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Minico thwarts Burley.

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Sun Valley film festival has ties to Idaho.

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A mission NASA hopes it doesn't have to undertake.

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Bush outlines bailout proposal

How the U.S. financial rescue plan would work

The Associated Press

The Bush administration on Friday laid out a radical bailout plan to stave off financial catastrophe. The details:

RESCUE PLAN

The Bush administration is working on a plan to buy bad mortgages and other problem assets held by ailing

banks and other financial institutions. Financial companies have suffered billions of dollars in losses as certain mortgage-backed securities sour: when the housing market's collapse forced many people into foreclosure and dragged down home prices. Those dodgy debts are at the heart of the financial crisis.

INSIDE

Government bans short-selling in wake of crisis.

Officials rush to finish financial rescue plan

TV show to discuss Wall Street's woes and their effect on Idaho economy

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Removing those shunned assets from financial companies' balance sheets should eliminate a choke point and



Trader Blair DeGaeta, center, smiles Friday as he talks with colleagues on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Wall Street extended a huge rally Friday.

AP photo

help get credit moving more freely again to consumers and businesses. That would improve the health of financial

companies, making it easier for them to raise capital and more inclined to lend money. It also should ease

investor anxiety about the stability of financial companies, which are viewed as Wall Street's backbone.

The free flow of credit is like the economy's oxygen. Choke it off and the economy suffers as people cut back on big-ticket purchases and companies reduce hiring.

Congress would have to approve the plan, which is still being crafted. It is expected to cost hundreds of billions of dollars.

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The Muni mulligan

T.F. golf board pushes to reimburse Hamblin's fees

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

After Twin Falls city staff rejected a proposal to reimburse the golf course pro for money he says he's owed, the golf advisory commission issued a second recommendation last month — which prompted a City Council member to have it placed on an agenda.

Separately, the commission is also considering a 6 percent increase to rates at the course as its financial struggles continue.

The board — a group of seven golf fans — are appointed by the council for advising. Months ago, it unanimously agreed Mike Hamblin, the PGA pro contracted to manage the course, be reimbursed about \$17,000 for credit card transaction fees he incurred for five years. The money is the small charge — a tiny percentage of each credit card transaction — credit card companies assess the course each time it accepts a payment. It doesn't include charges Hamblin takes for sales at the pro shop, which he runs as an independent contractor.

But earlier this year City Manager Tom Courtney didn't allow it to be placed on the council's agenda, because Hamblin's contract doesn't include such a provision, noting Hamblin hadn't said anything before. Ultimately, the city agreed to pay the charges for the current fiscal year — it ends this month — and to negotiate future reimbursement into a new contract that would begin next year.



Ron Boyd, right, watches Brad Smith's putt Friday afternoon at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. To purchase reprints please go to <http://gallery.pictopia.com/magicvalley/>

ASHLEY SMITH
Times-News

But in August, the commission took up the matter again and issued a second recommendation.

"There's certainly no contract that says he was required to send more than he collected," commission member Mike Redman, said. "If it's his money, it's his money. If they (the city council) think it's not his money, that's a different issue. But we thought it was pretty obvious that it was his money."

Parks and Recreation

Director Dennis Bowyer again told the commission staff wouldn't bring it forward.

But Councilman Greg Lanting said he's asked Courtney to put it on the agenda. Lanting told the Times-News in July the temporary resolution was fair, but said Wednesday the commission just wants its recommendation heard since its role is to provide them.

"They just want the council to have a chance to say 'yes

or 'no,'" Lanting said. "Right now it's a decision by the city manager and financial department that they aren't going to put it on the agenda."

There has been no council discussion of the item at a council meeting, but e-mails obtained under the state public records act track several months of debate.

Courtney confirmed Thursday that it will be

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TFSD levy comes in at \$414,606

School district sees higher enrollment

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Twin Falls School District taxpayers will pay the district an emergency levy of \$414,606 for growth seen in the current school year.

The Twin Falls School District had agreed in August to seek the emergency levy if the district qualified.

Emergency levies are calculated based on how much the student enrollment increased on the sixth day of classes compared to the previous year.

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said the enrollment for this year is about 150 students higher than last year.

The money will pay for 10 modular classrooms put in place because of higher enrollment, Dobbs said.

"We're maxed out as far as classrooms go," he said. The classrooms are

spread out at several schools. Four each are at Robert Stuart Junior High School and Bridge Academy and two classrooms are at Harrison Elementary School.

The cost for the classrooms is close to \$450,000, Dobbs said.

The levy rate is 14.89 cents for every \$1,000 of taxable assessed value of property. The emergency levy will be on property tax bills this December and in June 2009.

In March, voters in the school district approved a 10-year, \$33 million plant facilities levy with 65 percent approval.

The district's emergency levy approved last year was \$515,563. Its rate was 19.81 cents for every \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

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Coming Sunday



Childless by choice

Why some couples forgo parenthood. Sunday in Family Life

Behind bars

Inmates are dying in overcrowded prisons. Sunday on A1



For dinner: Genetically altered 'super chicken' is on the menu

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Super Chicken struttin' a step closer to the dinner table Thursday.

The government said it will start considering proposals to sell genetically engineered animals as food, it

move that could lead to faster-growing fish, cattle that can resist mad cow disease or perhaps heart-healthier eggs laid by a new breed of chickens.

The rules will also apply to drugs and other medical materials from genetically engineered animals, a field with explosive potential.

U.S. supermarkets currently sell no meat from genetically engineered animals. But a Boston-area company called Aqua Bounty Technologies hopes to win approval next year for its faster-growing salmon and make the fish available by 2011. "It tastes just like any other farm-raised salmon," said vice

chairman Elliot Entis, who has sampled it.

Reaction from consumer groups was mixed. They welcomed the government's decision to regulate genetically altered animals, but they cautioned that crucial details remain to be spelled out. For example, the Food and Drug

Administration does not plan to require that all genetically engineered meat, poultry and fish be labeled as such. It would be labeled only if there was a change in the final product, such as low-cholesterol fillet mignon.

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MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"The Nutcracker" auditions, children ages 6 and older encouraged to try out, 9:30 a.m. for Baby mice, 10 a.m. for Angels, 10:30 a.m. for Ladybugs, 11 a.m. for Party Guests, noon for Cowboys and 12:30 p.m. for Flowers, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theater, Twin Falls, \$5 audition fee, 732-6781.

The Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival, Liberty Theater in Hailey and Sun Valley Opera House in Sun Valley Village, tickets: \$8 for individual films, \$15 for special events, \$110 for festival pass (all films and panel presentations) and \$135 for festival all-inclusive pass, all films, panel presentations, speakers and opening reception), www.spiritualfilmfestival.org.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Merchant's Market Save Our Sign fundraiser, includes wide variety of items and vendors, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wendell City Mall, free books while supply lasts, 536-6159.

BUSINESS

2009 Model Open House, includes barbecue, store specials, demo rides and the new model introduction, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Snake Harley Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, public invited, 734-8400 or www.snakehd.com.

BOOKSIGNING

Booksigning, Don Smith for his new book, "Crazy Sex," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bent Bean, 2101 Overland, Burley, 678-1017.

CHURCH

Little Flower Catholic Church annual plant indoor flea market, includes chili, potato/salad bar, casseroles (\$2 each), cinnamon rolls (\$1) and punch and coffee (\$5) for sale all day, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the church, 16th Street and Oakley Avenue, Burley, 878-7336.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Stricker Ranch old-fashioned fly fish and membership drive, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with Gem State Fiddlers performing and a Gladys Stricker film at 1:30 p.m., Stricker Ranch, 3715 E. 3200 N. southeast of Hanson, rainbow trout dinner: \$10 per person, 736-1882 or 732-8753.

Twin Falls Chapter of the Idaho Writers League, with guest speakers Loy Ann Bell and Vaughn Phelps on the "Pitch" and related topics, noon, Pandora's, Twin Falls, guests welcome, no cost to attend, (208) 734-0557.

Snake River Corvette Club meeting, 7 p.m., Can Pauls Dealership, Jerome, 731-0349.

EXHIBITS

Bob Nugent's "Under the Canopy", 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Horrell Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

Wearable Art Show, featuring hand woven costume clothing, fiber art stitchery, felt creations, unique jewelry, pottery and fused glass art works, 1 to 5 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 129 Main St., 543-4690 or 410-0034.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Hagerman Car Show and Swap Meet, "Last Blast on the Grass", with highlights: breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m., Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center, 404 E. Lake (55); registration, 8 to 10 a.m.; rock 'n' roll music, games for all ages, Hot Wheel races and door prizes, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; food vendors, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fun Run through Hagerman Valley (cash prizes), 1 to 3 p.m.; burn-out session on East Lake Street, 7 p.m.; parade along State Street, 8 p.m.; dance to the music of Third Tike, 8 to 11 p.m., community parking lot; and awards and Fun Run winners announced, 8:30 p.m., Colthrop Park, Hagerman, free admission, 837-6613 or Hagermanchamber.com.

Magic Valley Christian's 1st annual Fall Festival, includes bounce house, Guitar Hero booth, cake walk, fish toss, petting zoo, arts and crafts show, yard sale, food, concessions and awards, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Magic Valley Christian School, 500 S. Lincoln St., Jerome, tickets: 15¢ for 1, 324-4200.

The 2nd annual Community Partnerships in Action, with free barbecue, games, music,

entertainment and service information provided by over 70 community organizations represented at tables and booths, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and free concert, with The Linseed, 2am Logic, Hate Locker and For Justice performing, provided by Idaho Math Project, 4 to 8 p.m., Twin Falls City Park, no cost, (208) 420-3606.

City of Rocks 20th anniversary celebration, includes wagon rides, live music, living history presenters, Dutch oven cooking, chuck wagon authentic chili, Idaho Falconers, climbing demonstrations, geology hikes, junior ranger programs, earth-caching and more, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., City of Rocks National Reserve, Almo, no cost, (optional chili dinner: \$6 per plate), (208) 824-5519 ext. 106.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Women's Health Healthy Walk, 9 a.m., Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Fillmore, Jerome, 514-324-3389.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Magic Valley Model Railroaders group, public is invited to bring and run their trains, (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., Model Rail Road Building, Field Fairgrounds, Field, 404-2151.

An Evening of Bananash Pinechile, with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd highest scores, 7 p.m., Agless Senior Center, 310 Main N., Kimberly, \$1, (bring your own treats; coffee provided), 423-4338.

HOME AND GARDEN

Twin Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., North College Center, across from Eldon Evans Expo Center, Twin Falls, 316-1291 or tfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

Mini-Cassia Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gossner's Cheese Factory, corner of Highway 30 and Seventh Street, (84 east 211 and two miles south), Heyburn, 678-8408.

The Salmon Tract Farmers Market, includes live herb plants, hanging baskets, knitted and crocheted items, custom embroidery work, fresh produce and more, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hollister City Park, Hollister, 655-4421.

Community Festival Market, farmers market, noon to 5 p.m., Jerome, 320 Fairgrounds, 200 N. Fir St., Jerome, (208) 320-1063 or (208) 324-0081.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Hubble Vision", 7 p.m., Horrell Center, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, no cost for children under age 2 and a special price package for families with five children or less; **Rock Side Entertainment Show: "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon"**, 8:15 p.m., 4:50, Horrell Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, 732-6655.

OUTDOORS

Vintage Snowmobiles of Idaho 4th annual Fall Vintage Show, Swap Meet, and Snowmobile Expo, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in grass field next to Mt. Village Chevron, Highway 21, Stanley, free admission, 208-309 1750.

SPORTS

Jerome Gun Club Registered Sporting Clays shoot, 8 a.m. sign up and 10 a.m. start, at the club, 114 miles north of junction of Highway 93 and 184 on mile marker 64, 733-6045.

Horse clinics, trainer Ray Hunt, inspiration for "The Horse Whisperer," includes cut starting class and horsemanship class, 9 a.m., new horse arena at Dancing Star Ranch, 27 E. 300 N., Rupert, \$500 per class, 436-1880.

VETERANS

POW/MIA Recognition Day, features local prisoners of war wearing Larry Chisley and a patriotic program; sponsored by Mini-Cassia Veterans Organization, 4 p.m., Rupert Square, Rupert, (208) 677-8767.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com, by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, falls, id 8 days in advance of the event.

CORRECTION

Canned food destination wrong

The canned food collected at Friday's Burley at Minico football game will be donated to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. Due to inaccurate information provided to the Times-News, the destination for the food was inaccurately reported in Friday's edition.

Pat's Picks ... Pat Macantonio

Three things to go and do today



• **Want a healthy heart?** The Jerome Recreation District Women's Healthy Heart Walk takes off at 9 a.m. Fee is \$10, which includes a T-shirt, refreshments and chance to exercise. Late registration is at 8:30 a.m. at the district, 2032 South Lincoln St.

• **The Snicker Ranch Fish Fry** takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rock Creek Station and Stricker Home site, 3715 E. 3200 N. in Hansen. Feast on trout, baked potatoes, fresh corn

and dessert. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Gem State Fiddlers will play and at 1:30 p.m. is a compilation of Gladys Stricker's old home movies. Money raised goes to the preservation of the historic site. Information: 736-1882 or 733-8753.

• **The South Central Community Action Partnership** invites you to a free barbecue, games and music at its "Community Partnerships in Action" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Twin Falls City Park. This also feeds

your community awareness with 70 to 80 booths from nonprofit organizations and financial institutions about services available to low-income families, ranging from home ownership to disaster relief to job training. A concert will also be held from 4 to 8 p.m.

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

Wendell students protest perceived color ban

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

school colors, navy and gold. Red and blue have traditionally been associated with Los Angeles street gangs, the Bloods and the Crips, respectively. Both Goss and District Superintendent Greg Lowe said there are no real gangs in the school populations.

Lowe said he does not know of a demonstration. He said he had no phone calls about it but would read if recent talk about keeping gang colors, attire and behaviors from creeping on to the school yards might have precipitated some rumors.

"The school board, at its regular meeting, has been discussing attire and gang-related colors in a brainstorming fashion," Lowe said. "We are probably going to be discussing that again at the next regular meeting, but, we have no plans to be in any colors."

Lowe said it is not unusual for the board to discuss subjects as they work to sit on top of what is going on

within the populations of the high school and middle school.

In developing policy and thinking ahead, Lowe said, "The board was concerned that putting bans on common colors that are worn in regular school clothes would be impractical and cause hardships."

Teachers at the high school said that by wearing red and blue, some kids might have been just saying they couldn't afford to get new clothes.

During a May 20 board meeting, district officials adopted a strict standard code of dress after talk swirled concerning a possible uniform policy at the middle school.

Read more information about the standard code of dress at Wendell schools by visiting the Wendell Web site: www.w232.k12.id.us.

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Golf

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placed on an upcoming agenda.

Meanwhile, the commission is considering a 6 percent increase to all rates, including scenic passes, punch cards and greens fees. The idea, officials said, is to offset the 6 percent state sales tax that is included in the current rates and paid to the state.

"You would be paying your own sales tax," Lanting said. Bowyer said no decision has been made yet, but the 2009 fiscal year budget includes revenue with rate increases.

The license is to cover rising costs on fuel and fertilizer.

The linchpins of golf course officials said.

Officials said they are aware of recent history and how affordability is an asset to the course. After decrease of fees was implemented in 2004, the council ruled in 2006 and 2007. For example, under the possible 6 percent hike, the \$20 weekend rate in 2008 would rise to \$21 and \$22 for 2009.

"You're trying to find a balance for the public and the same time provide some reasonable return," Redman said.

In related news, the City Council could shift the course's budget from the

city's enterprise fund to its parks and recreation budget.

The parks department is responsible for maintaining the course's landscaping, while management duties are contracted out to Hanblin.

Lanting, who proposed the idea and is a frequent golfer at Munt, said that the city has the best junior golf program in the state, but doesn't subsidize it well. This move could get the course closer to breaking even. The course last made money in 1997 and has hundreds of thousands in the red.

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Chicken

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"They are talking about pigs that are going to have mouse genes in them, and this is not going to be labeled," said Jean Holloran, director of food policy for Consumers Union. "You are close to speechless on this." Consumers Union publishes Consumer Reports magazine.

Nonetheless, Gregory Jaffe, who heads the biotechnology project at the Center for Science in the Public Interest called the FDA move a "good first step."

"This is the first time the federal government is announcing a comprehensive regulatory system that addresses the concerns from these animals," said Jaffe. "But it may not have addressed all the environmental concerns."

What would happen if a genetically engineered animal escaped and started reproducing with wild animals of the same species? asked Jaffe. The FDA said it would address that issue.

released a proposed legal framework for how it would resolve such questions as whether the altered animals are safe for human consumption and whether they pose any serious environmental risk. FDA officials said they were focusing on animals that will be used as food, or to produce medications that would then be consumed by people or by other animals. The agency is not interested in reviving genetically engineered mice already widely used in lab experiments.

"Genetic engineering of animals is here and has been here for some time," said Larissa Rudenko, a science policy adviser with the FDA's veterinary medicine center. "We intend to provide a rigorous, risk-based regulatory path for developers to follow to help ensure public health and the health of animals."

Genetic engineering is already widely used in agriculture to produce higher-yielding or disease-resistant crops. But it's unclear how consumers will react to altered animals, even if they come with a government seal of approval.

Genetically engineered — or GE — animals are not clones, which the FDA has already said are safe to eat. While clones are exact copies of an animal, genetically engineered animals are manipulated by scientists to bring about a change in their characteristics. In years past, this was done by crossbreeding animals with desirable traits.

GE animals are created when scientists insert a gene from one species of animal into the DNA of another animal to reprogram some of its characteristics. For example, fish could be made to grow faster, or pigs might be re-engineered to produce less waste.

