., Monday.

"This isn't 9/11. We know how we got into this mess."

— Barack Obama, dismissing John McCain's call for a commission to study the financial meltdown on Wall Street

Press-Yahoo News poll conducted last week. Previously, Obama had had a solid advantage on the issue.

McCain wasn't sticking to economics on Tuesday. His comments grew more personal as the day wore on. He criticized the Illinois senator for taking donations, from executives of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — the mortgage giants taken over by the government last week — and for putting former Fannie Mae CEO Jim Johnson in charge of his vice presidential search. The Arizona senator also chastised Obama for missing an economic stimulus vote, even though McCain himself missed a vote — and the possibility of breaking a Senate tie — a day earlier on a broader package, Obama voted for that package.

As for Wall Street and the nation's housing woes, Obama called the crisis "the most serious financial situation in generations."

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac had to be effectively taken over by the government. Three of America's five largest investment banks failed or have been sold off in distress. Yesterday, Wall Street suffered its worst losses since just after 9/11.

He said McCain and President Bush subscribe to the same approach: "support ideological policies that made the crisis more likely, do nothing as the crisis hits and then scramble as the whole thing collapses." Obama said he has supported legislation to stop mortgage transactions that promote fraud, risk or abuse and has urged the administration to bring all parties together to find a solution to the subprime mortgage meltdown.

McCain declared Monday that "the fundamentals of our economy are strong." Then, after Obama accused the country was in an economic crisis but still said the fundamental strength of the American worker remained strong.

House approves offshore drilling

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The House voted late Tuesday to open waters off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to oil and gas drilling but only 50 or more miles out to sea and only if a state agrees to energy development off its shore.

Democratic leaders called it a step toward energy independence, but Republicans labeled it a "sham" because most of the estimated 10 billion barrels of oil believed to lie below off-limits coastal waters are within 50 miles of land and will remain out of bounds.

The measure passed in a largely party-line vote of 238-192. It says that the Secretary, where energy will be the topic later in the week. Thirteen Democrats bucked their leadership and voted against the measure.

Even before the House vote, the White House said President Bush was prepared to veto the measure should it reach his desk. An administration statement said the bill would "stifle development" of offshore energy resources by essentially making permanent drilling bans within the 50-mile coastal buffer, while imposing new taxes on the largest oil companies.

But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the bill "expressly goes in the direction of energy policy" and a "bold step forward that will end our dependence on foreign oil" by using billions of dollars collected in taxes on large oil companies to promote alternative fuels and energy efficiency.

Republicans called the drilling measure a ruse to provide political cover to Democrats feeling pressure to support more drilling at a time of high gas prices. "How much new drilling do we get out of this bill? It's zero, just zero," declared House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio. "It's a hoax on the American people. This is the most dishonest thing ... so the Democrats can say we voted on energy."

The measure would allow drilling in waters 50 miles from shore almost everywhere from New England to Washington state as long as a state agrees to go along with energy development off its coast. Beyond 100 miles, no state approval would be required. The drilling ban would remain in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Each year for the past 26 years, Congress has passed drilling bans on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts because of environmental concerns and pressure from some coastal states worried that drilling might hurt the tourist business.

Unlike bills offered by House Republicans and others being considered in the Senate, the House-passed legislation would not share royalties from energy production with the adjacent states. Boehner said without royalty sharing, states probably would not opt for drilling off their beaches.

Republicans also cited Interior Department estimates that 86 percent of the 10 billion barrels of oil believed to be in waters now under drilling bans would remain off-limits because they are within the 50-mile protective coastal buffer.

The House voted to roll back nearly \$18 billion in tax breaks over 10 years for the five largest oil companies and require energy companies to pay billions of dollars in royalties they would because of an Interior Department contracting error.

Pakistani troops ordered to open fire on U.S. raiders

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani army said Tuesday that its forces have ordered to open fire if U.S. troops launch another raid across the Afghan border, raising the stakes in a dispute over how to tackle militant havens in Pakistan's unruly border zone.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the U.S. chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, arrived in Pakistan late Tuesday amid the increased tensions. Mullen planned to meet with top civilian and military leaders to discuss a range of issues, including ways to improve coordination and cooperation along the Pakistan-Afghan border.

Pakistan's government has faced rising popular anger over a Sept. 3 ground attack on U.S. commandos into South Waziristan, a base for Taliban militants killing over 150 U.S. troops in Afghanistan. Pakistan says about 15 people were killed, all of them civilians.

The new firing orders were disclosed by Pakistani army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas in an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press.

Abbas said Pakistani field commanders have previously been tolerant about international forces crossing a short way into Pakistan because of the ill-defined and contested nature of the mountainous frontier.

"But after the (Sept. 3) incident, the orders are clear," Abbas said. "In case it happens again in this form, there is a very significant deterioration, which is very definite, no ambiguity, across the border, on ground or in the air, open fire."

The statement was the strongest since Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, Pakistan's army chief, raised eyebrows last week by vowing to defend Pakistani territory "at all cost." Abbas would not say whether the orders were discussed in advance with U.S. officials.

Rep. Gary Ackerman, Democratic chair of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, and other lawmakers expressed concern about Abbas' comments as hearing Tuesday that Pakistan's Bush administration request to fund an upgrade of Pakistan's aging fleet of F-16 fighter planes.