To engineer Aqua Bounty's faster-growing salmon, scientists took a snippet of DNA from an Atlantic fish and stitched it into the genes of salmon. Normally, Atlantic salmon produce growth hormone only in the summer months. But with the change, salmon produce growth hormone all year long, allowing them to grow to full size in about 16 months instead of three years, Entis said.

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NEWS OF RECORD

Recent activity in 5th District Court in Tule Falls County included the following:

CITY OF TULE FALLS
Driving under the influence
 Adrian J. Banda, 25, Kimberly; driving under the influence, second offense; \$2,000 fine, \$1,500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Daniel A. Galloway, 33, Tule Falls; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Evan D. Fischer, 19, Tule Falls; frequenting a place where a controlled substance is sold; \$500 fine, \$450 suspended; 90 days jail; 85 suspended; credit for two days served; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Erick A. Hohensee, 23, Tule Falls; driving without a license, second offense; \$800 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 100 suspended; 20 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Capt. E. Garcia, 24, Tule Falls; driving with a suspended license; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 William J. Henderson, 21, Tule Falls; driving without a license; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended; \$75.00 costs; 90 days jail; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Keith J. Jordan, 19, Logan, Utah; petit theft without judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Anna R. Demilio, 19, Jerome; one count petit theft with judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

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Domestic battery
 Steven J. Pew, 30, Tule Falls; battery; attempted to obstruct the peace/disorderly conduct; \$500 fine, \$450 suspended; \$75.00 costs; 90 days jail; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Nicholas Dominguez, 24, Tule Falls; petit theft without judgment granted; \$700 fine, \$500 suspended; \$75.00 costs; 90 days jail; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Melissa K. Gage, 26, Tule Falls; domestic battery; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Steven M. Macdon, 41, Butte; will conceal merit; \$200 fine, \$100 suspended; \$75.00 costs; 90 days jail; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Jerald L. Quiston, 41, Tule Falls; no insurance; \$100 fine, \$75.00 costs; 30 days jail; 30 suspended; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Raym. R. Caldwell, 23, Butte; possession of a controlled substance; \$100 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Kathleen Souza, 24, Butte; one count failure to purchase license; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Ciel R. Wilson, 35, Fair; telephone harassment; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 James Barron, 68, Tule Falls; one count petit theft without judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

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Domestic battery
 Martin Perez-Munoz, 42, Fair; failure to have medical card in possession; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Gary R. Foster, 50, Eugene, Ore.; failure to have medical card in possession; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Nicholas C. Padilla, 21, Parma; provide alcohol to a minor; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

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 Nicholas C. Padilla, 21, Parma; provide alcohol to a minor; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Kathleen Souza, 24, Butte; one count failure to purchase license; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Ciel R. Wilson, 35, Fair; telephone harassment; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 James Barron, 68, Tule Falls; one count petit theft without judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Jeffery P. Shelt, 27, Tule Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Domestic battery
 Martin Perez-Munoz, 42, Fair; failure to have medical card in possession; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail; 170 suspended; 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Filer receives \$4 million sewer check from USDA

By John E. Swazey
 Times-News correspondent

If everything goes as planned the city of Filer could break ground for a sewer treatment facility next spring.

A major step in that process was taken Wednesday afternoon when representatives from USDA Rural Development presented council members with a check for \$4 million. The funds, consisting of a \$3 million loan and \$1 million grant, will be used in the construction of a \$7.9 million membrane biosector.

"I'm really excited about this," Mayor Bob Templeman said. "Until they contacted us about two weeks ago, we were beginning to think this wasn't going to happen."

The project is part of a \$12.5 million sewer revenue bond that city residents approved in November 2006 to replace existing lagoons. A membrane biosector system is an expandable 5- to 15-acre foot-

print that breaks down waste water and filters out pollutants using a series of membrane filters and ultraviolet radiation. The remaining impurities and compacted solids are then dried for disposal.

"It'll take about 18 months to complete the building process and another three months before it's up and running," J-U-B Engineer Mike Holstrom said. "So we're probably looking at late 2010 or early 2011."

Approximately \$4.6 million of the bond amount is also allocated to replace 7.3 miles of deteriorated sewer line extending from U.S. Highway 30 to North Street and Fair Avenue to Stevens Street.

The Department of Environmental Quality has committed to \$5.5 million, and working through Region IV Development, the Department of Commerce will contribute \$500,000 in grants. These will be combined with \$65,000 from city coffers.

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MV bikers aid Special Olympics

By John E. Swazy
Times-News correspondent

Members of the Idaho Motorcycle Club are ready to hit the road for charity. For the third straight year, up to 60 cyclists from the group's Magic Valley Chapter will come together Sunday in support of area Special Olympic athletes.

"Special Olympics touches a lot of different people," club

president Ted Barber said. "It's important to help the kids in our state and show we care."

Activities will open with a 10 a.m. registration held at Adventure Motor Sports, 2469 Kimberly Road, in Twin Falls. Participants are being asked to pay a \$12 entrance fee.

All funds raised will help Magic Valley Special Olympic athletes pay for uniforms or travel expenses to attend

regional games.

"Rain made it a lousy weather day last year but we still managed to raise \$440," Barber said. "Hopefully we can double that this year."

At around 11 a.m., riders will begin traveling between surrounding communities to compete for points in games of darts, golf and fishing.

Several items, including a leather jacket and a large full-faced helmet, will also be raffled off.

The day will wind down about 2 p.m. at Rock Creek Park at the west end of Twin Falls on U.S. Highway 30 with a lunch prepared by Magic Valley Special Olympic athletes.

"It doesn't matter what type of bike you ride, everyone's welcome, Barber said. "People can even come out and join us driving their car if they want, we don't care."

AROUND THE VALLEY

Twin Falls native appointed as new Pocatello judge

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter appointed on Friday veteran Pocatello attorney and Twin Falls native Stephen S. Dunn to the 6th District Court judgeship slot vacated by Judge Ronald E. Bush's recent appointment as a federal magistrate.

Dunn, a partner in the law firm Merrill & Merrill, Chartered, has practiced law for 31 years, and was a part-time federal magistrate from 1990 to 1992. The Brigham Young University graduate now lives in Chubbuck with his wife, Wanda. They have three daughters.

"We're lucky to have a wealth of qualified and willing candidates to take on the important responsibility of administering justice here in Idaho," Gov. Otter said. "Steve's involvement in his community and connection to the values and priorities of southern Idaho make him an excellent choice. He will make a great addition to the 6th District bench."

Housing group announces funds

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association released its totals for the state's share of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, intended to help homeowners avoid foreclosures and encourage potential homeowners to enter the market.

Idaho received a total of \$123.7 million from the act, more than \$100 million of which will be distributed through IHFA. The breakdown includes:

- \$100 million to help meet increased demand for long-term, fixed-rate mortgages and also refinancing loans for low- and moderate-income buyers. The money will cover mortgages for 750 households and refinancing for people with adjustable-rate mortgages made between 2002 and 2007.

- \$143,000 to expand the organization's free housing counseling services.

- A first-time homebuyer credit equal to 10 percent of the purchase price of a main residence, for no more than \$7,500 per person. The credit can go to purchases made between Jan. 9, 2008, and July 1, 2009, and must be repaid over 15 years through an income-tax surcharge.

IHFA also offers other homebuying assistance programs. For more information,

tion: 208-734-8531.

Agencies complete INL groundwater study

A study of the groundwater leaving the area of the Idaho National Laboratory shows it will continue to be safe for domestic and agricultural uses, the U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency and Idaho officials announced last week.

The agencies began a study of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer in 2004 to determine whether plumes of contamination beneath the facility could join together and cause "unacceptable" risk to the public. The study also investigated 83 surface sites for contamination and found two that require cleanup but pose no threat to groundwater.

A draft plan for addressing any future contamination is available for public comment until Oct. 15. Copies can be found at <https://idaho-cleanupproject.com> or requested by calling 800-708-2680. A public meeting on the plan will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 30 at the CSI Taylor Building in Twin Falls.

Convoy cruising for Special Olympics

The World's Largest Convoy, a benefit for Special Olympics Idaho, will take place today with a convoy of trucks cruising from Jerome to Twin Falls.

Registration for the event is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. today and is open to semi-trucks and other vehicles such as local delivery trucks and buses. Cost is a \$100 donation to enter.

The convoy's trip begins at 10 a.m. at Southern Idaho Freightrailer, located at 1000 Centennial Spur in Jerome next to Frying I. The convoy will go south on highway 93 across Perrine Bridge and continue south on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

The convoy will make a right onto Shoshone Street and go right onto Second Avenue North. From there, the group will travel west on Addison Avenue to the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

At the fairgrounds, there will be athletes speaking and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The lunch is on a donation basis and is open to the public, regardless of whether they were in the convoy.

For more information, call Tracy Perrine at 308-7258.

—staff reports

HISTORY FOUND

Cassia Co. historical picture book in the works

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

The tales of early Cassia County that can be told through pictures are being compiled in a new book that will be published by the museum this winter.

Cassia County Historical Society and Museum Curator Valerie Bowen is working now to compile the photos and the stories behind them in a new picture book that will be available this spring.

"People love pictures," Bowen said. "And I love the stories behind the pictures. Through this book I hope to show a representation of Cassia County and the people who built it."

The book titled "Cassia County" will be part of Arcadia publishing houses' "Images of America" series. The museum will receive the book first and will receive 40 percent of the profit from



LAURIE WELCH/Times-News
Cassia County Historical Society and Museum Curator Valerie Bowen looks over a stack of pictures that will be included in the museum's new book of photographs, which will be part of Arcadia publishing's 'Images of America' series titled 'Cassia County.'

copies sold through the museum. The book will then become available in local bookstores.

The book will consist of old photographs and captions and will be broken into eight to 10 chapters. Each chapter will feature either one of the seven Cassia County communities or will center on influences that helped settle the region: such as irrigation, farming or ranching. Each community may be represented by as many as 27 photos and Bowen will utilize representatives from each community to give final

approval on photos that best depict that community's history.

The photographs need to be original copies and should have some sort of story tied to them although individual pictures of prominent families or people may be included.

Bowen said they still need photos from all the communities but they are especially lacking in material from Deeks.

Bowen said the stories that are unfolding as she gathers these photos are truly priceless pieces of history.

One photo she collected from an event that was held as the city of Burley lobbied for votes in an effort to take the county seat from Albion.

The story behind the photo is that the city of Burley invited everyone in Oakley to a huge barbecue to prove to them what a nice place Burley was.

"But when the voting took place, Oakley actually sided with Albion," so apparently the barbecue didn't work," Bowen said.

Another photo, which depicts a line of ranchers on their horses, comes with a story of hard times and struggle.

"They were waiting to go and drive their cattle, which weren't getting enough to eat, to Haft River to graze," Bowen said.

The person who submitted the photo was able to identify all of the ranchers in the image, which lends a human touch to the story.

"These are the stories of people's successes and struggles and are what we want to preserve," Bowen said.

The museum plans to host a party next spring when the book arrives.

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Planning starts for Canyon Ridge High events

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Students will not be attending Canyon Ridge High School for nearly a year, but their activities will be planned in the months ahead.

While the Twin Falls schools construction is one of the most visible pieces of work, another type of planning began on Thursday evening. Scores of parents and students came to Robert Stuart Junior High School for the first organizational meeting of the parent teacher student organization for Canyon Ridge High School.

Though school activities, dances and athletic events aren't happening now, it's important to start planning so that everything is in place when school starts in 2009, said Brady Dickinson, principal of Canyon Ridge High School.

At the meeting, there were sign-up sheets for people interested in participating in the PTSO and committees covering areas such as the booster club, dances, fundraising and school events and graduation.

He also stressed that involvement from future students is welcomed. "I believe it's important for students to start taking ownership of the school now," Dickinson said.

There were 125 people who signed up for the PTSO and its committees on Thursday. Dickinson said he was pleased with the turnout and the meeting and the interest that people are showing in Canyon Ridge High School.

"I was thrilled," Dickinson said. "It really shows the

excitement people have."

Sarette Samson, who attended the meeting, said she has two children in high school and raises a grandson not yet in kindergarten. As a result, she's interested in the long-term future of schools in Twin Falls.

"I think it's going to be a great experience for the kids," she said.

Anthony Barnhart, another parent, said he was impressed with the principal's enthusiasm, adding that having a new school will bring out a lot of excitement for the students.

This year the school district is asking juniors at which school they want to spend their senior year in 2009-10. Students need to make their choices by Oct. 15.

The next PTSO meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9 in the library of Robert Stuart

Junior High School. The PTSO will have monthly meetings.

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Plan

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PROTECTING MUTUAL FUNDS

Treasury will tap up to \$50 billion from a Depression-era fund to protect the holdings of eligible money market mutual funds held by millions of Americans. The plan is aimed at covering \$2 trillion mutual fund assets, and the funds that participate will pay a fee. The Federal Reserve announced it will expand its emergency lending program to bolster the huge money market mutual fund industry, which has come under stress in recent days as the financial crisis has spread. The Fed

will provide loans to commercial banks to finance purchases of asset-backed commercial paper from money market funds, which should help the funds meet demands for redemptions. The Fed also will buy short-term notes issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to help improve market functioning.

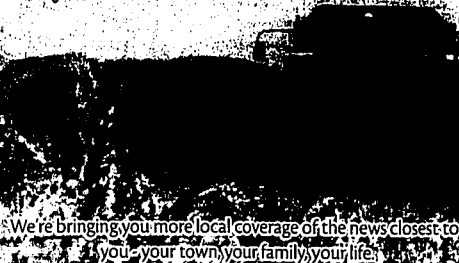
SHORT SELLING
The Securities and Exchange Commission took the unprecedented step of temporarily banning "short selling" — a practice of betting against stocks. Short selling has contributed to the collapse of stock values of investment and commercial

banks, intensifying the financial crisis.

The SEC's temporary ban covers 799 financial stocks. Short selling involves borrowing a company's shares, selling them, and pocketing the difference when the stock falls. It is a method of trading that can make markets more efficient and bring in more capital, but the government argues that it has widened the scope of the recent financial crisis.

The SEC also eased restrictions on the ability of companies to buy back their own shares, a move aimed at easing market turmoil.

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Commissioners to hear appeal of Buhl variance

P&Z lacked quorum, erred during hearing, dairy owner states

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

A dairy operator looking to expand his facility near Salmon Falls Creek Canyon has appealed a June decision by the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission rejecting his request for a setback variance.

Mel Machado, owner of the Providence Dairy southwest of Buhl, is now arguing to the Twin Falls County commissioners that the commission did not have a quorum when it made its decision and that it ignored its own guidelines for variances in the June 12 decision. The dairy expansion is actually in line with the county's comprehensive plan, his attorney, John Lothspeich, stated in documents filed with the commission.

According to the original request, Machado is looking to purchase the six acres of land the dairy sits on from owner John Nunes, as well as 154 more acres from neighbor Richard Sweeney. To pay for the deal, he needs to expand his facility's permit from 280 cows to 999, the application states.

The application attracted the ire of some former members of a citizens' committee that proposed one-mile setbacks for animal feeding operations from Salmon Falls Creek Canyon. The county adopted the setbacks six years ago. The dairy was grandfathered into the ordinance and sits 2,275 feet from the rim. The expansion would be built 2,670 feet from the rim, still not past the mile restriction.

At the June hearing, Machado told the commission that he has had to work a second job to help care for his family and that he would likely be forced out of the dairy industry if he was not granted the variance.

In their denial of the permit, the commissioners found that their decision would not affect Providence Dairy's current operations and that Machado's situation was "not unique," despite claims to the contrary by Machado and Lothspeich.

Along with his argument that the commissioners erred in their assessment of the variance request, Lothspeich states in his brief that the recusal of one commission member during the discussion dropped them below the number needed for a quorum. Only four of the seven

commissioners were present, and one — Katie Wonenberg — abstained from the discussion and vote, stating that her husband does electrical work for Machado. Two commissioners voted against the variance, and the remaining one voted for it.

Citing county code, Lothspeich wrote that a quorum

for the commission is defined as a majority of the appointed members. A vote requires the majority of the quorum present at a meeting to carry any weight, he writes. The key issue seems to be that only two of the four members present voted against the variance. Common practice seems to

support Wonenberg's recusal — all but one member of Camas County's commission, for example, recused themselves for a vote in April. Robert's Rules of Order, the inspiration for many government rules of order, also specifies that a quorum refers to the number of people present, not the number voting.

A 2-2 split vote, on the other hand, stalled a decision on lease payments by the Buhl School District in June, as members said they did not have a majority. And Heyburn Mayor George Anderson recently had to break a 2-2 vote by the City Council regarding a preliminary plat.

County Planning and Zoning Director Bill Crafton said Friday that a recusal such as the June one has only hap-

pened maybe one other time in 10 years, and that it's never been an issue before.

Attorney Rich Carlson, who is representing neighbors of the dairy, said he will file his response on Monday. A hearing could be arranged as soon as the second week of October.

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Idaho Boy Scout camp counselor guilty of abuse

MOSCOW (AP) — Jurors in Moscow, Idaho, have convicted Timothy Kellis on 12 felony counts involving four Boy Scouts molested at Camp Grizzly in north Idaho. Kellis is a former high school band director from Tumwater, Wash. He had been a counselor at the Idaho scout camp in the summer of 2007.

The 2nd District Court jurors reached their verdict late Friday afternoon. Kellis will be sentenced Nov. 12. He could face life in prison and more than \$250,000 in fines. He has been convicted of nine counts of lewd conduct with a minor and one count of attempted lewd conduct with a minor. He was also convicted on two counts of sexual abuse of a child. Two of the teens told jurors earlier this week how they were molested at the camp. The 16-year-olds said the 38-year-old Kellis would enter the tent the Scouts shared at night.

At the time, Kellis was the director of shooting sports at the camp at Harvard, Idaho.

Changing times thin ranks of Indian firefighters

By Matt Myatt
Associated Press writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Darryl Wallace fondly reminisces about his crews on Zuni Pueblo — shoulders bent to the ground, cutting brush and scraping the soil to clear lines around forest fires. Sooty, dirty, hot work. Morale high. A reputation to uphold.

"You tell them to build a scratch line. They wouldn't. They'd build a highway," says Wallace, fire prevention crew boss for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Zuni Agency and a firefighter for more than 20 years.

The tribe routinely would have as many as 14-20 person Type 2 crews ready for the summer fire season for a couple of decades ago.

Now, Wallace is hard-pressed to recruit crew members, and the tribe was able to field only six crews this year.

His dilemma is not unique for Indian Type 2 crews, who are not as highly trained as Type 1 crews but who are the backbone of firefighting efforts.

"Generally, we can only produce about half the crews that we were able to do 20 years ago," says Lyle Carlie, a Cherokee and director of the fire management branch at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

In the BIA's Southwest region — taking in New Mexico tribes; a tribe in El Paso, Texas; and two tribes in Southern Colorado — the number of Indian Type 2 crews has dwindled from about 100 to 55, says Cal Pino of Laguna Pueblo, the BIA's fire management officer for the region.

A Type 2 crew member is an individual who is just off the street, like you were recruiting for soldiers to support the war effort. Capable individuals sign up, are sent to basic training and sent off as basic soldiers," he says.

Tribal fire bosses use the fallout on a spectrum of factors — mollycoddled youngsters, computers, strict physical standards, new job opportunities for Indians and drugs. "There's not any silver bullet which we can find to fix the situation nationally," Carlie says.

Demetrius Pino of Laguna Pueblo, forestry supervisory technician for the BIA's Laguna Agency, says the number of the tribe's Type 2 crews has shrunk from seven to one. "These young guys, they don't have to worry about working because the parents and grandparents give them all the money and they don't have to work," he says. "These young kids now, a lot of them stay at home and lay around."

Wallace says young folks seem less interested in the outdoors.

"More or less, they're behind a computer, playing games and whatnot, whereas in the past, we never had audio-video or computers. We were out there farming and outdoors," he says.

The indoor life takes a toll on young rookie firefighters who make \$13.64 an hour during their 14-day stints on the fire lines.

"Within about four days they are already getting fatigued and getting blisters," Wallace says.



Zuni wildland firefighters throw dirt on a burning log during mop-up operations on the Mt. Powell fire near Crownpoint, N.M., in July 2005.

AP file photo

Demetrius Pino says that when he started fighting fires, tours of duty were 21 days. "It was all like going-ho. Everything was like, 'Let's do this. Let's go out there.' It was exciting. Everybody wanted to be part of the crew," he says.

"Now, you call people at home and say 'We got a fire call. Are you ready to go?' And they say, 'Let me call you back in 15 minutes.' I say, 'Let me know right now.' They ask, 'Where are we going.' I say, 'You don't need to know.' They say, 'I'll just stay back this time,'" Pino says.

Cal Pino says he thinks people born after 1980 in Indian Country have become more pampered.

"Prior to that time period, a lot of reservations didn't have indoor running water, indoor heating and stuff. Everyone was cutting back on water, cutting fire wood, so they were used to that type of aggressive activity," he says.

"Now, everyone has piped-in water and TVs with up to 200 or 300 channels, so the work ethic has changed," he says. Wallace says that during the 21-day stretches, he and his fellow firefighters would pack an Army duffel bag with changes of underwear and personal hygiene items.

They would ride Army surplus cargo trucks to fire lines and pack in their sack lunches and possibly one ready-to-eat military meal," he says.

"Now, they take their whole dresser with them and their clothes-washer," Wallace says. "They're bringing in a couple of extra bags of audio equipment. I told them, 'That's not equipment to take out there,'" he says.

And buses often shuttle firefighters between the fire line and camp, where there's hot food waiting — a "lot of good changes," Wallace says.

Carlie says Indian Country has had a long history of sending out firefighters. "The economic situations on most reservations lent themselves to having a ready pool of people that don't have jobs," he says.

"Indian crews have been around so long on fires that they have historically been well-respected and depended on to get the job done," Carlie says.

But times have changed on many reservations. Many seasoned firefighters who were

supervisors have dropped out because of the physical requirements or other full-time jobs.

"We've seen a casino come into a reservation that offers year-round employment. They hit us pretty hard on leadership positions," Carlie says.

"I can go get a full-time job as opposed to being here working on a fire and make pretty good money one year and not make as much money in another year," he says.

Wallace says that at Zuni, home renovation work has turned about half of the community's veteran firefighters into carpenters.

Illegal drugs also have cut the firefighting ranks.

"We still have problems, and I'm sure all the agencies have problems. It's not just marijuana anymore. Cocaine is on the fire line now," Wallace says.

"A crew in California got caught smoking marijuana and the whole crew got sent back. If one person gets busted, the whole crew gets sent back home," he says.

But despite all the recruiting difficulties, once they are out in the forest, they enjoy it, Demetrius Pino says.

"A lot of them say, 'Yeah, we have respect for our Mother Nature,' and through our tel-

lign Mother Nature plays a lot of parts in our life," Pino says. "You just do your job and do the best you can out there," he says.

Woman hospitalized after apartment fire

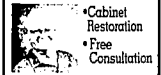
LEWISTON (AP) — A fire damaged a converted apartment building in Lewiston and sent one woman to the hospital.

Lewiston Fire Department officials responded to the fire late Thursday morning. Capt. Steve Repp said the home, which had been converted into five apartments, sustained substantial damage and all the residents were displaced.

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Investigator: Palin probe to end before election

By Matt Voiz
Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gov. Sarah Palin's chief of staff authorized ex-Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan to travel to Washington, although the governor has cited that trip as a primary example of the insubordination that led to Monegan's firing.

Monegan is the central figure in the investigation into whether Palin abused her power when she fired him.

Monegan alleges he was fired because he refused to terminate a state trooper who was involved in a bitter divorce with the governor's sister.

Palin says he was fired because of insubordination on budget issues.

A legislative committee voted July 24 to investigate the dispute, and Palin initially welcomed it, but after she was picked as Sen. John McCain's running mate on the GOP presidential ticket, she reversed herself. The

campaign sent a team of operatives to Alaska to carefully coordinate any information that's released.

The investigation will be finished before the election, despite refusals by key witnesses to testify, including the governor's husband, the legislator heading the probe said Friday.

After waiting 35 minutes for Todd Palin and two state administrative employees to appear under subpoena before the state Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen.

Hollis French condemned their refusal to testify and the attorney general's broken promise that seven other witnesses would testify who were not subpoenaed.

French said the retired prosecutor hired by the Alaska Legislature to investigate Palin.

Stephen Branchflower, will conclude his investigation by Oct. 10. Still, that report will not include testimony from the Republican vice presidential nominee, her husband or

most of the top aides Branchflower hoped to interview.

Sarah Palin's allies hoped the investigation would be delayed past the election to spare her any troublesome revelations — or at least the distraction — before voters have made their choice. Palin's reputation as clean-government advocate who takes on entrenched interests is central to her appeal as McCain's running mate, and possibly at risk in the probe.



Picture shows Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan in Anchorage, Alaska, Jan. 28.

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Antitrust investigation looking at Idaho doctors

BOISE — The U.S. Department of Justice is investigating whether some doctors in Idaho violated federal antitrust laws by the amount they charged and by refusing to treat some patients, the Idaho Medical Association says.

The association revealed the investigation to its 2,400 members earlier this month in a memo obtained by the Idaho Statesman.

The association said it has been ordered to turn over records dating to January 2005, and that federal authorities are also investigating the Idaho Industrial Commission.

The commission administers worker compensation laws and makes sure insurers make payments. It also settles disputes between employers and injured workers.

However, commission spokeswoman Megan Gale said it has not been contacted by federal authorities.

"We are not currently being investigated and we have not received any subpoenas," she said Friday.

She said the federal investigation likely stems from the refusal by a group of orthopedic surgeons to treat worker

compensation patients from April 2006 to February 2007.

The U.S. attorney's office in Boise declined to comment.

Sen. Larry Craig forms legal defense fund

WASHINGTON — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig has formed a legal expense fund to help pay for costs associated with his effort to withdraw his guilty plea in an airport men's room sex sting.

Craig's legal expense fund, called Fund for Justice, is disclosed in papers filed with the Senate's Office of Public Records.

The three-term Republican senator told Congressional Quarterly on Thursday that he has begun searching for donations for the fund.

Craig said the Senate Ethics Committee has approved the new legal fund. In February, the committee chided Craig for spending \$213,000 in campaign funds to pay legal and public-relations fees without approval from either the ethics panel or the Federal Election Commission.

Dr. Jane Goodall to visit Boise in April

BOISE — World-renowned primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall will be in Boise in early April, Zoo Boise officials said.

Zoo Director Steve Burns said the exact date has not been set, but that Goodall will be here for a dinner and speaking engagement.

Burns said the Zoo Boise Conservation Fund Board decided to give \$20,000 to the Jane Goodall Institute, a global nonprofit organization that works to improve the environment for wildlife and humans.

Money for the conservation fund, now in its second year, comes from a 25-cent fee included in admission to the zoo and a \$2.50 fee that's part of a zoo membership. The money is given annually to projects that support endangered animals and the humans who live near them.

"We felt we needed to focus more on Africa this year because we're going to open an African exhibit," Burns told the Idaho Statesman.

Burns said the fund received 37 proposals for the money.

"It must be a project that deals with a species in our collection or in our master plan," Burns said. "We don't have the ability to have marine mammals here, so we don't fund them."

Goodall is famous for her pioneering primate specialist work that involved a 45-year study on chimpanzees in Africa.

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(AP) Wall Street extended a huge rally Friday as investors stormed back into the market, relieved that the government plans to restore calm to the financial system by rescuing banks from billions of dollars in bad debt.

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Gov't bans short-selling in wake of crisis

Trading ban
could have
unintended
results

By Marcy Gordon
and Stevenson Jacobs
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The government's unprecedented move Friday to ban people from betting against financial stocks might be a balm for the market's turmoil but also carry serious unintended consequences.

Risky business

The process of short selling involves borrowing a company's shares, selling them and pocketing the difference when the stock falls.



Investor (B) borrows stock from (A) at \$10 a share, then sells it to (C), hoping to profit from a decline in its price.

Note: Example excludes commissions



Stock goes down. Investor (B) buys back the stock from (C) at the new price of \$5. (B) returns the stock to (A), pocketing a \$5 profit.



If stock goes up, investor (B) buys back the stock from (C) for \$20. Investor (B) returns the stock to (A), having lost \$10.

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In a bid to shore up investor confidence in the face of the spiraling market crisis, the Securities and Exchange Commission temporarily banned all short-

selling in the shares of 799 financial companies. Short selling is a time-honored method for profiting when a stock drops.

The ban took effect imme-

diately Friday and extends through Oct. 2. The SEC said it might extend the ban — so that it would last for 30 calendar days in total — if it deems that necessary.

Experts believe the SEC is presuming that window would be enough time to calm the rolling financial markets, with the Bush administration's massive new programs to buy up Wall Street's toxic debt possibly starting to have a salutary effect by then.

"The short-selling ban is 'kind of a time-out,' said John Coffee, a professor of securities law at Columbia University. 'In a time of crisis, the dangers of doing too little are far greater than the dangers of doing too much.'"

But on Wall Street, professional short-sellers said they were being unfairly targeted by the SEC's prohibition. And some analysts warned of possible negative consequences, maintaining that banning

short-selling could actually distort — not stabilize — equity markets.

"I don't think it's going to accomplish what they're after," said Jeff Tjornehoj, senior analyst at fund research firm Lipper Inc. Without short sellers, he said, investors will have a harder time gauging the true value of a stock.

"Most people want to be in a stock for the long run and want to see prices go up. Short sellers are useful for throwing water in their face and saying, 'Oh yeah! Think about this,'" Tjornehoj said. As a result, restricting the practice could inflate the value of some stocks, opening the door for a big downward correction later.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

NATION

Oil jumps above \$104 a barrel on bailout plan

NEW YORK — Oil prices shot up more than \$6 a barrel Friday, breaking back into \$100 territory as a sweeping government plan to rescue the imperiled U.S. financial system emboldened investors to re-enter the markets.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery rose \$6.67 to settle at \$104.55 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier rising as high as \$105.25. It was oil's first close above \$100 in a week.

Crude has climbed over \$13 in the past three days as the government carries out a historic intervention into the financial system.

MillerCoors to put Sparks Red on hold

MILWAUKEE — MillerCoors says it's going to put plans for a new caffeinated alcoholic energy drink on hold pending talks with the 25 states that asked the company not to release the beverage.

In a statement Friday, MillerCoors said the company won't go ahead with its scheduled Oct. 1 launch of Sparks Red.

On Wednesday, attorneys general from 25 states asked the company to abandon its plans for the drink. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and others say adding caffeine to alcoholic beverages reduces drinkers' sense of intoxication.

Global stocks rebound on U.S. financial plan

Stock markets rallied around the globe Friday as investors cheered the federal government's far-reaching plan to shore up the U.S. financial system and crack down on speculators who seek to profit from falling stock prices.

Markets in Europe rose as much as 9 percent. Investors "are breathing a sigh of relief because there is now a concerted effort to make sure the financial markets stay open for business and function effectively," said Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist at Ridgecroft Investments in Richmond, Va.

— From wire reports

Gov't rushing to finish financial rescue plan

Plan likely to
cost taxpayers
hundreds of
billions

By Jeannine Arnesen and
Julie Hirschfeld Davis
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration sketched out a multi-faceted effort on Friday to confront the worst U.S. financial crisis in decades, outlining a program that could cost taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars to buy up bad mortgages and other toxic debt.

Belief washed over Wall Street with a surge of buying. President Bush, flanked by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, acknowledged that the program will put a "significant amount of taxpayers' money on the line."

Markets unshaken by anxiety in recent months greeted the plan enthusiastically. The Dow Jones Industrial



President Bush, second from left, accompanied by, from left, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, and Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox, makes a statement about the economy and government efforts to remedy the crisis, Friday, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

shot up over 400 points and stayed in that territory into the afternoon. Global stock markets soared, too.

"The administration is asking Congress to give it sweeping new powers to execute the plan. Paulson said it 'needs to be big enough to make a real difference and get to the heart of

the problem.'" Paulson gave few details but said he would work through the weekend with leaders of Congress from both parties to flesh out the program, the biggest proposed government intervention in financial markets since the Great Depression. Members of the Senate

Heavyweights scramble for cover

This week's upheaval at several of the largest financial institutions has left a cloud of uncertainty over the assets (least quarter)

Biggest U.S. financial institutions, ranked by assets (least quarter)

COMPANY	ASSETS in billions	MARKET CAP. in billions
Citigroup Inc.	\$210	\$76.4
JPMorgan Chase	178	122.9
Bank of America	173	124.9
Goldman Sachs	139	40.0
AIG	126	5.4
Morgan Stanley	120	24.1
MetLife	97	20.8
Wachovia	84	19.7
Wells Fargo & Co.	81	110.6
MetLife	66	37.0
Prudential	64	31.0
Hartford Financial	63	15.5
Washington Mutual	61	13.4

*Insurance company
SOURCE: Capital IQ

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Banking Committee said they had yet to receive details of the proposal, but were ready to move quickly when they do.

Before the markets opened Friday, the government announced plans to temporarily insure money market deposits and to block short-selling in financial

securities. Short selling is a trading method that bets the stocks will go down.

Speaking to reporters at the Treasury Department, Paulson said that the new troubled-asses relief program that he wants Congress to enact must be large

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Incubating wineries

Plans fermenting
at Walla Walla
winery incubator

By Vicki Hillhouse
Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Joel Walte hasn't yet completed his move into the Port of Walla Walla's winery incubator complex, but he's already planning his exit strategy.

"I want to head out in the fourth year. The fifth at the latest," Walte said recently during a break from moving equipment at the Port's Piper Avenue incubator complex.

Walte's CAVU Cellars is one of two new wineries slated as the latest tenants at the incubator development, a complex at the Walla Walla Regional Airport Industrial Park funded largely with state funds to give fledgling wineries the production and tast-

ing room space needed to get established. Tenants sign a nonrenewable, six-year lease for the 1,600-square-foot buildings.

At the end, they must move out so that another startup can move into the space.

Not having to invest in property at the front frees up funds for Walte and his business partners' parents, Jim and Karen Walte, to spend on equipment and quality fruit. Hence, they can focus more of their initial energy on what they're putting into the bottles. As the lease nears its term, they believe they'll be in a better position to plan a more permanent winery.

Also the first year's \$1,083 monthly base rent, plus leasehold tax and utilities, will have incrementally climbed to \$1,987 a month, plus tax and utilities.

"By then you might as well have a mortgage," Walte said.

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TV show to discuss Wall Street's woes and their effect on Idaho's economy

The crisis on Wall Street will be a topic of discussion on the next edition of Dialogue on Idaho Public Television Network.

The discussion will be focused on how the Wall Street woes will affect Main Street cities in Idaho. The broadcast will host several expert guests, and the public is invited to call in with questions regarding the market meltdown.

Where's the bean prices? Readers asked why we stopped reporting the bean price quotes in the Agriculture edition of the Times-News.

Answer: The quotes change frequently — in some cases that change more than once a day — and we could not maintain an accurate report on them.



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These prices are made available to us at the discretion of the bean buyers. The local buyers asked that we not publish the prices because they didn't accurately reflect current prices.

Land Group celebrates 20 years: The Land Group, Inc. celebrated its 20th Anniversary on Friday.

The civil engineering and landscape design firm has been deeply involved in everything from community planning to golf course design throughout the western United States.