Responding to the concerns, Donald Camp, deputy

assistant secretary of state for South Asian affairs, said: "I cannot envision a situation where we would find ourselves in a shooting situation with Pakistan."

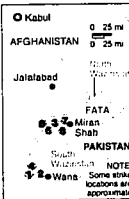
"We are partners with Pakistan. We have been close friends for years," he said. President Asif Ali Zardari, the newly elected successor to U.S. ally Pervez Musharraf, declined to comment on the order to use lethal force on American troops, telling reporters in London: "I don't think there will be any more cross-border operations by the U.S."

U.S. military commanders complain Islamabad has been doing too little to prevent the Taliban and other militant groups from recruiting, training and resupplying in Pakistan's lawless tribal belt.

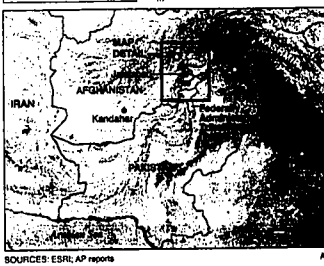
Pakistan acknowledges the presence of al-Qaida fugitives and its difficulties in preventing militants from seeping into Afghanistan. However, it insists it is doing what it can and paying a heavy price, pointing to its deployment of more than 100,000 troops in the increasingly restive northwest and a wave of suicide bombings across the country.

Border tension

Pakistan-U.S. relations have been strained recently by several reported attacks by U.S. forces in Pakistan's tribal regions bordering Afghanistan.



- 1 Aug. 13: Suspected missile strike on an alleged training camp killed nine people, including foreigners, in South Waziristan.
- 2 Aug. 20: Missiles destroyed a suspected militant hide-out in South Waziristan, killing at least two people.
- 3 Aug. 20: Suspected missile strike in North Waziristan killed four foreigners.
- 4 Sept. 3: Ground attack by U.S.-led forces using helicopters in South Waziristan killed 15 people.
- 5 Sept. 4: Explosion suspected to have been caused by a missile killed four people in North Waziristan.
- 6 Sept. 5: Suspected missile attack in North Waziristan killed five alleged foreign militants.
- 7 Sept. 8: Suspected missile strike from U.S. drones on a seminar in Baluchistan near Miran Shah killed nine people, including militants and civilians.
- 8 Sept. 12: Suspected missile strike near Miran Shah killed 12 people.



SOURCES: ESPN, AP reports

Shortest man meets leggiest woman as Guinness unveils book

LONDON (AP) — Trafalgar Square routinely serves as a stage for mimes, jugglers and other acts, but the tourist attraction drew an exceptionally curious crowd Tuesday when the shortest man who can walk met the woman with the longest legs.

He Pingping, of China, stands 2 feet, 5.37 inches tall. The 20-year-old was born with a type of dwarfism.

He called Svetlana Pankratova's legs "very beautiful."

The two met, with He standing at Pankratova's knees, to publicize the release of "Guinness World Records 2009." This year's version of the popular book is due out Wednesday.

Pankratova, 36, who is Russian but lives in Spain, has legs that are nearly 52 inches long, or more than 4 feet. Her upper body has nearly typical proportions, giving her a giraffe-like appearance.

Dressed in a bright-blue mini-dress and low-heeled pumps, Pankratova, 36, said she liked her legs, though she can complicate things. "It's hard to find clothes, especially pants," she said.

She isn't the tallest woman on record. Sandy Allen, of Shelbyville, Indiana, who died recently, held that title, according to the book. And He is the shortest man who



He Pingping of Inner Mongolia sits between the feet of Svetlana Pankratova of Russia in Trafalgar Square in London, Tuesday. Pingping holds the Guinness World Record for the smallest man at 2 feet, 5.37 inches, and Pankratova holds the Guinness World Record for the woman with the longest legs at 4 feet, 4 inches.

The latest edition of the book lists pop star Britney Spears as the most-searched person on the Internet and the television show "Lost" as the most-downloaded show of all time.

The book has been around for half a century. About 3.5 million copies are sold each year, according to editor-in-chief Craig Glenday.

Commander in Afghanistan calls for more U.S. troops

By Julian E. Barnes
Los Angeles Times

KABUL, Afghanistan — The commander of foreign troops in Afghanistan said Tuesday he had issued new orders aimed at reducing the number of civilians accidentally killed in airstrikes and raids.

Gen. David D. McKiernan also said he needed more troops than previously requested. After an additional Army brigade arrives in Afghanistan early next year, McKiernan said he would need three more brigades — potentially more than 20,000 troops once support units are added.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates arrived late Tuesday in Afghanistan to meet with McKiernan and other U.S. and Afghan leaders. Gates is scheduled to meet with U.S. commanders about the use of airstrikes, which have been blamed for rising civilian casualties.

McKiernan said it was difficult to avoid civilian casualties completely while fighting an insurgency, but it was important to reduce them in order to boost support for the government.

McKiernan said he issued his new order on Sept. 2, to reinforce the need for proportional force in reacting to attacks by Taliban or other

extremist groups. Searches of homes should be led, when possible, by Afghan soldiers, he said.