The office located at 261 Canyon Crest Dr. is currently helping the city create a downtown landscape design plan.

How do I submit questions to Biz Bites? Readers asked how they can submit questions or comments to Biz Bites.

Answer: Email me at jpalmer@magvalley.com, attn: Biz Bites, or call me at 208-735-3231.

Keep in mind that there is a slight backlog due to the number of requests and recent news on Wall Street, but I promise you that I will respond to them as soon as I can.

Have a comment about your business? A question about someone else's? Contact Business Editor Joshua Palmer at jpalmer@magvalley.com.

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Oct. gold	\$772.1	▼ 21.14	Sept. silver	12.43	▼ .23

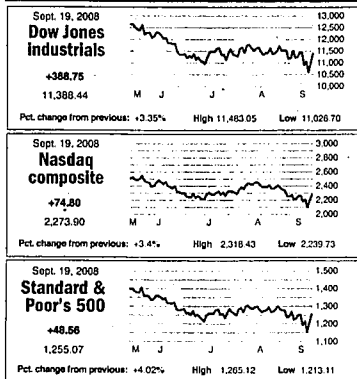
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WASHINGTON — Weekly Treasury auction.

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Gwen Teramoto, 383
Jefferson St.; re-roof;
\$3,600.
Shirley Sword, 459 Sixth
Ave. N.; re-roof; \$5,500.
Edmunds Homes, 1345
Hinkley Circle; new
house; \$306,649.
CSI Residential
Construction, 1103
Caswell Ave.; new house;
\$179,592.
Frances Amend, 450 Pole
Line Road; re-roof;
\$2,760.
C.E. Clark Construction,
931 Arrow Wood Court;
new house; \$114,396.
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New house; \$103,348. R
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909 Clark Wood Court, R
duplex; \$195,559. R
John Rasmussen, 553 K
Buchanan St.; re-roof; T
\$53,280. R
Linnia Sabin, 219 Tyler St.; J
re-roof; \$1,400. R
Edward Carr, 529 Fifth Ave. J
re-roof; \$400. R
Edo Schwarz, 1407 11th St. J
Add.; detached garage; P
\$15,066. D
Andrew Miki, 3065 E. 3400 R
N.; new house; \$304,087. R
Daniel Hoover, 3304 Vickie C
Lane; manufactured home; R
\$339,741. R
John Rasmussen, 149 P
Orchard Drive, No. 15; re-ro P
\$59,000. R
Ya Gvudzhikyan, 258 N

Bushwell Ave.; re-roof; Bel
\$600.

David Fiddis, 1079 Eldhorn
shaded; living room addition;
\$2,605.

James Thomas, 427 Hidden
Lane; patio cover;
\$9,009.

James Ray, 622 Dettler's
Road; new house;
\$2,033.

James Ray, 417 Jeweler
Road; new house; \$93,193.
Lloyd Builders and
verandah place; new
house; \$242,992.

Joyl Roessler, 854
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St.; remodel house;
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...not to have the necessary impact while protecting taxpayers as much as possible.

"I am convinced that this bold approach will cost American families far less than the alternative," a continuing series of financial institution failures and frozen credit markets unable to fund economic expansion," Paulson said in a prepared statement.

"The financial security of all Americans depends on our ability to restore confidence in financial institutions to a sound footing," he said.

Paulson said mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac would use their cash to buy their purchases of mortgage-backed securities to help provide support to the crippled housing market.

He also said the Treasury Department will expand a program to encourage banks this month, to buy mortgage-backed securities which have been badly hurt by the housing and credit crises.

"As we all know, lax lending practices earlier this decade led to irresponsible lending and irresponsible borrowing. This simply put too many families into mortgage they could not afford," Paulson said.

At a news conference in which he only took three questions, Paulson was

asked the approximate dollar value of the government's intervention. "We're talking hundreds of billions," he said.

Paulson did not address specifics about the plan to buy back bad debt or whether the government would take a direct stake in troubled banks in exchange for its help.

"These illiquid assets are clogging up our financial system, and undermining confidence in our entire financial system," he said. "As a result, Americans' personal savings are threatened and the ability of consumers and businesses to borrow and invest, and job creation has been disrupted," Paulson said.

He said that the administration would present Congress with a proposed legislative package and then flesh out the details through the weekend. And we're going to be asking them to take action on legislation next week."

What is what we need to do. But for some time now we've been saying that the root cause of the problem in our economy and our financial system is housing and until we get stability in the housing market we're not going to get stability in our financial markets," I said.

Earlier, Bush authorized Treasury to tap up to \$50 billion from the Treasury's general fund to insure the liquidity of eligible money market mutual funds. And the Federal Reserve announced it will expand its emergency lending program to provide \$2 trillion in assets of the funds.

Both moves are designed to bolster the huge money market mutual fund industry, which has come under strain because of the crisis.

The Fed said it is expanding its emergency lending efforts to allow commercial banks to finance purchases of asset-backed paper from money market funds, which should help the funds meet demands for redemptions.

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday imposed a temporary emergency ban on short selling, which had been contributing to the drop in stock values of investment and commercial banks.

Congressional leaders say they expected to get the rescue plan Friday and act before Congress recesses on the weekend.

The government's actions could help alleviate uncertainty that has been sending the markets into turmoil over the past week.

Lending to the money market is still in the works, but the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.

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"While we're offering a lot to the price-discovery mechanism, I think there's a fly built up in stock price only gets relieved in a cataclysm," he said.

Short selling involves borrowing a company's shares and selling them, and then buying them to return them later, when the share price falls. The short seller's profit is the difference in price.

Although the practice has been used since the 19th century, more and more investors are using it and bringing in more capital.

Government argues that it widened the scope of the recent financial crisis and contributed to the collapses of investment banks and other financial stocks in its last.

Winery

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The system was designed by the State to help economic development.

It also creates a source for the airport's own revenue, by selling state allocations of land.

It is just now seeing completion.

Port of Walla Walla, Wash. pioneers and staff TTI toured the new sky-bridge, built by TTI.

Bank the original three-toned structures to co-locate village originators.

Government officials on both sides of the Atlantic have been denouncing the use of and other short seller tactics that have swarmed over the bodies of venerable investment banks and companies. New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo likened the use of "short selling" to "hurricane" and "tsunami" tactics. He is investigating a possible conspiracy among short sellers to spread negative rumors and pound down companies' stock prices.

The turmoil in recent years has swallowed some of the most storied names on Wall Street. Three of its investment banks—Lehman Brothers, Stamps, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch—have gone out of business.

Three years ago, the startup wineries gushed, the incubator competition has boosted a portfolio complex as a new destination. In the airport property was less than five million there are 20, said Skoglund, assistant manager, administrative services.

"People really want the airport," said CAVU Centers, W

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Gold prices depress jewelry sales

By Tiffany Hsu
Los Angeles Times

Jewelers grited their teeth Wednesday as the price of gold soared \$70.10 an ounce — the highest-ever one-day gain in dollars — and dashed even slim hopes that the struggling economy hadn't wiped out all customers.

A gold chain that cost \$450 last year at Acapulco Jewelry now costs \$1,000 — and isn't likely to be sold soon, said owner Raymond Colan.

"The economy's so bad customers can't even pay their mortgages. This is the last thing on their list to buy," said Colan, as he tracked the fast-changing price of gold on his laptop.

Business has dropped 70 percent since the beginning of the year and is getting worse by the day, he said. And the district is turning into a ghost town.

Near his shop at Seventh Street and Broadway, four booths inside Broadway Jewelry Mart have disappeared in two years, and eight stores the next block over on Hill Street have shut down.

"It's killing us," said one store's operator, who declined to give his name.

"There's many millions of dollars of merchandise sleeping in this plaza, but it's 2 p.m. and I haven't made a cent. I do my best to stay here, but I fear one day I might have to go."

Colan clung to another possibility: "I hopefully all this uncertainty goes away after the (presidential) election."

Merchants already had been reeling from this year's run-up in gold prices, which hit a record of \$1,033.90 an ounce in March. They had been buoyed by its fall since then, but Wednesday's sharp jump put the price at \$846.60 an ounce.

The heyday of the precious metal is likely to continue until the economy even out,

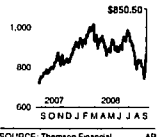


A man carries advertising signs on Wall Street for a jewelry business offering to buy gold, Thursday in New York. Stocks rebounded Thursday from the previous session's massive rout, but safe assets such as gold and Treasury bills still saw heavy demand.

Rally for gold

Gold prices rose to a new record one-day gain, rising \$70 to settle at \$850.50 on fears of more credit turmoil.

Gold, December delivery
\$1,200 per ounce



said Brad Ziegler, managing editor at Hard Assets Investor, a research website about gold and commodities investing.

"Gold is a typical hiding place for capital with no seemingly safe alternative," he said. "Volatility will probably be the name of the game for a while, and that's why people are looking at gold in the stormy financial atmosphere."

Merchants said customers were interested only in smaller pieces under \$100, which typically carry slim profit margins. Some said they had had to dump down the quality of their goods, cut down on inventory or switch to cheaper silver.

But silver prices also rose, by \$1.15 Wednesday to \$11.675 an ounce.

Analysts said short-term speculators made a handsome profit off the recent panic by buying back their

positions on hard assets and capitalizing on the anxiety of long-term investors.

"We've seen feverish activity in all the various gold coins over the past few weeks, even as gold was falling," said Kon Edwards, head trader with California Numismatic Investments in Inglewood. "Physical buyers as well as people selling short positions all decided to buy at once."

The 1-ounce American Gold Eagle coin, produced by the U.S. government, has been selling at four times the recent volume, Edwards said.

The jump has been a boon for such gold producers as Barrick Gold Corp. in Toronto, said company spokesman Vince Borg. Gold

demand has been especially high lately as supplies from mines remain flat or even slip.

Jewelry merchants dread the possibility of prices racing past \$1,000 again, perhaps by the end of the week, said Karo Bazzargan, manager of SIS Jewelry Corp. in the St. Vincent Jewelry Center.

On Wednesday, Bazzargan said the district felt much as it did in March: "totally dead."

In nearby Western Jewelry Mart, there were only five shoppers, just three visited Fox Jewelry Plaza, 551 Broadway.

"It's ridiculous, and it makes me feel sick," Bazzargan said. "But we can only sit and wait."

States ban smoking in casinos, gamblers leave slots

Law comes at bad time, casino officials say

By Tamara Audi
The Wall Street Journal

JOLIET, Ill. — At one point during her Saturday evening at Harrah's casino barge anchored outside Chicago, Tensi Beavers needed a cigarette. But Illinois had recently banned smoking in casinos. So Ms. Beavers did something that is making gambling executives choke on their smoke-free casino air: She walked away from her game.

"I like to play and smoke, but you can't, so ...," Ms. Beavers said, clutching a pack of cigarettes and searching for the smokers' lounge, located just off the casino floor but too far from the nearest slot machine to gamble.

Now, slot players like Ms. Beavers, who plays and gambles go hand in hand — cigarette in one hand, slot-machine button in the other. "You take a pull and hope you hit it," Ms. Beavers said.

Now, the ritual is being upended in several states where casino smoking bans have been implemented or are on the way. The bans are hitting casinos at a time when larger economic woes — such as airline flight reductions, cash-strapped consumers and the credit crisis — are driving down casino revenues from Las Vegas to Connecticut.

"The smoking ban is having a major impact," said Tom Swick, head of the Illinois Casino Gaming Association. Casinos in Illinois have posted double-digit declines in revenue since the smoking ban took effect in January.

Casino officials say steep revenue losses threaten to force staff cuts, and drastically reduce state tax revenues generated by casinos. They point to a 2005 research paper by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis that says Delaware's "racinos" — race-tracks with slot machines and video poker — saw their revenue decline by \$94 million a year since a smoking ban was implemented there in 2002.

Nicotine, an old casino industry ally, is now proving to be a powerful rival. Even relatively quick smoke breaks interrupt the in-the-zone mentality critical to keeping gamblers in play.

"Gamblers like to smoke and drink while they gamble. You've got three co-dependent bad behaviors that go together," said Harvey Perkins, a senior vice president at Spectrum Gaming, a gambling consulting company in Linwood, N.J. Perkins, a former casino executive who has studied the impact of smoking bans on casino revenue in Canada, New Zealand and Australia, has the ultimate insider's perspective: He's a smoker who likes to play.

"I've never experienced gambling without smoking," he said. When a full smoking ban goes into effect in Atlantic City, N.J., casinos in October, he figures he will have to interrupt his gambling to have a cigarette. "I'll get angry if I'm on a hot streak."

Mr. Perkins said that break may persuade gamblers to walk away. "The joy of playing is that you're focused on the game. All of life's hassles disappear, and the rest of the world stops for a little bit. But once you have a cigarette, that's it, you're leaving the zone. You're pulled back into reality. And it's easy to walk away."

Study links oil prices to investor speculation

Investments in oil futures 'way off the scale'

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Speculation by large investors — and not supply and demand for oil — was a primary reason for the surge in oil prices during the first half of the year and the more recent price declines, an independent study concluded Wednesday.

The report by Masters Capital Management said investors poured \$60 billion into oil futures markets during

the first five months of the year as oil prices soared from \$95 a barrel in January to \$145 a barrel by July.

Since then, these investors have withdrawn \$39 billion from those markets as prices have retreated dramatically, the report said. Oil traded at about \$102 a barrel Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"We have clear evidence the fund flow pushed prices up and the fund flow pushed prices down," said Michael Masters of Masters Capital Management, calling the amount of money moving into oil futures markets by large institutional investors in the early part of the year "way off the scale."

Masters said his analysis shows investors "began a

massive stampede for the exits" on July 15 and that this caused the price decline.

"These large financial players have become the primary source of the dramatic and damaging volatility seen in oil prices," concluded the report.

The report was released Wednesday by House and Senate sponsors of bills to put additional curbs on oil market speculation and comes in advance of a report on oil market speculation expected possibly this week by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The commission regulates commodity markets.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., a sponsor of an anti-speculation bill, said the Masters report challenges

CFTC claims to date that supply and demand factors — and not excessive speculation — has driven up oil prices.

"This analysis illustrates that when oil speculators poured large amounts of speculative money into oil markets, prices skyrocketed just as they were hoping ... And when the speculative money got pulled out, prices tumbled," she said.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said he wants to know "how oil speculators were able to drive prices up and down while the CFTC was asleep at the switch."

An interagency task force, led by the CFTC, concluded in an interim report last July that "fundamental supply and demand factors" influ-

ence the oil markets and that data "does not support the proposition that speculative activity has systematically driven changes in oil prices."

Senate critics of the regulatory agency charged that report was based in flawed evidence.

"The CFTC has its head in the sand," said Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce investigations subcommittee.

Stupak said the Masters report shows that that oil prices soared when speculators poured money into future markets even as the federal Energy Information Administration was forecasting supply would exceed demand.

Why did the Fed provide \$180B to overseas banks?

By Christopher S. Rugaber
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WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Thursday nearly quadrupled the dollars it provides to foreign central banks as part of a coordinated effort to inject liquidity into the global financial system.

What follows are questions and answers about what the Fed did and why.

Q. How much money is involved?

A. The Fed increased temporary currency agreements, or "swap lines," that it already has in place with the European Central Bank to \$110 billion and with the Swiss National Bank to \$27 billion.

It also set up new swap lines of \$60 billion with the Bank of Japan, \$40 billion with the Bank of England, and \$10 billion with the Bank of Canada.

All told, the Fed increased the amount of dollars avail-

able under the agreements by \$180 billion to \$247 billion. Foreign officials already have said how they plan to use the money: The ECB will provide up to \$40 billion in overnight loans to European banks, while the Bank of England said it will inject \$40 billion into the system.

Q. What exactly is a "swap line"?

A. They enable the Fed to provide dollars to overseas central banks in exchange for an equal amount of that country's currency. The arrangements are temporary and set to expire Jan. 30.

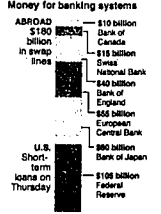
Overseas banks use the dollars to lend to their own commercial banks, many of which, like U.S. banks, are in dire need of short-term dollar loans.

Q. Why are the central banks and the Fed throwing so much money around?

A. The central banks are providing the short-term loans because the commercial banks are reluctant to

Getting a boost

The Federal Reserve worked in conjunction with other central banks to pump billions into the world's banking systems.



lend to each other due to the ongoing credit crisis. In essence, banks worldwide are now borrowing from their central banks rather than from each other, said Adam Posen, deputy director of the Peterson Institute for International Economics in

Washington, D.C.

In the wake of the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and the U.S. government's takeover of American International Group Inc., major banks in the U.S., Europe and Asia have scrambled to conserve their capital and are reluctant to provide the overnight loans to each other that are the lifeblood of the financial system.

Banks use overnight loans to clear transactions and maintain the level of reserves they're required to have by regulators.

Q. What is the Fed doing in the United States?

A. The Fed also is providing huge, short-term loans to U.S. banks to address the liquidity crisis. The New York Federal Reserve Bank provided \$100 billion in overnight loans Thursday and \$5 billion in 14-day loans. The Fed regularly makes short-term loans but rarely on such a large scale.

For example, the New York Fed provided \$70 billion each

on Monday and Tuesday as part of its efforts to ease the crunch, but none on Wednesday and only \$5 billion last Friday.

Q. Will all this work?

A. Economists generally believe that these measures are helping the banking system muddle through the current crunch.

"While the credit lines have not reversed the financial crisis they have probably prevented it from being worse," Wachovia senior economist Mark Vitner wrote in a research note.

But the temporary loans are only stopgap in nature and don't necessarily encourage banks to resume lending to each other. The Fed could come under increasing pressure to cut the short-term rate it controls in order to loosen credit markets. The Fed decided against taking that step on Tuesday. In part because it is worried that lower rates could worsen inflation.

No rise in monthly Medicare premiums for 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — The monthly premium for the vast majority of the elderly and disabled participating in Medicare will hold steady at \$96.40 next year. It's the first time since 2003 that the charge for health coverage is not increasing.

Premiums usually go up to reflect higher costs and demand for care projected for the coming year. Such increases will most certainly occur in 2009, but they will be offset when calculating the premiums by an adequate reserve in the Medicare Part B trust fund. That reserve gained \$9.3 billion over the past year, but that recovered money was inadvertently being drawn from Medicare Part B to cover hospice benefits.

Health care costs have been rising much more quickly than overall inflation over the years. That trend indicates this year's break for beneficiaries is likely a blip.

"In the future, we're going to have to go back to raising the premiums to match the increasing expenditures," said Richard Foster, chief actuary at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The monthly premium for Medicare Part B covers a portion of the costs for physicians services, home health and the purchase of certain medical equipment, such as wheelchairs and oxygen machines. The deductible for those services will also hold steady next year at \$135. That's the amount beneficiaries pay before their insurance coverage will kick in.

Officials said next year's freeze is just the fifth time since 1976 that premiums didn't rise. However, about 5 percent of the nearly 44 million people in Medicare are subject to a higher premium based on their income. Congress approved higher premiums for wealthier beneficiaries as part of a bill establishing a new drug benefit. The participants affected are those individuals earning more than \$85,000 and couples earning more than \$170,000. The amount of the premium will range from \$134.90 to \$308.30, depending upon the participant's income.

The advocacy group AARP said the premium freeze should not delay lawmakers from making changes to the health care system next year under a new president and Congress.

McCain blasts bailouts

Candidate says Fed has other responsibilities

By Beth Fouhy
Associated Press writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Republican John McCain said Friday the Federal Reserve needs to stop bailing out failed financial institutions.

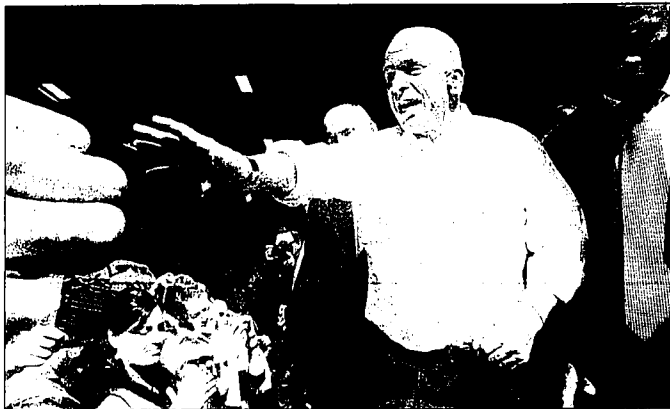
"The Republican presidential hopeful said the Fed should get back to 'its core business of responsibly managing our money supply and inflation' and he laid out several recommendations for stabilizing markets in the financial crisis that has rocked Wall Street and commanded the dialogue in the presidential campaign."

McCain made little mention of the massive proposal being crafted by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson that could amount to a \$1 trillion taxpayer bailout of the mortgage industry. McCain said simply that lenders should put aside partisan differences and "any action should be designed to keep people in their homes and safeguard the life savings of all Americans."

The Fed engineered an \$85 billion takeover of insurance giant AIG this week after seizing control of housing giants Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. McCain said that to help return the U.S. to fiscal solvency, the powerful central bank should instead focus on shoring up the dollar and keeping inflation low.

"A strong dollar will reduce energy and food prices," McCain said to applause from the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce. "It will stimulate sustainable economic growth and get this economy moving again."

In the speech and later at a



Republican presidential candidate, Sen., John McCain, R-Ariz., greets supporters at the conclusion of a campaign rally in Blaine, Minn., Friday afternoon. AP photo

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bolsterous rally in Minnesota. McCain sharply criticized Democratic rival Barack Obama for ties to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and for advocating tax increases McCain said would "turn a recession into a depression."

Obama has said he would raise taxes on people making over \$250,000 a year and would cut taxes on the middle class. McCain restated his claim that Obama had voted to raise taxes on people who make just \$42,000 a year — a claim that has been widely debunked by nonpartisan fact check organizations.

McCain noted the Illinois senator had taken large cam-

paign contributions from both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and that the one-time head of Obama's vice presidential search team, Jim Johnson, had received a \$21 million severance deal after stepping down as Fannie Mae CEO. McCain's campaign released a new television ad Friday hitting Obama for his connection to Johnson.

The Arizona senator neglected to say that some of his closest advisers had ties to or lobbied for the home loan giants.

McCain is correct when he says Obama is the No. 2 recipient of campaign money from employees of

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Obama has collected \$128,349 from those sources, according to a compilation by the Center for Responsive Politics, second only to Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who has received \$165,400. The ranking covers the period since 1999.

In Minnesota, the mention of Johnson's severance deal brought loud chants from thousands of McCain supporters who filled an airport hangar. "Give it back! Give it back!" they shouted.

McCain renewed his call for tighter regulation of financial markets, even though he has generally championed deregulation throughout his career in the Senate and as chairman of the influential Commerce Committee.

He called Securities and Exchange Commission Chris Cox a "good man" but reiterated his view that Cox should

step down or be fired, saying there needed to be greater accountability in Washington.

McCain said as president he would create a Mortgage and Financial Institutions Trust to help homeowners avoid foreclosure. He said he would propose and sign into law changes to prevent financial firms from concealing "bad practices."

Throughout the week, McCain and Obama have tangled over which candidate is better to steer the U.S. out of its financial crisis. One investment giant, Lehman Brothers, collapsed this week and another, Merrill Lynch, was purchased by rival Bank of America for less than half its value.

McCain spokesman Matt McDonald said the campaign was reviewing the Paulson plan and McCain had not yet taken a position on it. "He's supportive that there are steps being taken," he said.

'Left out in the cold' not just a saying, study says

By Denise Celene
Los Angeles Times

Social isolation is often described as "cold and lonely" — but does it actually feel cold?

New research this week says the answer is yes. Just thinking about rejection can make a room feel chillier, according to a report in the journal *Psychological Science*.

The study, conducted by researchers at the University of Toronto, also found that people who felt isolated pre-

ferred warm drinks over cold ones — presumably to make themselves feel better.

The research shows there is a psychological basis behind metaphors linking cold temperatures to feelings of loneliness, despair or sadness, said psychologist and lead author Chen-Bo Zhong.

"Our mind is not independent of our body," he said. "Perceptions we think of as purely cognitive also involve physical perceptions."

The initial experiment involved 65 subjects, divided

into two groups. Half were instructed to think about a time when they felt socially isolated, while remaining participants were told to recall a time when they felt accepted.

When asked to estimate the temperature of the room, people assigned to ruminate about rejection said 71 degrees — about 5 degrees cooler than temperature given by the second group.

In a second experiment, researchers rigged a virtual ball-tossing game so that

some of the 52 players would receive the ball only twice. Afterward, subjects were asked to rate their desire for hot coffee, hot soup, or an iced Coke.

Subjects who had been shut out of the game showed a greater preference for hot liquids than those who were not.

Lawrence E. Williams Jr., an assistant professor of marketing at the University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business who studies temperature and emotion, said the association is believed to

have its roots in infancy when the physical sensation of warmth that comes from being held is connected to being loved. He was not connected to the research.

Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, a psychologist at Ohio State University, who was not involved in the research, said the feeling of cold might be a physiological reaction to stress caused by social isolation. When people become tense or stressed, their peripheral blood vessels contract, cooling the skin, she said.

\$6 billion storm? Ike's economic impact is felt widely

GALESTON, Texas (AP) — Shrimpers and oystermen lost their boats to the muck. Tourist areas on the coast that should be bustling at the start of the convention season are flattened. Lingering power outages are keeping offices empty and restaurants closed from Texas through the Midwest.

It will take months or more to tally Hurricane Ike's financial toll, but one thing is clear. Almost nobody in its path escaped unscathed.

"Every industry has been impacted by this storm," said Jeff Sjostrom, president of the Galveston Economic Development Partnership.

The storm carried hurricane-force winds to north as Kentucky which suffered its widest power outage in history — and driving rain clear into New England. More than 500,000 people remained without power Friday in Kentucky and Ohio; schools in Louisville, Ky., were to close Monday after the closed them for a week.

Risk Management Assessment Inc., which quantifies risks for insur-



A Texas Longhorn roams as area destroyed by Hurricane Ike in Crystal Beach, Texas, on the Bolivar Peninsula, Thursday. AP photo

ance companies, estimated Ike's impact would land in the low end of the \$6 billion to \$16 billion in insured losses that the firm initially predicted.

In Houston, where the booming energy industry has kept the nation's

fourth-largest city economically stable in a nationwide slump, the outlook was downright positive. The city's port survived with minimal damage, and the Gulf of Mexico's oil and gas production barely took a dent.

"I'd rather be in Houston right now than Wall Street," said Leo Linbeck III, a Rice University professor.

Ike washed ashore last weekend near the mouth of Galveston Bay, which produces about 15 million pounds of seafood each year. Shrimpers and oystermen there will practically have to start over. Even those who can salvage their trawlers will have to cope with the carpet of debris he dumped on the floor of the Gulf of Mexico.

Seafood wholesalers were hit hard, too. Ike destroyed the docks owned by Prestige Oysters Inc., one of the biggest harvesters in the Gulf, and laid its shrimp houses off their slabs. Owner Lisa Hallil is wondering what to do with an arriving flock of immigrant fishermen who hold work visas but not jobs.

More than half the oysters sold in the eastern U.S. come from Louisiana and Texas. But Ike killed oyster reefs with waves of shocking saltwater, and officials say Ike's march through Galveston Bay will be catastrophic to an industry that

generates more than \$100 million annually.

"This storm, nobody realizes, has totally wiped out the industry," he said. "You can't buy an oyster rec."

Representatives of Louisiana's \$2.6 billion seafood industry are asking the state's congressional delegation for federal relief. Early estimates indicate the industry sustained up to \$300 million in economic losses to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Cattle ranchers lost entire herds in some Texas counties, and animals not among the 4,000 killed right away may still die from eating the grass or drinking water tainted by salt.

More than 11,000 workers have filed unemployment insurance claims in the wake of Ike, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

The longer it takes to reopen schools and businesses, the greater the risk that Galveston's best workers will be snapped up by other areas.

Insurgents forge formidable fighting force

Afghan war gets tougher for U.S.

By Laura King
Los Angeles Times

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A summer of heavy fighting during which Western military leaders had hoped to seize the initiative from Islamic militants has instead revealed an insurgency capable of employing complex new tactics and fighting across a broad swath of Afghanistan.

Over the last three months, insurgents have exacted the most punishing casualty tolls on Western forces since the Afghan war began nearly seven years ago. Numbers of foreign troops killed have exceeded U.S. military deaths in Iraq.

As Washington prepares to increase troop levels and Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates paid a visit, militants have created a palpable sense of encirclement in Kabul with a series of small but highly symbolic attacks near the capital. They have reaped a propaganda bonanza from accidental killings of civilians by foreign forces and undercut reconstruction efforts by targeting aid workers.

Meanwhile, the vast narcotics empire presided over by the Taliban has continued to flourish, its profits helping to fund a flow of cash and weaponry.

"In all, we feel that things are going very, very well for us," said a Taliban field commander in Kandahar province whose men fought a hit-and-run battle with Canadian and British forces during the summer, the season when fighting is most intense. "And what is more, time is on our side."

Militants have suffered losses of their own. NATO-



An Afghan boy waves as German soldiers pass by atop armored vehicles, on the outskirts of Kunduz, northern Afghanistan, Friday. The German Army has about 3,300 troops serving under NATO-led International Security Assistance Force command in northern Afghanistan.

and U.S.-led forces, which total nearly 65,000 troops, say they have killed hundreds of insurgents over the summer. Dozens of veteran mid-level commanders have been arrested or killed, depriving insurgents of "what could best be described as their bank of institutional expertise," said a U.S. military official.

At the same time, though, militants have demonstrated new strength, sophistication and ambition — particularly in eastern Afghanistan. A roadside blast there Wednesday killed four foreign soldiers and an Afghan. The victims were not identified, but most of the international troops there are Americans.

"When you have six years of combat experience, you

get steadily better," said Anthony Cordesman, a fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Western field commanders readily acknowledge that the Taliban and loosely allied militants learn from failures as well as successes. When Taliban fighters noticed that Western forces were jamming the signals insurgents used to detonate roadside bombs, they switched back to pressure plates that would be set off by the weight of a passing convoy.

Through the careful choice of targets, tactics and technology, the militants appeared to frequently catch Western commanders and their Afghan allies by surprise. They have defied expectations that they would

avoid full assaults on major Western bases.

That has led to some jarring setbacks.

In June, the Taliban orchestrated a spectacular prison break here that sent hundreds of insurgents free. A multi-pronged assault on a remote, just-established U.S. outpost killed nine Americans in July. In August, an ambush killed 10 elite French troops — and set off impassioned debate in yet another NATO country over the efficacy of the Afghan mission.

In large swaths of the countryside, insurgents have been able to intimidate local officials into cooperating, in part because President Hamid Karzai's government is perceived to be corrupt and inefficient.

"Once, people would look to the government for justice," said Abdul Qadoos, a businessman and tribal leader in Kandahar province. "Now they go to the Taliban."

Like their counterparts in Iraq, Western military officials speak in frustration of achieving success in one area, only to see the militants pop up in another. Marines claim credit for choking off an infiltration route from Pakistan in Afghanistan's south over the summer. But during that same period, the east, where longtime insurgency leaders are joined by Islamic militants focused on a global conflict with the West, became a cauldron of violence. U.S. and NATO officials say fighters can move freely across the frontier from Pakistan's tribal

areas there. American forces have stepped up strikes, mostly airborne, against militant targets inside Pakistan. However, military officials and analysts say the insurgents may become less reliant on rear bases in Pakistan because they have been improving their infrastructure inside Afghanistan. For example, they have created large networks of safe houses close to Kabul.

In contrast to the insurgents' freedom of movement, Western forces must expend great effort and large numbers of troops to dominate even a silver of territory. The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, now ending an eight-month deployment in southern Afghanistan, spent nearly its entire tenure taking and holding Garmsir, a small but strategic district in Helmand province.

The unit's commander, Col. Peter Petronzio, expressed confidence that Afghan troops, backed by British forces, would be able to hold that ground. But local officials, and a person familiar with the Marines' own intelligence assessments, suggested the district could slip back into insurgent hands.

"You see that everywhere," said Qadoos, the tribal leader from Kandahar province. "The foreigners come and stay for a week or a month, and then they leave. And a few days later, the Taliban are back."

"And then everyone who cooperated with the foreigners — tribal leaders, any prominent person in the community — is in immediate danger of being killed," he said.

Among the most corrosive issues afflicting Western forces' relations with Afghans and their government is civilian casualties. Groups including Human Rights Watch link large-scale civilian deaths to what they say is an excessive reliance on air power.



North Korea's Deputy Director-General for Ministry of Foreign Affairs Hyun Hak Bong talks upon his arrival at a meeting to work out details of energy assistance to North Korea under a six-nation nuclear deal, at the border village of the Panmunjom, South Korea, Friday. Hyun said North Korea is undertaking "thorough preparations" to restart its nuclear reactor in Yongbyon.

U.S. urges N. Korea not to restart nukes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States on Friday urged North Korea not to continue preparations to restart its nuclear reactor, saying the country must decide whether it wants to have a better relationship with the world or "keep themselves isolated."

North Korea said earlier in the day it was making "thorough preparations" to restart the Yongbyon reactor and accused the United States of failing to fulfill its obligations, adding another hurdle to already stalled international nuclear disarmament negotiations.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters that North Korea has been "getting closer and closer" to the point where it will restart the reactor but has not gotten there yet. "We would urge them not to get to that point," he said.

The North did not say when the reactor might begin operating again. The comments marked the first time the North has confirmed a reversal of steps taken since last year to disable its nuclear program. North Korea is angry over Washington's refusal to quickly remove it

from a U.S. terrorism blacklist.

Asked why the North should deal with the Bush administration since it is in its fifth month, in office, McCormack said, "I don't know who the next president, who the next secretary of state is going to be, but I would wager that they're not going to get a much different deal from the next administration as they're getting from this administration."

He also noted existing U.N. Security Council resolutions "that hold penalties for North Korea should they go down the pathway of, for example, missile testing, for example, further testing of any nuclear devices."

Under a 2007 pact, North Korea pledged to disable its nuclear program as a step toward its eventual dismantlement in exchange for diplomatic concessions and energy aid.

In late June, North Korea submitted a long-delayed declaration of its nuclear activities and destroyed the cooling tower at Yongbyon in a show of its commitment to the nuclear deal. But the accord stalled in mid-August.

Milk taken off shelves as safety scandal grows

By Gillian Wong
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SHIJIAZHUANG, China — China's food safety crisis widened after the industrial chemical melamine was found in milk produced by three of the country's leading dairy companies, prompting stores, including Starbucks, to yank milk from their shelves.

The recalls come as evidence is mounting that adding chemicals to watered-down milk was a widespread practice in China's dairy industry.

The chief financial officer of one of the companies, Mengniu, apologized Friday for the tainted milk. But he insisted only a small portion of the company's inventory had been contaminated and said the tainted milk came from small-scale dairy farmers.

Large-scale milk farms are very, very, very bad," they won't take the risk to do something like that," Yao Tongshan told reporters in Hong Kong.

The crisis was initially thought to have been confined to a handful of milk powder, used to make baby formula that has been blamed in the deaths of four infants and for sickening 6,200 other children.

But tests found melamine in samples of liquid milk taken from only a small portion of two large dairy producers, Mengniu Dairy Group Co. and Yili Industrial Group Co., as well as Shanghai-based Bright Dairy. The chemical, which is used in plastics and fertilizers, can cause kidney stones and lead to kidney failure.