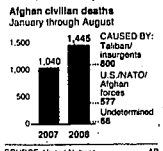
"When you are trying to conduct a counter-insurgency part of that is making people — feel secure and it is also trying to connect them with their government institutions and not become... an enemy of the people," McKiernan said.

A United Nations report issued Tuesday said that U.S. and NATO airstrikes have killed 395 Afghan civilian victims this year.

The issue of civilian deaths has been thrown into sharp relief by a U.S.-led raid in western Afghanistan last month in which the United Nations estimates 92 civilians

Civilian deaths

The number of conflict-related Afghan civilian deaths in the first eight months of 2008 rose nearly 40 percent from the same period of last year.



SOURCE: United Nations AP

were killed. The U.S. military has said only about seven civilians died, but it has begun a new high-level review.

The incident has deeply angered the Afghan government. President Hamid Karzai, who is scheduled to meet with Gates on Wednesday, is expected to again press the issue.

Pink Floyd member Richard Wright dies at age 65

LONDON (AP) — Richard Wright, a founding member of Pink Floyd, died Monday. He was 65.

The rock group's spokesman, Doug Wright, who's unrelated, said Wright died after a battle with cancer at his home in Britain. He said the band members' family did not want to give more details about his death.

Wright met Pink Floyd members Roger Waters and Nick Mason in college and joined their early band, Sigma 6. Along with the late Syd Barrett, the four formed Pink Floyd in 1965.

The group's jazz-infused rock and drug-laced multimedia "happenings" made them darlings of the London psychedelic scene, and their 1967 album, "The Piper at the Gates of Dawn," was a hit.

In the early days of Pink Floyd, Wright, along with Barrett, was seen as the group's dominant musical force.

The London-born musician and son of a bio-chemist wrote songs and played the keyboard.

"Rick's keyboards were an integral part of the Pink Floyd sound," said Joe Boyd, a prominent record producer who worked with Pink Floyd early in its career.

The band released a series of commercially and critically successful albums including 1973's "The Dark Side of the Moon," which has sold more than 40 million copies. Wright wrote "The Great Gig in the Sky" and "Us and Them" for that album, and worked on the group's epic compositions such as "Atom Heart Mother," "Echoes" and "Shine on You Crazy Diamond."

But tensions grew among Waters, Wright and fellow band member David Gilmour. The tensions came to a head during the making of "The Wall" when Waters insisted Wright be fired. As a result, Wright was relegated to the status of session musician on the tour of "The Wall," and did not perform on Pink Floyd's 1983 album, "The Final Cut."



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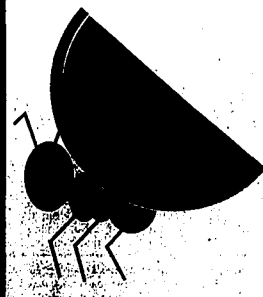
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Cruz, Wood River take down Burley

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

Austin Cruz scored the winning goal in the seventh minute of stoppage time to lift visiting Wood River to a 2-1 victory over Burley Tuesday.

"I would have been very satisfied with a tie — this is being on the cake," said Wood River coach Matt Phillips. "It was Wood River's first Great Basin Conference West win as the Wolverines improved to 4-5-0 overall (1-2-0 GBW)."

"It's a big win, and it's historic. I don't know how many years (it's been) since we've beaten (Bobcats coach) Wes (Nyhlade) and Burley, but it feels good," said Phillips. "With the score knotted 1-1 in the 17th minute, Wood River's Bryan Donoso booted

the ball from the right angle directly to Burley goalkeeper Taylor Whitehead. Whitehead mishandled the ball, allowing Cruz to bury the rebound.

"The final few seconds of the game were beating down on everybody," Cruz said. "We're halfway through the season and now we just have to start stepping it up. It's a great feat to beat Burley finally. From here on, we know we can beat most teams, we just have to come ready and come prepared."

Burley scored first as Pablo Marin found the net in the ninth minute to make it 1-0, which remained the score through halftime.

John Leavell tied the game in the 61st minute on an

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BY RYAN HOWE/TIMES-NEWS
Wood River's Chris De La Cruz (left) and Burley's Josh Seale battle for control of the ball Tuesday at Burley High School. Wood River won 2-1.

Martinez strike lifts Tigers over Minico

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

He wears No. 23 in honor of a global soccer superstar, free-kick specialist David Beckham. On Tuesday, Carlos Martinez delivered an effort that would make "Becks" proud, one that was worthy of the title "match-winner."

The small sophomore winger stepped up midway through the second half and launched a rocket from a little more than 25 yards out, sending it flizzzing past a diving Alex Olmos and into the top-left corner of the Minico goal. It was the decisive strike in a 4-3 win for Jerome over the visiting Spartans.

With leading scorer Fermin Martinez and talented mid-fielder Sergio Martinez both

servicing the first of a three-game suspension for breaking IIISAA rules by playing in an organized league during the high-school season, the Tigers (7-0, 3-0 Great Basin Conference West) were led by two goals from Gabriel Pulido and a brilliant left-footed smash from Salvador Mercado, all in the first half.

"Gabriel is our second-leading scorer, and he's a good forward. Usually we have to leave him a little deeper, but he gets forward and scores as well as any of our players," said Jerome coach Robert Garcia. "Today (with the suspensions) our team decided we were just going to play our hearts out and try to pull it off, and that's what we did."