All batches that tested positive were being recalled. China's product safety watchdog said in a report on its Web site, it pledged to "severely punish those who are responsible."

Melamine, which is high in nitrogen, makes products with it appear higher in protein. Suppliers trying to cut costs are believed to have added it to watered-down milk to cover up the resulting protein deficiency.



Two girls drink milk from bottles while waiting to be checked for kidney stones at a children's hospital in Shenzhen, in south China's Guangdong province Wednesday. China has reported four deaths tied to tainted baby formula, at least three of them infants, while the number of sickened babies has risen to 6,244.

A senior dairy analyst said Chinese farmers were cutting corners to cope with rising costs for feed and labor.

"Before the melamine incident, I know they could have been adding organic stuff, say animal urine or skin," said Chen Lianfang of Beijing Orient Agribusiness Consultant Co. "Basically, anything that can boost the protein reading."

But he and others expressed skepticism that so many farmers would know to add melamine to milk. The chemical is not water-soluble and must be mixed with formaldehyde or another chemical before it can be dissolved in milk.

"Farmers can't be well-educated enough to think of melamine," Chen said. "There must be people from chemical companies contacting them and telling them it's a good idea."

The product safety agency and the Health Ministry declined to answer questions Friday about how widespread the practice of adding melamine to milk was believed to be.

"I don't know if this is an industrywide problem, but it is definitely not a single case. It is on a massive scale," said E.R. Hong, an executive of Hui Xian Dairy Ltd., a U.S.-owned dairy farm east of Beijing that has not been accused of supplying tainted milk.

The crisis has raised questions about the effectiveness of tighter controls China promised after a series of food safety scares in recent years over contaminated seafood, toothpaste and a pet food ingredient tainted with melamine that was blamed for the deaths of dogs and cats in the United States. In 2004, more than 200 Chinese infants suffered malnutrition and at least 12 died after being fed phony formula that contained no nutrients.

Reactions to the latest recalls were immediate.

Starbucks Corp. said its 300 cafes in mainland China were pulling all milk supplied by Mengniu, while the Seattle-based company said no employees or customers had fallen ill from

the milk.

Major Hong Kong grocery chains PARKS, SLOP and Wellcome ordered Mengniu liquid milk removed from their shelves Friday, a day after products made by Yili, including milk, yogurt and ice cream, were taken off. Singapore suspended the sale and import of all Chinese milk and dairy products Friday.

Meanwhile, two distributors of Sanlu baby formula, said the company ordered them to pull its products off shelves in early July, weeks before it announced its milk powder was contaminated.

The statements raised further questions about when the company and government knew the formula was contaminated.

Sanlu received complaints as early as March and tests in early August found the milk powder contained melamine.

However, no recall was ordered until Sept. 11, after its New Zealand stakeholder told the New Zealand government, which then informed the Chinese officials.



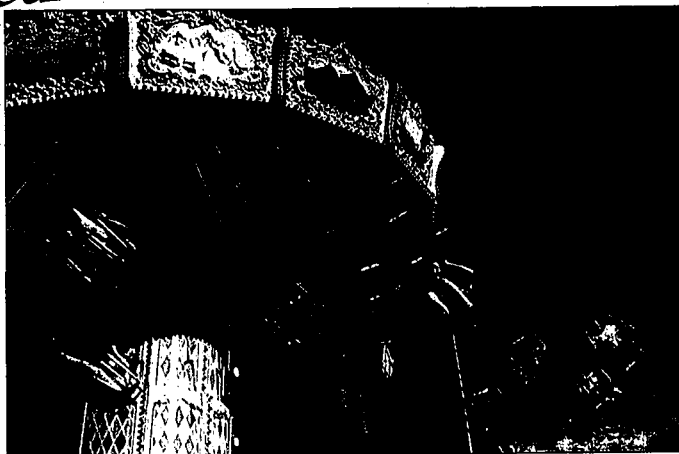
'Spiritual' connections

"...Our goal is not to just have people come and sit isolated in a theater and go home. Whenever we can we want to give them an opportunity to enter into a discussion about it."

— Mary Gervase



'Losing the Elephants' challenges viewers to think about their relationship to the beings around them.



Courtesy Images

Sun Valley film festival has unusual ties to Idaho

By Karen Bossick
Wood River Journal

SUN VALLEY — They say it takes a village. In the case of "Raising Lucy," it was an entire Idaho neighborhood that rallied behind a day-old orphaned gosling as they raised it to a full-grown Canada goose.

But even as they taught it to fly, their new feathered friend taught them a thing or two.

The film is one of several with an Idaho connection that will be shown this weekend at the 4th Annual Sun Valley Film Spiritual Film Festival.

This year's festival features three dozen films designed to uplift the human spirit,

discussions with the filmmakers and presentations by bestselling authors.

"What's fascinating is how many films talk about giving back to the community in one way or another," says executive director Mary Gervase. "Their message is that everyone can make a difference in so many ways."

Gervase viewed more than 350 submissions this year as she and her board whittled the number of films down to 36.

The films tackle a wide range of perspectives, from "The Other Side of the Door" — a raucous humorous look at what it's like for Mormon missionaries sharing their faith — to the funny "If There Were No Lutherans,

'Happiness Is'

Would There Still Be Green Hell-0?

Several films have local connections, including one examining the Winter Feast for the Soul meditation practice, The Community School graduate Lexi duPont's film on the street kids of Cambodia and "Dog Bless You," Charles Annenberg Weingarten's salute to the healing power of pets and the selfless work of animal shelter staff.

Ketchum native Trevor Patzer will unveil the new film about his Little Sisters project, which educates Nepali girls who would otherwise be forced into prostitution or marriage at a young age.

And "Blindsight" follows six Tibetan teenagers who climb 23,000-foot Lhakpa Ri on the north side of Mount Everest with the help of blind mountain climber Erik Weihenmayer, who told of his adventure earlier this year at the Community School.

"We didn't plan that we'd have so many local connections. But I believe things happen for a reason," says Gervase.

The filmmakers of many of the films, including "Raising Lucy," will discuss their films following their showing.

"It's one thing to have films. But our goal is not to just have people come and sit isolated in a theater and go home. Whenever we can we want to give them an opportunity to enter into a discussion about it," says Gervase.

Leaders of St. Thomas and Emmanuel Episcopal

More to do:

Intro to Soul Healing
An introductory Soul Healing Workshop will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Community Library in Ketchum.

The workshop will be led by Alan Chuck, healer of Master Zhi Gang Sha, and Sende Zelig, director of the film "Soul Masters." The workshop focuses on principles discussed in the New York Times best-seller "Soul Wisdom: Practical Soul Treasures to Transform Your Life."

Admission is free for those with passes to the Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival; \$15 for those without a pass.
Information: 720-6327.

Chatting with the filmmakers

A free Coffee with the Filmmakers will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at Zaney's Coffee House, 208 N. River St.

It will be followed by a Filmmakers and Aspiring Filmmakers Social from 5 to 7 p.m. that night in the lounge of the Sun Valley Inn.

See the films

The 4th annual Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival kicked off Friday. Films and lectures continue all day Saturday and all day Sunday.

For a list of film descriptions and times, visit www.svspriritualfilmfestival.org; festival passes are also available here.

Tickets to individual films cost \$8 and tickets to lectures and other special events cost \$15. They may be purchased at the door.

Information: 726-2777 or www.svspriritualfilmfestival.org.

Student creates unique festival pass

A bracelet with the word "illuminate" woven into it will serve as the pass for this year's Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival instead of the typical plastic sleeve passes worn around the neck.

The bracelets were woven by M'Lo Tapang in Cambodia, an organization that supports and rehabilitates Cambodian street children.

The organization came to the attention of Film Festival organizers through The Community School student Lexi duPont, who spent a month working with M'Lo Tapang for her senior project and then made a short film about her experience.

The three-minute film, "Cambodia," will be screened at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Sun Valley Opera House, along with "Wardance," a film about Ugandan children who strive to win a National Music Competition despite the war tearing their country apart.

will talk about how to rediscover compassion in our daily lives at 10 a.m. Saturday at The Liberty Theater. He will join a panel discussion about "The Art of Healing" at noon Saturday at the Sun Valley Opera House.

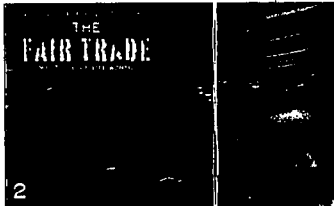
This year's film festival is attracting viewers from as far away as Madison, Wis.

Gervase hopes it one day will grow to become the international spiritual film festival.

"The selection has such depth, insight and variety," says Australian filmmaker Robin Rumsey, who filmed "Two of the Traveler."

Concurrently, the film festival concludes on the first ever International Peace Day. And, the film "Peace One Day" follows the five-year quest of the man who meets with every political leader he can to get the day earmarked.

"It shows the huge impact one person can have given persistence," says Gervase.



"The Fair Trade" recounts the story of an extraterrestrial who contemplates suicide following the death of her fiancé. Instead, she makes a bargain with God that she'll postpone suicide if he gives her a meaningful life.

I LUST, I COVET?

'Protest' calls attention to parishioners' own failings at Lighthouse

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

Last Sunday, drivers on the 900 block of Eastland Drive were probably surprised at what they saw.

Up and down the block, people held signs saying things like "I covet" and "I lust." An odd thing to see in front of a church.

But some parishioners of that church, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, had been in a media spotlight recently for their activities outside the open house of the temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Lighthouse lead pastor Greg Fadness feels those folks were misunderstood. So when a Lighthouse parishioner came to



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See a photo gallery of more images from Lighthouse Christian Fellowship's first service in its new building.

him with an idea for the church to protest itself, he jumped at it.

"We were a bit heart sick over the portrayal of our church in the media as protesting the temple," he said. "Sort of born out of that heartache was the idea that we need to protest ourselves, our own lack of Christlikeness and being what we ought to be as people."

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Jared Arletta of Twin Falls holds up a sign during a demonstration in front of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship before the first regular service marking the transition into the new building on Eastland Drive, on Sunday morning in Twin Falls. The signs with admissions of sin written upon them were part of a progressive narrative, thought up by John Schumacher, as people approached and entered the church.

ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

Where God's will and human action intersect

Here are two statements, both made within the past few months. See if you can guess which one was made by which politician running for national office.

1. "(B)ill) has to be confronted squarely, and one of the things that I strongly believe is that, now, we are not going to, as individuals, be able to erase evil from the world. That is God's task, but we can be soldiers in that process, and we can confront it when we see it."

2. "(R)egarding American troops in Iraq": "... (O)ur national leaders are sending them out on a task that is from God, that's what we have to make sure we are praying for, that there is a plan, and that plan is God's plan."

Which statement was made by Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin, and which was made by Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama?

The correct answer is that Obama made statement No. 1 during the Saddleback Civil Forum on Aug. 16, in a response to a question from Pastor Rick Warren about whether evil exists and how we should deal with it.

Statement No. 2 was made by Palin in a setting that was not all that dissimilar in a sense. She was addressing graduates of a course of ministerial study at Wasilla (Alaska) Assembly of God, the church in which she grew up, in June.

In other words, both statements were made in churches by these politicians addressing the theological question of the intersection of God's will and human action. Both politicians expressed the view that God has something in mind for us to do in order to fulfill God's will on earth. That's a pretty broad and well-accepted point of Christian doctrine. Everyone from Martin Luther King to Jerry Falwell to Pope Benedict could sign on to that.

Now, it's worth noting that Obama and Palin have very different ideas about whether the war in Iraq is a task that God would have us do. Obama has opposed the war from the beginning, while Palin's oldest son is deployed in an Army unit in Iraq, and she clearly is on hand with the view of her running mate, John McCain, that not only is the war the right thing to do, it should be fought until there



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is some kind of victory.

What does this say? Some might be tempted to say that one is right and the other wrong. Ah, but which is right and why? There are plenty of Christians who would say that Obama was right and Palin wrong about Iraq, and vice versa. So all this really says is that Christians can and often do disagree when it comes to interpreting the will of God.

It won't do to characterize Obama as noble because he defined God's task as supporting Darfur and Palin as theocratic because she defined it as the war in Iraq. Likewise, on what religious basis would you call Palin righteous and Obama pusillanimous? Theological disputes are a lousy basis for scoring political points. Palin's quote is mentioned in a *New York Times* story on Sept. 5 about her religious background, which centered on the two churches she and her family have attended in Wasilla. The article was as fair as it went, but it gave out some factual information about what Palin's churches believe without telling us how they compare with others.

Mollie Hemingway of the Web site Get Religion has it right when she wrote that the article was likely to freak out secularists while not fazing evangelicals at all.

"The Lord's Prayer asks that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. There are Christians who would personalize that request to everything from personal conflict to global conflict," she wrote.

Right, and I think the quote does reveal Palin's personal views about the war in Iraq. The real difficulty in personalizing "thy will be done on earth" lies in assuming we know what God's will is, and for my taste, Palin is a little too confident that the war is a "task from God."

But hey, there's that disagreement again.

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Darwin milestone prompts discussions

Vatican, ally defend legitimacy of evolution

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY — A professor at a Vatican-sponsored university expressed dismay Tuesday that some Christian groups reject the theory of evolution — implicitly criticizing the literal interpretation of the Bible.

Further emphasizing the official Catholic stance, a Vatican official restated the Church position that evolution is not incompatible with faith.

Both men spoke at a press conference ahead of a March event aimed at fostering dialogue between religion and science, and appraising evolution 150 years after Charles Darwin's landmark "On the Origin of Species."

The forum is being organized by Rome's prestigious Gregorian Pontifical University, which is highly influential in Vatican circles, and by the University of Notre Dame workshop in November 2009 will focus on the impact of evolutionary theory on other disciplines, the university said.

Popes going back to the mid-20th century have "recognized the scientific value of the theory of biological evolution,"

Gennaro Auletta, who teaches philosophy of science at the Gregorian, told reporters. "Greater understanding and assimilation of such subject matter by clergy and faithful has been hoped for."

"I would like to point out that unfortunately one cannot say that about the faithful of all Christian confessions, as media reports indicate," Auletta said.

Auletta appeared to be referring to stories about fundamentalist churches that maintain a literal interpretation of the Bible, including the belief that the world was created in six days.

Monsignor Gianfranco Ravasi told reporters that:

"One thing is sure. Evolution is not incompatible with faith."

"Creationism from a strictly theological view makes sense, but when it is used in scientific fields it becomes useless," Ravasi said.

Quoting the late Pope John Paul II, Ravasi said that "evolution can no longer be considered a hypothesis."

Pope Benedict XVI warned last week against fundamentalists' literal interpretations of the Bible. The pontiff told a gathering of intellectuals and academics in Paris that the structure of the Bible "excludes by its nature everything that today is known as fundamentalism. In effect, the word of God can never simply be equated with the letter of the text," Benedict said.

Benedict, in a book published last year, praised scientific progress, but cautioned that evolution raises philosophical questions that science alone cannot answer. In the book, he stopped short of endorsing what is known as "intelligent design."

Intelligent design proponents believe that living organisms are so complex they must have been created by a higher force, rather than evolving from more primitive forms.

Vienna Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, an influential cardinal considered close to Benedict, Schoenborn has said he wants to correct what he says is a widespread misconception that the Catholic Church has given biblical endorsement to Darwin's theories.

Associated Press Writer Daniela Petroff contributed to this report.

Anglican clergyman: Church owes Darwin an apology

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press writer

LONDON — The Church of England owes Charles Darwin an apology for its hostile 19th-century reaction to the naturalist's theory of evolution, a cleric wrote on an Anglican Web site launched Monday.

The Rev. Malcolm Brown, who heads the church's public affairs department, issued the statement to mark Darwin's bicentenary and the 150th anniversary of the seminal work "On the Origin of Species," both of which fall next year.

Brown said the Church of England should say it is sorry for misunderstanding him at the time he released his findings, and "by getting our first reaction wrong, encouraging others to misunderstand (Darwin) still."

The Church of England said Brown's statement reflected its position on Darwin but did not constitute an official apology.

The church's stance sets it apart from fundamentalist Christians, who believe evolutionary theory is incompatible with the biblical story of the Earth's creation.

Darwin was born into the Church of England, educated at a church boarding school and trained to become an Anglican priest.

However, his theory that species evolve over generations through a process of natural selection brought him into conflict with the church. The Church of England did not take an official stance against Darwin's theories, but many senior Anglicans reacted with hostility to his ideas, arguing against them at public debates.

At an Oxford University debate in 1860, the bishop of Oxford, Samuel Wilberforce, famously asked scientist Thomas Huxley whether it

was through his grandfather or his grandmother that he claimed to be descended from a monkey. Critics included the rev. John Stevens Henslow and Adam Sedgwick, both scientists who had taught Darwin at Cambridge. Sedgwick wrote that he found some of Darwin's ideas "utterly false and... grievously mischievous."

Brown said that from a modern perspective, it was hard to avoid the thought that the reaction against Darwin was based on what would now be called the "yuck factor" — when he proposed a lineage from apes to humans.

Brown called for a "rapprochement" between Christianity and Darwinism. The bishop of Swindon, Lee Bayfield, who also is an immunologist, said religion and science were not mutually exclusive.

He said he opposed Christians for whom "evolution is equated with atheism" as well as Darwinists who felt ideas about evolution "completely undermine any kind of credibility for God."

"That's completely wrong," he told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "It's a false polarization."

This is not the first time a cleric or a church has been pressed to apologize for past actions. In 1992, Pope John Paul II said the Roman Catholic Church was wrong to condemn astronomer Galileo Galilei for maintaining that the Earth is not the center of the universe.