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Tigers trip Bobcats

Hollified helps Jerome stave off GBW foe Burley

By Diane Phibbin
Times-News writer

Trailing two games to one in their Great Basin Conference West match with Jerome, Burley took a 23-16 lead in the fourth game and it looked like the two teams were headed for a deciding fifth game.

But Jerome senior Jordan Hollified rotated to the serving line after hitting a winner for the Tigers 17th point and served six straight points as Jerome pulled into a tie with the Bobcats. After a tip over the net by Burley's Paige Anderson gave the lead back to the Bobcats at 24-23, Jerome dug down deep and won the next three points for a thrilling comeback as the Tigers pulled out a 19-25, 25-23, 25-21, 26-24 win.

"We've had a hard time coming together but we are starting to have fun and getting to know where each other is on the court," said Hollified. He ended the match with a game-high 13 kills and 10 blocks. "Playing in (last Saturday's) Twin Falls tournament, we got to spend a lot of time together so it helped us to bond."

Burley came out early in the match and jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first game and ended up with the first game win.

"The girls came out fired up and ready to go in the first game," said Burley coach Tiffany Green. "Then they appeared to let their guard down. We are working hard trying to build up our confidence."

Burley only has seven players on the varsity squad so Green has found it hard to work on actual game experience and the

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Jerome's Timley Garey, left, and Chelsea Layne go up for a block Tuesday night during their game with Burley in Jerome. To purchase reprints please go to <http://jgallory.ictopia.com/magicvalley/>

Mountain West wallops Pac-10

By Andrew Bagnato
Associated Press writer

Given what happened to his conference last weekend, Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen picked a good time for a European vacation.

Rome wasn't built in a day, but that's how long it took for the Mountain West to put a four-game beatdown on the Pac-10.

We can only picture the beleaguered comish sitting in a cafe somewhere, clutching a grappa in one hand and his BlackBerry in the other, as the scores rolled in from across the sea.

Texas Christian 31, Stanford 14.
New Mexico 36, Arizona 28.
Brigham Young 59, UCLA 0.

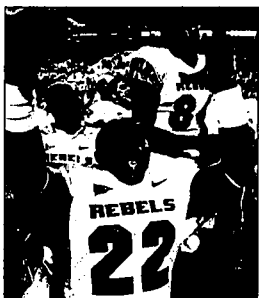
UNLV 23, Arizona State 20, OT — IN TEMPE.
"It is maybe the biggest week since the inception of Mountain West, going 4-0 against Pac-10 teams," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said at his weekly campus news conference.

Throw in BYU's 28-27 victory at Washington on Sept. 6 and the 10-year-old Mountain West is 5-0 against its regional big brother this season.

The Mountain West is a real-life Rocky story — as in Rocky Long, whose New Mexico Lobos have beaten Arizona two years running.

All of which raises a question: how come the

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UNLV players Winkiel Rozzard (22) and Rodoin Anthony, top, right, celebrates their upset win against Arizona State in overtime of an NCAA football game last Saturday in Tempe, Ariz. The Rebels defeated the Sun Devils 23-20.

Time to shine: Garcia ready to lead Ryder Cup charge

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Except for the freckles and playful grin, it's a wonder anyone recognized Sergio Garcia at the Ryder Cup.

The Spaniard who can't seem to make a 4-foot putt with a major championship on the line, can't seem to miss from 20 feet when playing for a golf trophy he has to share. Garcia is considered the best player to never win a major. For one week every two years, he is simply the best.



Garcia

There are no excuses at the Ryder Cup, only celebrations. "He brings a lot of passion to this team. When you see Sergio, you see 'Seve,'" European captain Nick Faldo said Tuesday, referring to Seve Ballesteros, Garcia's countryman and former Ryder Cup star. "They love this event. Obviously, match play is dif-

ferent, isn't it? And he gets fired up. He's great off the golf course. So he's a key member to the team."

Garcia has never lost in eight alternate-shot matches, and the only U.S. team to beat him in fourballs was Tiger Woods and Davis Love III. Garcia is 6-1 against Woods and Phil Mickelson in team matches.

Even more astounding is a 14-4-2 record in his four Ryder Cup appearances.

"If you had to pick one guy out as the toughest test, that you would say is the guy to

beat, I'd have to pick Sergio," Jim Furyk said.

And make no mistake — the Americans would love nothing more than to beat him.

Garcia has proven to be the best at hitting pivotal shots, holding clutch putts and staking Europe to lead legs. He also has become the best at getting under the Americans' skin.

The exuberance began in 1999 when he was 19, the youngest player in Ryder Cup history. Garcia spent the week shaking his fists and leaping

into the arms of Jesper Parnevik. Then came 2002, when he sprinted down the 18th fairway and mobbed Pierre Fulke in the middle of his match with Love, forcing the Swede to stop and call it a draw.

Two years ago, Europe bolted to a 10-6 lead and was headed for another blowout victory. Garcia was 4-0 that week, and the Americans jokingly told Stewart Cink he would be locked out of the room if he didn't beat the Spaniard.

"No one had to tell me

that," Cink said. "Cink built a big lead early, then closed him out with two long putts."

"I think it angered him," Cink said. "I heard him muttering, 'I would have been muttering too.'"