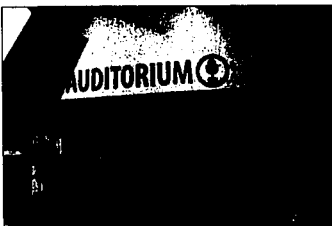
The Church of England said sorry two years ago for its role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Still, a descendant of Darwin's said the Anglicans' latest bout of soul-searching served little purpose.

"Why bother?" the scientists' great-great-grandson Andrew Darwin was quoted as saying by the *Daily Mail* newspaper. "When an apology is made after 200 years, it's not so much to right a wrong, but to make the person or organization making the apology feel better."



Charles Darwin



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Churchgoers enter the new auditorium of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship on Sunday morning. Sunday was the first regular service marking the church's transition into its new building.

Lighthouse

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The signs outside the church, which on Sunday celebrated its first regular service in its new location, confessed sins. Inside the church, another parishioner held a sign: "Who will change us?" And when Fadness got up to preach, he held another: "Jesus."

"Though we are not what we could be or should be, Jesus is our savior," Fadness said. "We don't apologize for the truth, that Jesus is the truth, but we come as people who are sinners ... merely pointing others to the bread of life."

A few parishioners were confused by the "priest," at first thinking that members of the LDS church were holding the signs, but most understood the message.

"In the whole area of evangelism, it's such a sensitive issue. Immediately you're accused of being arrogant: 'How can you have the truth,

Find out more

Lighthouse Christian Fellowship is at 900 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls. Sunday evening services are at 6 p.m. In the building's Grinchhouse Cafe, Sunday morning services in the auditorium are at 10:30 a.m. Information: lighthousecf.org, 737-4861.

That means everybody else is wrong. Jesus is the one that we're pointing to. Fadness said. "I'm sure some people will go, 'It's just a publicity stunt,' but it did affirm to the people of Lighthouse that we come as fallen people to our culture, not as people who know it all."

Fadness estimated that the auditorium, which seats 1,000 to 1,100 people, was about 85 percent full Sunday. Typical services are smaller, but the church continues to grow, he said, and the new building should serve the congregation for years to come.

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Richard A. Victor

ROSSMOOR, Calif. — Our beloved friend, grandfather, uncle, friend and companion, Richard A. "Dick" Victor, 82, passed away Friday, Sept. 12, 2008, after a lengthy illness.



Dick was born April 27, 1926, in Twin Falls, to Albert C. and Helen Beal Bond Victor. He grew up in Twin Falls, attending schools there until enlisting in the Navy at 17. After the war, Dick completed his electrical engineering degree at the University of Nevada, Reno. He met his sweetheart, Marilou Gierman, at UNR, and they married in 1948. Dick's first engineering job was with Westinghouse; he then took a job at the Livermore Radiation Lab, where he spent more than 30 years. Dick and Marilou had their "starter" home in Danville and spent 47 wonderful years with Marilou on Turin Circle. In 2006, Dick moved to Rossmoor, enjoying his new

condo. The past five years have brought longtime childhood friend, Marian Lemke, into his life as a dear companion.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Helen Bond Walker and Becky Victor Rinnbarger; and wife, Marilou. He is survived by companion, Marian Lemke; daughter, Linda Moore; "favorite granddaughter," Raelene Moore; "favorite grandson," Matt Moore; family, Doug Moore, Tim Lemke and Evan Lemke; and nieces and nephews, Marilee (Larry) Thomas, Rick (Karen) Rinnbarger, Mike (Mo) Rinnbarger, Cyndie (Mark) Koffer and Fred (Pat) Walker; several great-nieces and nephews; all his "adopted" sons, daughters, grandkids, and his dear friends.

A Celebration of Dick's life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. 12th Ave., Danville, Calif. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Mountain View Cemetery, 435 Stoker Ave. in Reno, Nev.

Isidoro Martinez Perez

Isidoro Martinez Perez, 57, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, at Novato Vista Hospital in Las Vegas, Nev.



Isidoro was born April 4, 1951, at Tzucatan, Puebla, Mexico, to Jacinto and Teodora Martinez. He was married to Elena Aguilar and they had four boys. In 1976, he came to Jackpot, Nev., and went to work for Barton's Club 93 until 1992. He then moved to Primm Valley, Nev., where he worked at Whiskey Pete's.

He is survived by his mother, Teodora Perez; wife, four sons, Rosario (Salud) Martinez of Beaver Dam,

Arizona, Javier (Melissa) Martinez of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jimmy (Sandra) Martinez and Jacinto Martinez of Jackpot, Nevada; seven grandchildren, Kyle, Isiah, Rosario Jr., Sophia, Jaime, Luz Elena and Angel; two brothers; five sisters; and many friends. His dear friends in Primm, Nev., Walter Lara, Maria Rivera, Angel Moray and many, many friends and family in Las Vegas will also celebrate his life with us.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Father Camillo Garcia will officiate. Burial will follow at the Filer Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Begle Elsie Hatmaker of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

Little Mae Newcomb of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert United Methodist Church; visitation one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Chapel).

Mary T. Eldredge of Carey, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. today at the Carey Cemetery in Carey (Wood River Chapel of Halsey).

Shirley Mae Fisher of Heyburn, service at 2 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation after the service at 1630 18th St. in Heyburn.

Ted Lewis Johnson of Twin Falls, remembrance gathering from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Garibaldi's Restaurant, 645 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Kirk "Corky" Lu Voeltzel of Gooding, graveside memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Rafaela Medina Torrez of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1801 Oakley Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m., with vigil service at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Jerry J. Ward, graveside service Tuesday in Prairie City, Ore. (Driskill Memorial Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Irene L. Holland

BURLEY — Irene Lucella Holland, 86, of Burley, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, at Rosetta Assisted Living in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Halsey; visitation one hour before the service.

Charles K. Hranac

Charles Kenneth Hranac,

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Rescue shuttle sits at launch pad for Hubble trip

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — In an unprecedented step, a space shuttle was moved to the launch pad Friday for a trip NASA hopes it will never make — a rescue mission.

The shuttle Endeavour is on standby in case the seven astronauts who go up on Atlantis next month need a safer ride home.

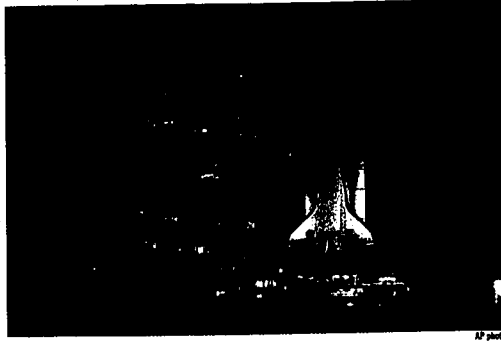
Atlantis and its crew are headed into space for one last repair job on the 18-year-old Hubble Space Telescope. It's a venture that was canceled when first proposed a few years ago because it was considered too dangerous.

The risk is this: If Atlantis suffers serious damage during launch or in flight, the astronauts will not be at the international space station, where they could take refuge for weeks while awaiting a ride home. They would be stranded on their spacecraft at the Hubble, where NASA estimates they could stay alive for 25 days. Air would be the first to go.

Endeavour and four more astronauts would need to blast off on a rescue flight as soon as NASA determined Atlantis was too damaged to fly home.

On Friday, Endeavour was parked at its launch pad, a mile from where Atlantis is tentatively set to lift off on Oct. 10.

It is the first time since 2001 — when flights were more closely spaced — that



Space shuttle Endeavour stands ready after arriving at pad 39B at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Friday. Just a short distance away on pad 39A, technicians continue to prepare space shuttle Atlantis for its planned Oct. 10 launch to service the Hubble Space Telescope.

Mission rescue

NASA will use a space-craft Endeavour to fix up seven damaged if Atlantis suffers inoperable damage, after launch on Oct. 10.

Rescue maneuvers
Endeavour uses a robot arm to grab the damaged shuttle



Atlantis astronauts put on space suits and foot over to Endeavour in the course of three space walks

both of NASA's shuttle pads have been occupied. And it will probably be the last time the Atlantis astronauts say there's a slim chance any rescue will be needed, and they say they would fly to Hubble even if there were no such backup plan.

Scott Altman, Atlantis' commander, said it may seem like overkill, but having a rescue ship on the pad is the right thing to do.

"It's kind of a belt-and-suspenders approach. But if you need the belt after your suspenders fail, you would be glad you had it," said Altman, a retired Navy captain and former fighter pilot.

On top of the usual launch and landing dangers, the Atlantis crew faces an estimated 1-in-185 chance that a piece of space junk or a micrometeoroid will cause catastrophic damage to their ship. Those are greater odds than for a typical shuttle flight because of Hubble's extremely high and debris-littered orbit.

Before reaching Hubble and again after leaving it, the Atlantis astronauts will inspect their spacecraft for signs of damage, just as crews always do while in orbit.

Ever since space shuttles resumed flying following the 2003 Columbia tragedy that killed seven astronauts, Endeavour could lift off within six days.

In case of irreparable damage. But all those missions have been to the space station, where astronauts could camp out for two months.

The Hubble mission offers no such safe haven. That's why the Hubble repair mission was canceled in 2004; NASA's boss at the time deemed it too dangerous.

A new NASA regime revealed that decision, once space shuttles were flying safely again and repair methods became available to orbiting astronauts. The caveat was that another shuttle be ready to launch all prepped and ready to fly — something never before attempted.

NASA took similar steps in 1973 during its first space station program, Skylab. But a rescue was never needed.

Once Atlantis is aloft, "If it even begins to smell" like a rescue might be needed, final preparations for Endeavour will begin, said launch director Mike Leimbach. He said Endeavour could lift off within six days.

James Crumley inspired generation of crime writers

The Washington Post

James Crumley, 68, whose poetic and violent tales of crime in the American West made him a patron saint of the post-Vietnam private eye novel, died of complications from kidney and pulmonary diseases Sept. 16 at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, Mont., where he lived.

Crumley published 11 books, the best-known of which was "The Last Good Kiss" (1978), whose opening line has been widely called the best in crime fiction: "When I finally caught up with Abraham Traubearme, he was drinking beer with an alcoholic bulldog named Fireball Roberts in a ramshackle joint just outside of Sonora, California, drinking the heart right out of a fine spring afternoon."

This line, he said, took him eight years to write. But it, and the book, proved influential to a generation of crime novelists, including George Pelecanos, Dennis Lehane and Michael Connelly.

"If you asked us to name one book that got us jacked up to write crime novels, it would be 'The Last Good Kiss,'" Pelecanos said this week. "He tried to describe the cowboy in the wake of Vietnam. It wasn't a detective novel, it wasn't a cop novel. He showed us a crime novel could be about something bigger than the mystery itself."

Crumley's books, starting with 1969's "One to Count Cadence," were compelling studies of the gratuitous violence in men, and he had a faultless ear for filthy speech," reviewer David Dempsey said in The New York Times.

"You don't read Crumley for plot," Patrick Anderson

wrote in a Washington Post review. "You read him for his outlaw attitude, his rough poetry and his scenes, parables, sermons, moments. You read him for the lawyer with a smile as innocent as the first martyr."

Crumley explored danger, heartache, the dark streets and twisted highways in his highly built-up work shot through with drugs and alcohol. He wrote in the tradition of Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett but added "an angry new edge, producing outlandish fiction with wit and roil best," Anderson wrote.

So influential was he that the detective "Crumley" in a Ray Bradbury trilogy of mystery novels was named for him. In turn, Crumley named many of his characters after friends and acquaintances in the old railroad and timber town-turned-university burg where he lived. His softball team, the Montana Redwings, he took to the field in fiction, as did the slightly disguised name of a local lawyer as one of his recurring characters, Milo Milodragovich. His most famous book's title was borrowed from a line in Richard Hugo poem "Degrees of Gray in Philipsburg": "You might come here Sunday on a whim." Say your life broke down. The last good kiss you had was years ago.

A larger-than-life character who was a habitué of the Missoula dive bar Charlie B's, Crumley bore a resemblance to the actor Wilford Brimley and had an old-fashioned sense of manners. He once said he did his best writing while standing at a kitchen counter, as communion surrounded him.

Politicians ask Bush to review denied Medal of Honor

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A California congressional delegation asked President Bush on Friday to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to a Marine who was killed in the Vietnam War, the second-highest medal the Navy can bestow for valor.

The delegation, spearheaded by Rep. Duncan Hunter, sent a letter asking for a review of the case of Sgt. Rafael Peralta, who witnesses say covered a grenade with his body to save comrades on Nov. 15, 2004, during fighting in Fallujah, Iraq. Already wounded by gunfire, he died immediately.

A copy of the letter given to The Associated Press was signed by a bipartisan group of five other representatives and Sens. Dennis Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. It urges Bush to award the nation's highest honor, the same medal he gave to Marine Cpl. Jason L. Dunham, who was killed in 2004 after covering a grenade with his helmet.

"Intentionally absorbing a grenade in the line of duty, one's comrades in arms has been traditionally recognized by awarding the Medal of Honor. The sacrifice of Sergeant Peralta manifests the same devotion to one's comrades and country as that displayed by Jason Dunham," the letter said.

The White House had no immediate comment Friday.

The bipartisan delegation formed after Peralta's mother said publicly this week that she was told her son would be awarded the Navy Cross, rather than the

Medal of Honor, because the nomination was tainted by reports he was accidentally shot by a fellow Marine shortly before an insurgent lobbed a grenade.

"It's difficult as a mother to lose your son, but it's good that people are remembering him. He was a person who gave everything and took nothing," Rosa Peralta said after the AP inquiry into the congressional effort.

"I'm very pleased to hear this news; we wanted justice," she said. Bush singled out the Marine's actions in a 2005 Memorial Day speech, saying Peralta "understood that America faces dangerous enemies, and he knew the sacrifices required to defeat them."

The question of whether to award Peralta's medal centers on whether the mortally wounded Marine, who had been shot in the head and upper body during a house-to-house search, could have been awarded and covered it with his body.

The initial recommendation that he receive the Medal of Honor went through reviews by the Marine Corps, U.S. Central Command and the Department of the Navy and, ultimately, Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

After all the evidence was scrutinized, officials determined the nomination did not meet the standard necessary to support the Medal of Honor, said Capt. Beil Brenton, spokeswoman for Navy Secretary Donald Winter.

No excuses, no backing down

Burley man's life a study in perseverance

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

A few miles south of Burley lives an older couple who have seen and survived enough obstacles to qualify them for a big blue ribbon — not that they would need it to pull through.

David Hariston was born Bobby Joe Simpson in Shawnee, Okla., the second oldest of four children. Their parents abandoned them when Hariston was five years old, and his early memories are of canvassing the neighborhood for food.

The Simpson children were later taken to an orphanage and adopted by separate families. Bobby Joe was adopted by Christine and Granville Hariston and renamed. The Haristons needed him to watch their mentally challenged son and to help on the farm.

Those were unhappy times, with a few exceptions.

He liked the brush arbor church services in Timber Hill, Okla., led by traveling preachers. He was just a kid back in the 1930s, just old enough to remember the main entertainment was the fighting going on outside the arbor.

"Boy, it would get western," he said with a shake of his head. "Those drunkards come in. The fights would start. The preachers were trying to preach. Oh, it was wild."

Much later, World War II barracks were moved in for the services, and they had double doors on the front.

"They would ride side by side right through those doors on their horses," Hariston said.

"I think it was sort of lack of reason," Hariston's wife Betty interjected. "After 10 years of farming, David joined the army. He served four years, three in the European Theater in the WWII occupation forces in Germany."

"Those people didn't have anything," he recalls. "People there didn't trust anybody. I think the German people felt guilty. And they'd had enough war."

He remembers seeing tractors bull-



David Hariston is an 80-year-old cowboy who served his country during WWII. He holds his U.S. Army photo.

dozing paths through the rubble left by bombing. Children hung around the soldiers to pick up cigarette butts to take home to their fathers.

At the end of his four-year hitch, he married Betty in 1950 and bought a place in Oklahoma.

"I had a good friend who said with my line of work I ought to come out here, so we loaded up one day and came out," David said. "I got a job over here at Murtagh. Where I come from you couldn't hardly make a living unless you lived in town, and I didn't like that."

Then came another surprise. One of his two birth sisters contacted him. For about 30 years, the Haristons followed David's work as a cowboy. They lived in Idaho, Oklahoma, California pens and trailed cattle.

Granddaughter Audra Lloyd thinks her grandfather is amazing.

"He lived his life as a nomadic cow-

boy. Some of the time my grandma was hired as the cook by the same outfit," Lloyd said.

During this time two of David's siblings learned that the college at Stillwell, Okla. had a computer that would do a people search, and they found him in Idaho.

"He brought a lot of baggage with him to the marriage. When you're abandoned," Betty said. "These folks, (his adoptive parents) was something else. He was meek and mild, but she was work, work, work. You didn't work, you didn't eat. But we kept in touch with them over the years."

Hariston worked in the cattle business all his life. Like most cowboys, he says he has broken many bones training horses.

Despite working in a low-wage occupation, the Haristons saved their money. David was promoted to cow

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Answers about passing on the right, funeral processions

Q: Rural Idaho has plenty of two-lane state highways. When someone is stopped to turn left and I am coming behind them, is it legal to pass them on the right?

A: Yes, as long as there are sufficient lanes (two or more) to pass on the right when another vehicle is turning left. What that means is that if you would have to drive off the road to pass then you are not allowed to pass. The other key of this code (Idaho Code 49-633) is that you must also be able to pass safely. If at an intersection I would advise not passing on the right because if the vehicle was to decide to turn right you could be at fault.

Q: I live in a small town where I frequently encounter funeral processions going from the mortuary to the cemetery. What is the motorist's protocol when he or she sees this slow-moving line of cars?

A: Idaho law says that everybody, including pedestrians, must yield the right of way to funeral processions even if they have the green light.