Maybe it's his constant chattering that makes Garcia so annoying. Remember, this is the guy who last time said, "Nothing is sweeter than beating the Americans." Perhaps it's the fiery celebrations after winning a hole, even if he wasn't the one who sank the putt.

Williams one of several Texans with damaged homes

HOUSTON — Mario Williams dodged downed trees to get out of his neighborhood and worried about the safety and security of his home as he left for practice with a tree splintered on one end of it.

He and the rest of the Houston Texans returned to practice Tuesday for the first time since Hurricane Ike, trying to concentrate on football when most didn't have electricity and many were dealing with significant damage to their homes.

"I feel very lucky," said Williams, the top overall pick in 2006. "My area is very bad. There's tons of trees that are down, lots of trees that fell through houses, but thank goodness no one was injured."

Williams said a tree crashed into his house during the storm, but he's still living there despite the damage and lack of electricity.

"It's really difficult, not just for myself, but for everyone,"

he said. "You've got to go work and you've got to make a living. But at the same time you're thinking, 'I hope my place is still all right.'"

The Texans had been off since Thursday night. They returned to work Tuesday on their practice field across the street from Reliant Stadium, whose retractable roof lost five pieces in the storm allowing large chunks of debris to fall into it.

They had a more than hour-long workout in the shadow of the damaged stadium where dozens of 10-sweepers lined up to prepare to fan out and distribute food and supplies to areas that were ravaged in the storm.

Defensive tackle Travis Johnson's home was destroyed in the hurricane. He lives in a suburb near the home of Williams' mother, whose roof was torn off during Ike.

"I lost the shingles first and then the water started

coming in before my ceiling collapsed," he said. "I lost stuff. I lost a lot. But, you don't lose anything when you're still got your family." Williams' wife, Dawn Daniels' home suffered extensive damage from Ike, with the ceiling in one room collapsing. Surprisingly he never lost power and despite its damage, his house became a refuge this weekend for teammates looking to escape from the sweltering heat.

Coach Gary Kubiak was encouraged by the workout on Tuesday and is trying to balance the need for his team to prepare for this weekend's game with concerns for players and their families.

"Our families come first and then we have to deal with the situation with each player's family, each coach's family and do everything we can to put them in the best possible environment so they are comfortable and they can

come up here and do their work," he said. "It's a juggling act right now but a lot of people are working extremely hard to make it work."

BUCS' CB MACK SUSPENDED FOR HELMET-TO-HELMET HIT
TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay Buccaneers rookie cornerback Elbert Mack was suspended for the second week by the NFL on Tuesday for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan.

The league said the flagrant violation of player safety rules was the second in three games for the undrafted free agent, who was fined \$5,000 for an unnecessary roughness foul against Houston quarterback Alex Brink during the Buccaneers' game finale on Aug. 28.

The hit against Ryan occurred Sunday when the NFL said Mack unnecessarily launched himself into the rookie quarterback and

made helmet-to-helmet contact during an interception return play.

FORMER NY GIANTS STAR INGRAM IS HEADED TO PRISON
CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. — Former New York Giants receiver Mark Ingram was sentenced Tuesday to more than seven years in prison for bank fraud and money laundering. It's a third term behind bars for the player who starred in the 1991 Super Bowl.

The 42-year-old Ingram also was ordered in Long Island federal court to pay \$252,000 in restitution. He is free on \$200,000 bail until Dec. 5.

He said the criminal record he had since his 1999 retirement is "not who I am." "It hurts me to my core," Ingram said. "I made mistakes."

Ingram pleaded guilty in November 2005 to laundering money he believed to be

proceeds from narcotics deals and to bank fraud for cashing counterfeit checks.

RAIDERS' TOMMY KELLY ARRESTED
OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland Raiders defensive end Tommy Kelly was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence. Authorities say Kelly was booked at Oakland's Glenn E. Byrner Detention Facility on Monday and later released.

Calls to the Raiders and Kelly's agent were not immediately returned.

The Raiders signed Kelly to a \$90.5 million contract this year even though the veteran defensive lineman was coming off a serious knee injury that cut his 2007 season short. Kelly had surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Kelly replaced Warren Sapp as the anchor of the Raiders' defensive line.

— The Associated Press

Seahawks reacquire Robinson, trade for Denver WR Colbert

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks took two steps to bolster their injured-depleted wide receivers by trading for Keary Colbert and reacquiring Koren Robinson on Tuesday.

Seattle agreed to a one-year contract with Robinson, its former No. 1 draft choice. Agent Alvin Keels confirmed the agreement and its length in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Robinson worked out for the Seahawks on Tuesday and convinced team president Tim Ruskell he deserved since Ruskell released him in the 2005 season because of repeated problems with alcohol.

The Seahawks have lost six wide receivers to injury this season. Robinson already is listed as No. 1 on Seattle's depth chart at wide receiver for Sunday's game against St. Louis, a matchup of winless teams.

"Just because of the terms and circumstances I left Seattle on, I never thought I'd be back," Robinson said in a conference call. "I'm grateful for this chance. I think it can be a good story — for me and the team."

The 28-year-old Robinson said he has been sober for 25 months thanks to a new mindset on young sons, a baby and due next month and religion.

"I'm definitely proud of that," he said.

Robinson said the final incident that caused him to abandon his partying ways came in last year's game. He said Robinson, then with the Minnesota Vikings, led them on a car chase at speeds more than 100 mph, and that his blood-alcohol content was found to be 0.11 percent, above the legal limit of 0.08.

Robinson was sentenced to 90 days in jail after plead-



AP Photo
Green Bay Packers wide receiver Koren Robinson runs during a game last season. The Seattle Seahawks traded for Keary Colbert and reacquired Robinson on Tuesday.

ing down to a charge of fleeing the police. He also was sentenced to three months in jail for violating probation on a separate drunken-driving case in Kirkland, Wash., in 2006.

The NFL suspended him for a year then reinstated him last October. He caught 21 passes and returned kick-offs in nine games last season for Green Bay. If Robinson violates the league's substance-abuse policy again, he faces a lifetime ban.

Last week when the Seahawks had four receivers injured, coach Mike Holmgren mentioned Robinson to Ruskell as a possible replacement.

Colbert's agent, Gary Uherstein, said Tuesday in an e-mail to The AP his client is also coming to Seattle, from Denver. Fox Sports.com first reported the trade.

The deal is believed to be for a fifth-round pick. It will likely become official today, Ruskell said.

Arkansas bracing for fearsome foursome

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Bobby Petrino is back in the Southeastern Conference — and the rest of the league sure looks ready for him.

There are a record five SEC teams in the AP top 10 this week, and Petrino's Arkansas team plays three of them in the next four weeks. The other opponent? No. 7 Texas.

"Yeah, it's a good stretch," Petrino said, not wanting to look too far ahead. "We just need to concentrate on Alabama."

The Razorbacks host the ninth-ranked Crimson Tide on Saturday in Fayetteville, but that's only the beginning. Arkansas then travels to play Texas on Sept. 27 in a game that was moved from last weekend because of Hurricane Ike. The Longhorns are currently No. 7.

Arkansas starts October by hosting No. 6 Florida, then plays No. 10 Auburn.

"It's the SEC. You've got to be able to look forward to this and just say, 'Bring it on.' It's exciting," Arkansas safety Matt Harris said. "We knew we had coming for the past few years, but we weren't worried or scared about anything."

According to Stats LLC, Auburn was the only team since 1996 to play four consecutive top 10 opponents, and Petrino's points over a 9½-month span. Auburn finished the 2002 season against No. 7 Georgia, No. 9 Alabama and No. 10 Penn State. Then opened the following season against No. 6 Southern California.

Petrino was Auburn's offensive coordinator in 2002. He's now in his first season as Arkansas' coach, and the Razorbacks won their first two games by a combined 63 points over Western Illinois and Louisiana-Monroe. Arkansas is rebuilding its aid after losing running backs Darren McEdaden and Felix Jones to the NFL.

"Change is hard on everybody and particularly seniors. They've been accustomed to the way you do

Cardinals hope to sink high-flying Kansas St.
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Steve Kragthorpe doesn't have to look at the statistics to figure out Louisville's chances of sinking new coordinator Ron English.

A quick glimpse at the game tape — and the sea of Louisville jerseys flying at the line — is all the evidence the head coach needs to figure out the Cardinals (1-1) are no longer the pushovers they were a season ago.

"The thing I'm seeing is not just one guy making the big hit, but I'm seeing a lot of tackling and a lot more red jerseys around football," Kragthorpe said. "When I turn the film on, what I look for is the red jerseys around the football when the ball is hit. I think he's going to see a lot more red jerseys now and that's good to see."

The Cardinals will need every last one of those Jer-

seys to make plays today when they host high-flying Kansas State (2-0) in a rare Wednesday night game.

Louisville's first game of the middle game of the week to make room for the Ryder Cup at nearby Valhalla.

The Wildcats have dominated their non-conference opponents, putting up eye-popping numbers in the process. Quarterback Josh Freeman seems to have developed a consistency he lacked at times during his first two years with the program and has shown a knack of making plays with his feet as well as his arm. Freeman has already accounted for five touchdowns this year, five through the air and four on the ground.

"I think he's at the place in his career where he's ready to round out the things he is capable of," said Kansas State coach Ron Prince.

Saturday's game against Troy, which will be the first game that there's a lot of questions about this team," punter A.J. Trapasso said.

Tressel was almost a game-show host he asked so many questions.

"I will tell you I handle this football game? How will we handle getting better at the things we need to get better?" he said, back-to-back, at one point.

The most troubling quarterbacks facing the Irish are quarterbacks (No. 2), who fell eight spots in the rankings after the landscape less, come at the two most important positions on offense.

Todd Boeckman is a fifth-year senior who some were predicting as a Heisman Trophy contender after his first 10 games (all wins) as a starter last season. But then he strung together three bad games in a row — the Buckeyes lost two of them, including a crushing 38-24 defeat to LSU in the BCS title game — to plant seeds of doubt in Ohio State fans'

mind heading into this season.

So far, he hasn't been awful, but he hasn't been great. He also hasn't gotten much help.

Adding to the intrigue is the team's star running back, Pryor, a 6-foot-6, 235-pound mauler of speed and agility who is just happens to be the most acclaimed quarterback signor ever at Ohio State. Pryor has been a quick learner.

Add to that the foot injury to running back Chris Wells, who has yet to take part in a full-contact practice since injuring his right foot in the season opener against Youngstown State.

WASHINGTON STATE SHAKES UP LINEUP, PREPARE FOR PSU
SPOKANE, Wash. — Winless Washington State won't be looking past lower-level Portland State when the teams meet Saturday in Pullman. WSU coach Paul Wulff promised Tuesday.

Washington State (0-3) is one of the worst teams in the BCS, having been blown out in three games by a combined score of 150-31. Portland State (1-1) of the Big Sky Conference has a high-powered offense under former NFL coach Jerry Glanville.

"It's no forgone conclusion as to whether we're going to win the game," Wulff said. "We are not taking care of our own business."

"We cannot get caught up in who we're playing," Wulff, in his first season since taking over Eastern Washington, should know the danger of playing a Championship Subdivision team. His Eastern teams upset Connecticut in 2001, Idaho in 2003 and lost Oregon State in 2006 to an Oregon State team that finished 11-1.

Still, Portland State is perhaps WSU's best bet for a win before it plays eight Pacification games, then finishes the season at Hawaii. The Cougars are 40-2 against Big Sky teams, although this is the first time they have played the Vikings.

— The Associated Press

Mountain

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Pac-10 has an automatic Bowl Championship Series berth and the Mountain West doesn't.

"I think it's all about money," TCU coach Gary Patterson said Tuesday on the weekly Mountain West coaches' conference. "I don't think it's about the best football that can be played."

Patterson said he thinks other non-BCS conferences like the Western Athletic Conference, perhaps — are also worthy of automatic admission to college football's most lavish postseason parties.

Mountain West coaches are busy time-planning for and recruiting the Pac-10's leftovers — to spend a lot of time whining about getting no respect from the Pac-10.

but they don't get much respect. The Pac-10's arrangement was obvious in this postgame assessment of UNLV by Arizona State safety Troy Nolan, as reported by Scout24.com. "No disrespect to them, they're not on our level."

Respect them or not, the Rebels are the pride of The Strip this week.

If you're looking for a lead-pipe-lack, as they say in Mountain West slang, take a Mountain West squad against a Pac-10 team. And yet the Pac-10 will send its champion, and maybe it's runner-up, to the BCS while the Mountain West will practically have to beg for a bid to the big-money bowls.

"I really believe that our conference is deserving of an automatic bid to the BCS,"

UNLV coach Mike Sanford said. "I shouldn't be a Oregon or California — all of whom have issues right now — finishes second in the Pac-10 and has multiple losses. Why would they be more deserving than a one-beaten BYU, Utah or TCU?"

"A lot of people would say to watch, nobody wants to watch somebody from the Mountain West play in a BCS game," Patterson said. "I think everybody likes the underdog."

Mountain West teams might be perceived as underdogs, but they have proved quite capable of competing on a bigger stage.

In the Fiesta Bowl four years ago, Utah outplayed Pitt 35-7. Since 2004, the Mountain West is 6-2 in bowl games against schools from BCS conferences.

One win at a time, the Mountain West is building a solid case for automatic admission into the BCS bowls club.

Mountain West commissioner Craig Thompson wants that to happen. But he knows the BCS rarely makes changes without being forced.

"What we need to do is continue to play like we have been playing, in both bowl games and the regular season."

Thompson said in a telephone interview from Minneapolis. "You will not talk your way into an automatic berth in the BCS. You will not bluff your way in. You have to play your way in."

"What we need to do is keep chipping away at public opinion," he said.

Patterson's Horned Frogs are 11-2 in their last 13 games

against teams from BCS conferences, but he still hears criticism about his schedule.

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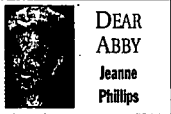
Shy teen is determined to be more popular in high school

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl who just entered the eighth grade. I have a few friends, but I often feel like I'm invisible. They never take the time to call me. I guess I could take the first step and call them, but I don't know what to say. I guess I'm a little shy.

I spent a long, miserable summer with no one to talk to. I want to change this before I start high school next year. I am noticing several cute guys in class. If I have so much trouble with my friendships with other girls, how am I ever going to get to know some of the guys I'm starting to like? How do I get them to notice me? I hate to think I'll just fade into the shadows. Can you help?

—ALONE AND SHY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ALONE AND SHY: The skills you're asking about take practice, and it might be a little uncomfortable to show your face in my mail, a third of the population is also afflicted to some degree with shyness. The surest way to overcome shyness is to understand that most people have the same feelings of insecurity and fear of not being liked that you do.



Rather than concentrating on yourself, focus on helping the other person's confidence and self-esteem. My mother used to say there are two kinds of people in this world: those who walk into a room and their attitude says, "Here I am!" And those who walk into a room and their attitude says, "There you are!" The three-year-olds are the most popular.

Because you're shy, focus yourself on interacting with others in a safe environment. Break the ice by asking someone in your class about a homework assignment. If you're shy, you can't do it on the phone. Or if you walk into a room and don't know anyone, don't wait for someone to approach you. Select someone who looks lost, approach him—or her—and say, "Hi, my name is 'Tanna,' and I don't know a soul

here. Do you?" You won't be sorry. It's not being pushy. It's being friendly.

Another thought: No matter how you feel about yourself, everyone can be charming. Charm, in a nutshell, is putting the other person at ease and making her (or him) feel comfortable and important. The charming person makes the effort to make others feel good about themselves. Forming the habit of making others feel good will make YOU popular to be around.

These suggestions—and many others—are included in my booklet "How to Be Popular: You're Never Too Young or Too Old." It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

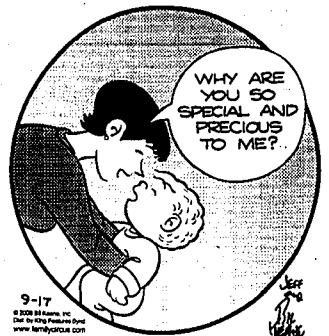
Remember, people who are interested in others are a cinch to be welcomed—and even sought out. So, even if you don't feel you are "perfect," or outgoing or talented, try being charming. It works like a charm.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



"I don't know, Mommy. I was just borned that way."

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IF SEPTEMBER 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, Don't expect anything but a dazzling new idea or fascinating person during the next several weeks. Take a vacation if you want to suspend your disbelief and play make-believe, but wait until early December to make a key decision. This is when the answers to your problems will show up in your doorstep and when cherished plans can be put into motion with the most chance of success. Your social life hits the heights in February and March, but a desire for change, or rebellion against the status quo, can wreck your prospects in April.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may not be a caped crusader, but today you are certain to be someone's superhero. Keep the praise and compliments you receive in mind when you go to your head. A new romance could blossom.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't get over your head. You may take on more than you're capable of doing simply for the sake of being pleased with yourself. Saying no to additional tasks will probably serve your best interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Search for quality rather than just a pretty package. You may run into someone who offers you everything and delivers nothing. Look beneath the surface to observe the truth and listen to your intuitions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The bigger the gesture, the bigger the heart. You seem to be generous today and it's factors you do to be generous as well. You have a green light for making major decisions or purchases today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): To err is human. That is why you should be wary of putting too much trust in others to accomplish work that you have assigned. Roll up your sleeves, get involved and supervise activities using a hands-on approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay within your means. You may overestimate your standing or your budget and end up compounding problems. Rely upon a partner or significant other to guide you when making a crucial purchase.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can't have too much of a good thing. Stick with the routine and scheduled tasks no matter how boring or unpleasant it may seem. Perseverance and dedication will yield vast benefits in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be happy with what you have. Don't worry about what others have. You may want these things for yourself, but it is time to customize your belongings and goals to suit your own unique needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make sure you're not putting in the work. You may try to ingratiate yourself to others for your own gain, but you could be overestimating your charms. Be practical as well as humble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A penny saved is a penny earned. Before making purchases or investments, you must decide if you are making the wisest decision. Be guided by the track record of any item and past results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take promises with a grain of salt. Before making purchases or investments, you must decide if you are making the wisest decision. Be guided by the track record of any item and past results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be wary of strangers bearing gifts. Before making purchases or investments, you must decide if you are making the wisest decision. Be guided by the track record of any item and past results.

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HEALTHCARE Sign on bonus for FT positions. If you are interested in enhancing the lives of handicapped individuals in Wendell, we have full-time openings for the evening shifts. Part-time opening Mon-Fri 5:30-8:30pm. Please apply at 615 24 Ave W, Wendell.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 17, the 261st day of 2008. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Sept. 17, 1908, Thomas E. Selfridge, a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, became the first person to die in the crash of a powered aircraft, the Wright Flyer. (The accident, which also seriously injured pilot Orville Wright, occurred at Fort Myer, Va., just outside Washington.)

On this date: In 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1902, in the bloodiest battle day in U.S. history, Union forces fought Confederate invaders in the Civil War Battle of Antietam at Sharpsburg, Md.

In 1920, the American Professional Football Association, a precursor of the National Football League, was formed in Canton, Ohio.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. (After initial success, the Allies were beaten back by the Germans.)

In 1947, James V. Forrestal was sworn in as the first U.S. Secretary of Defense.

In 1948, the United Nations mediator for Palestine, Count Folke Bernadotte, was assassinated in Jerusalem by Jewish extremists.

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

In 1983, Vanessa L. Williams of New York became the first black contestant to be crowned Miss America. (The following July, she also became the first Miss America to resign in the wake of her Penthouse magazine scandal.)

In 1988, opening ceremonies for the Summer Olympics took place in Seoul, South Korea.

Ten years ago: In Mexico, gunmen apparently sent by drug lord yielded three families from their beds before dawn and opened fire,

killing 19 men, women and children near a popular Laja California resort.

Five years ago: Spain's leading investigative judge, Baltasar Garçon, issued the first known indictment against Osama bin Laden in the Sept. 11 attacks. An audiotape purporting to carry the voice of Saddam Hussein, broadcast on Arab television, called on Iraqis to fight the American occupation. New York Stock Exchange chairman Dick Grass resigned amid a furor over his \$139.5 million pay package. Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark entered the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

One year ago: President Bush nominated former federal judge Michael Mukasey to become the next attorney general. The Iraq government revoked the license of Blackwater USA security firm after a shooting incident that claimed the lives of civilians. During a forum at the University of Florida, Andrew Meyer, a student leader, history of taping his own practical jokes, was "tasered" by campus police and arrested after repeatedly trying to question Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry.

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