Drivers are also not to drive in between a funeral procession unless authorized by a police officer directing traffic. Joining in a funeral procession to get the right of way is also illegal.

Some things to remember for the procession are that the lead vehicle (usually the hearse) must have a flashing red light on it that is visible for at least 500 feet in normal daytime conditions. The first and last vehicles in the procession need to have their emergency lights flashing as well.

A violation of any of these laws is a misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$100. That also means that you could get arrested if you violated any of the funeral procession laws.



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9. You want a job where everybody likes you.

8. The words "Born to Kill" are tattooed on your forehead.

7. You failed out of mercenary college and law enforcement's your fallback.

6. Your psychological profile contains the phrase, "Prone to explosive bouts of rage triggered by mild stress."

5. You get carsick.

4. The last time you exercised was during Reagan's second term.

3. You think most criminals are just "misunderstood."

2. Two words: hyperactive bladder.

1. You want to be rich someday.

Officer down

Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers.

Officer Grant Jansen, St. Charles Police, Missouri

Officer Spree Desha, Los Angeles Police

Sergeant Michael C. Weigand Jr., Laitmore Town Police, Pennsylvania

Dan Bristol is a Heyburn Police Sergeant Detective.

Upgrades to absentee voting benefit service members

Ohio and Minnesota have launched their own Web-based voter registration services in an effort to increase the number of overseas citizens and service members who vote.

Alabama soon will follow suit. The states run their own sites using an application developed by the non-profit, non-partisan Over-Seas Vote Foundation and use the foundation's server servers.

The sites are: <https://ohio.oversavote-foundation.org> and <https://minnesota.oversavote-foundation.org>. The states answer help-desk

VETERANS CORNER George Schwindeman

questions from voters coming through the sites.

This does not mean all voters can register online, although Minnesota does allow scanned mailed applications. Each state determines its own requirements and regulations for voter registration and casting ballots.

"The foundation would love to develop electronic voter registration," said

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Rupert holds POW/MIA event

Recognition Day will be held at the Rupert Square 4 p.m. today. The program, sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Veterans Organization will feature local prisoners of war including Larry Chesley and a patriotic program.

Idaho Youth Ranch holds open house

The Idaho Youth Ranch in Rupert is hoping to change the lives of children in Idaho who are victims of abuse, neglect and other adverse experiences through a new family-based program that will be unveiled at an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 27 at the ranch located just outside of Rupert at 1274 N. 400 E. St.

The public is invited to attend and partake in a free lunch, live music and self-guided tours of the ranch facility. Please RSVP to 532-4117 or e-mail kemp-ton@youthranch.org.



Courtesy photo

The Kiwanis of Rupert presented a check recently in the amount of \$500 to Jan Dean, director of Kids First Day Care in Rupert. Sixty children currently enrolled at the center, which has six employees, two of which are teachers in its preschool program. Kiwanis of Rupert is a civic organization that focuses primarily on the needs of children. It raises approximately \$12,000 annually, all of which is donated back to area communities. Pictured from left, Joel Rogers (Minidoka Memorial Hospital), Jan Dean (Kids First Day Care), and Diane Newman (Best Western Rupert Inn and Convention Center).

Free dyslexia presentation planned

Susan Barton, one of America's leading dyslexia experts, and founder of Bright Solutions for Dyslexia, will give a free

presentation on the symptoms and solutions for dyslexia.

The presentation will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Declo High School Auditorium, 505 E. Main St., Declo.

Educators, parents and other professionals are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged. To sign up online go to www.declo.eventbrite.com or call Kimberly Otley at 312-2077.

M-C Crop Walk nears

The Annual Mini-Cassia Crop Walk will be held at 10:15 a.m. Sept. 27 at Riverside Park.

Participants are encouraged to walk, make a donation, or both. Lunch will be provided after the walk. Information: Viola Bloch 678-2953.

Minico cheerleaders holds cheer camp

The Minico Spartan cheerleaders will host their mini-cheer camp Sept. 27 at the Minico High School main gym.

Ages pre-kindergarten through third grade will be from 9 to 12 a.m.; Grades 4-6 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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One in 4,000 affected by retina disease that gets worse with age

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 31-year-old son has retinitis pigmentosa. His sight has been decreasing little by little. We know it is an incurable disease. Has science made any inroads into this? Is there a place in the United States or Europe where they are doing any trials? Do you have any suggestions, other than vitamin A, on how to prolong his



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vision? DEAR READER: Retinitis pigmentosa is an eye disease

that causes damage to the retina, a nervous-tissue membrane that receives images of outer objects, carrying signals to the brain via the optic nerve. This relatively uncommon condition can be caused by numerous genetic defects and tends to run in families. In fact, the Ocular Molecular Genetics Institute's seminar at Harvard Medical School has

recognized more than 45 genes for this condition. These genes account for about 60 percent of all patients, with the remaining 40 percent unidentified at this time. It affects about one in every 4,000 people in the United States.

Common symptoms most often appear during childhood; however, severe visual difficulties develop in early

adulthood. They include diminished vision apparent at night or in darkness. As the disease progresses, loss of peripheral vision will follow. Advanced cases will progress to a loss of central vision. Cataracts are common at an early age. The condition may lead to partial blindness, but complete loss of sight is uncommon.

Research is ongoing for

microchip implants placed inside the retina during the early stages of the disease. Nutritional intervention, to include vitamin A palmitate, an antioxidant and fish rich in omega-3 oil, appears to slow the progression of the disease in many patients.

With this in mind, Harvard or a similar large medical

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity from Minidoka County 5th District Court includes:

Felony sentences
Harley David Cooney, 46, possession of controlled substance, 4 counts, \$92.50 costs, \$100 restitution, 3 years probation, 2.7 years presentence, 2.7 years presentence suspended; probation violation 2 counts, retained jurisdiction; probation violation, guilty.

Nestor Juarez, 26, second degree kidnapping, \$1,000 fine, \$99.50 costs, \$5,000 restitution, 8 years probation, 10.15 years presentence; probation violation, guilty, 246 days time credited.

Joe G. Rocha Jr., 20, possession of controlled substance, \$110.50 costs, \$100 restitution, 3 years probation, 227 days time credited; possession of controlled substance, misdemeanor, dismissed by court; possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed by court.

Misdemeanor sentences
Enmanuel Salvador Diaz Gonzalez, 29, possession of controlled substance, \$100 fine, \$432.50 costs, \$100.17 restitution, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 89 suspended, 1 day time credited; IPV probation violation, guilty, 4 days time credited, to serve on balance of suspended jail time, credit for 2 days previously served; failure to carry liability insurance, dismissed by court.

Enido P. Trujillo, 33, drivers license violation, \$38.22 costs, 2 days jail, 2 days time credited; contempt of court criminal, dismissed by court; Francisco Arrendondo Juarez, 23, aggravated battery use of deadly weapon/felony amended to battery misdemeanor, \$1,000 fine, \$700 suspended, \$225.50 costs, \$3,329.39 restitution, 36 months probation, 180 days jail, 120 suspended, 60 days time credited; malicious injury to property, 365 days jail, 305 suspended, 60 days time credited; 2 days McWork in lieu of 1 day jail.

Sylvia R. Arrendondo, 45, driving without privileges amended to drivers license violation, \$68.50 fine, \$110.50 costs, 6 months probation, contempt of court, dismissed by prosecutor.

Guillermo Gaytan Maciel, 27, driving without privileges, \$200 fine, \$90.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 28 days suspended, 2 days other time, 1 day time credited, 2 days McWork in lieu of 1 day jail.

Austin James Souza, 21, driving under the influence amended to inattentive/careless driving, \$300 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 89 suspended, 1 day time credited, 20 days McWork ordered and suspended; resisting or obstructing officers, dismissed by prosecutor.

Kelly Granillo, 50, driving without privileges amended to drivers license violation, \$68.50 fine, \$75.50 costs, providing false information to an officer, dismissed by prosecutor.

John William Bunting, 34, inattentive/careless driving, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.

Mano S. Ibarra Olivas, 38, driving without privileges, \$200 fine, \$125.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 28 days suspended, 2 days other time, 1 day time credited, 2 days McWork in lieu of 1 day jail; failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed by prosecutor; failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, dismissed by prosecutor.

Ubaldo Macias Ortiz, 30, driver's license violation, \$200 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 30 days suspended, 1 day time credited; failure to purchase/invalid drivers license, \$68.50 fine, \$75.50 costs, \$110.50 costs, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 28 days suspended, 2 days other time, 1 day time credited; Francisco Arrendondo Juarez, 23, obstructing the peace, \$200 fine, \$110.50 costs, 12 months probation, 180 days suspended jail; Luis Martinez-Rosas, 39, drivers license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs, \$20 fine, 28 suspended; Lorenzo Rodriguez-Huarte, 28, drivers license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.

chase/invalid drivers license, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.

Misdemeanor dismissals
Harley David Cooney, 46, possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed by prosecutor; driving without privileges, dismissed by prosecutor.

Shanna Kathryn Wilkinson, 31, drivers license violation, dismissed by court. Robert Lyn Wigley, 45, vehicles, equipment prohibited on property, dismissed by court.

Driving under the influence sentences

Laurence Lep Masley, 62, driving under the influence amended to driving under the influence, excessive, \$300 fine, \$140.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, 2 days time credited. Robert Thomas Winkland, 56, driving under the influence, plea of guilty, disposition withheld; open container of alcohol, dismissed by court. Luis Martinez-Rosas, 39, driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$90.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, if returns to U.S. illegally, then suspended time to be imposed.

Divorces filed

Adrian Martinez vs. Rosalinda Martinez

Veterans

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Susan Dzieduszycka-Sulnat, president and CEO, "but right now this system goes as far as the states go."

For now the site helps streamline the registration process and takes the burden of developing and hosting voter Web sites off states, she said.

The foundation's site, <http://www.coverseaservicefoundation.org>, is seeing more questions from the military than ever before, Dzieduszycka-Sulnat said.

No price hike on VA prescriptions

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced that it will not increase the co-payment required of some veterans seeking to fill prescriptions at VA pharmacies.

The fee will remain \$8 for a 30-day supply, with an annual cap on out-of-pocket expenses of \$960. Under the formula for determining the fee, the charge came out to \$8.52 per prescription, but the law governing fee increases requires rounding down to the nearest dollar.

The Bush administration has been trying to get the fee increased, but Congress has resisted. A compromise might be possible under which the fee would go up only if the VA agrees to fill prescriptions

written by non-VA doctors, which would be a major expansion of the benefit.

New treatment may fade scars

Sometimes it's cool to show off a good battle scar, but the scar tissue itself can interfere with feeling.

A biotech company could reduce scarring by regenerating new tissue. First String Research, part of the Medical University of Southern Carolina, said the gel heals wounds faster by using a bioengineered peptide, based on a naturally occurring peptide, to improve cell communication.

"This peptide has tremendous potential in all body situations that involve healing because it regulates and modifies intercellular communication at the site of the wound," Robert Gourdine, a professor of cell biology at the university, said in a company statement.

The peptide was created in Gourdine's lab. A clinical trial in Switzerland, funded by Swiss investors, will look at how different dosages of the gel affect deep wounds.

The Office of Naval Research has expressed interest in research to treat injured troops. First String Research officials said.

No excuses

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boss in the 1960s, and later to cattle supervisor. They made a practice of keeping a home, even though the cattle owners supplied a home and utilities.

"First place I bought, we lived in it five years and then sold it for more than I give for it," David said. "I bought another one over in Parma — a pretty nice

one. I kept it in a trailer park for 15 years. Later we bought a house in Oklahoma and fixed it up. We done real well re-selling it."

After years of moving, they bought their current residence south of Burley. They've worked together to produce a lush lawn and well-furnished home.

The Tharstons just celebrated David's

80th birthday with a party hosted by granddaughter Lloyd. Their two children, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren came to offer their best wishes.

Betty said that when they faced adversity, they did it together in prayer. They found their faith kept them strong. They never let themselves give in.

Community

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Registration will start one-half hour before the classes. Cost is \$10 or \$15 with a T-shirt. The price includes a snack.

Learn chants, a dance and stunts. The cheerleaders and mini-cheer camp students will perform at the Minico Spartan junior football game on Sept. 30 against Preston. Information: Nikkole Raff, 670-3813.

Burley Senior Center plans dance Friday

Dance to old western music, visit, play cards or scrabble from 7 to 10 p.m. Stop in at the Burley Senior Citizen's Center, 2421 Overland Ave.

Dr. Gott

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school might be a good starting place to determine whether your son can enter a program. Speak with your son's primary-care physician to determine the best source for your needs.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 75-year-old female and had pain under my left breast. I had lots of tests, bought expensive bras and had X-rays, all without relief of my pain.

I went to a chiropractor to have my lower back adjusted. When I mentioned the pain, he indicated the back is not just opposite where the pain occurs. He adjusted it, and within minutes, the pain was gone. What a relief! When it gets to bothering me, I go back to the chiropractor.

DEAR READER: I commend your chiropractor. If you presented in my office with your complaint, I must admit I probably would not have started with the back as a cause. After listening to

The cost for the event is \$5 per person.

Referrals will be provided but you may also bring your own.

Preservation group will meet in Rupert

A Rupert Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 upstairs in the City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

BJ Duplicate Bridge winners announced

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of play for Sept. 9.

North-South winners were:

1. Joe Blackford and Edna

Pleson, 2. Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie, 3. Barbara Carney and Janice Merrigan, 4. Bill Goodman and Chuck Hunter.

In East-West play, the winners were: 1. Warren and Faun McIntire, 2. George and Nancy Gibson, 3. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 4. Dot Creason and Elise Helms.

Sept. 16 winners were also announced:

North-south winners were: 1. Joe Blackford and Edna Pleson, 2. Margarite Manning and Billie Park, 3. George and Nancy Gibson, 4. Bill Goodman and Chuck Hunter.

In East-West play, the winners were: 1. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 2. Jane Keicher and Donna Moore.

what initiated the pain. I might have recommended a trial of an over-the-counter medication such as ibuprofen, the use of a heating pad, or a topical cream. Without question, I would determine the date of your last mammogram and order one if the timing were right. I then might recommend a visit to a pulmonologist to determine the status of your lungs and the surrounding muscles. You found the answer to your problem. Congratulations!

To give you related information, I am sending you a

copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped, No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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3. Warren and Faun McIntire, 4. Warren and Faun McIntire. Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information: Steve Sims at 678-3997 or Vera Hall at 436-4163.

CSI M-C offering Movie Maker course

The College of Southern

Idaho Mini-Cassia Enrichment program announces a Windows Movie Maker course from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 29 to Oct. 27.

Students can shoot photos with a digital or a video camera and download and edit them into windows media video (.wmv) files.

Instructor Rita Nae

Anderson worked in production design on music videos and feature films in California. She will guide students through the process of choosing photos or video then editing, adding music and narration. Students can bring a laptop to work on their projects or use computers in the lab. The cost is \$40.

Information: 678-1400.

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Ryan Howe

A little about me

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I cover sports for the Mini-Cassia area. My game stories, in-depth features and columns appear daily in the Times-News. I have lived in Mini-Cassia for two years.

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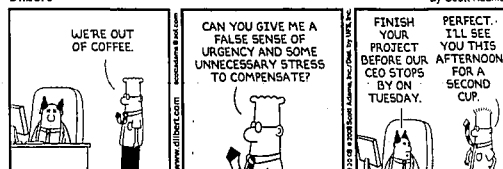
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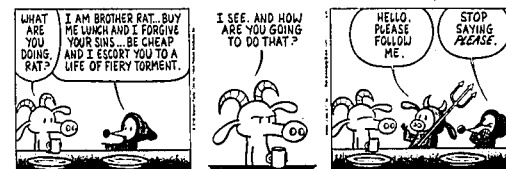
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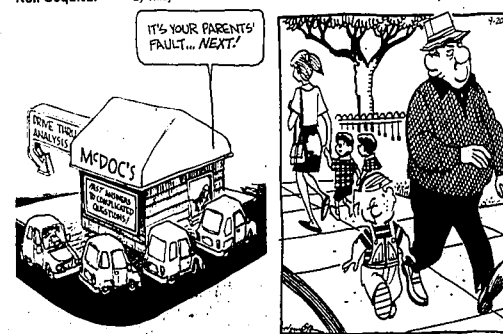


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Eight Iraqis said to have died in U.S. raid

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. forces acknowledged killing three women Friday during a raid on a suspected insurgent house north of Baghdad, but Iraqis said eight people died — all members of a family with no ties to the violence in their country. The incident is likely to heighten Iraqi demands that U.S. forces be subject to Iraqi prosecution for alleged crimes or mistakes that harm civilians. The demand has emerged as the key issue blocking agreement on a plan that would govern activities of American forces in Iraq after Dec. 31, 2008. Immunity has been a hot-button issue since September 2007, when

17 Iraqis were killed by guards working for Blackwater Worldwide, the North Carolina company that protects State Department employees. Although Blackwater guards are not military, many Iraqis said the incident underscored the need to hold Americans liable for behavior that harms innocent Iraqis. A U.S. military statement said the shootings Friday occurred in Ad Dawr, about 70 miles northwest of Baghdad as American forces pursued a suspected member of al-Qaida in Iraq. The man was believed to operate a network responsible for suicide bombings and to have been an associate of the insurgent group's emir in a neighboring province.

After arriving at the suspect's house, soldiers circled the building and called on occupants to surrender, the statement said. After about an hour, "an armed man appeared in the doorway." He was shot dead and later determined to be the suspected insurgent, according to the statement. Helicopters called in to support the ground troops killed three other "terrorist suspects," and three women also were killed, the military said. Iraqis gave a different account. An Iraqi police official in Al Dawr said three women and five men, all members of the family of Ali Hassan Ali, were killed during a 2 a.m. raid.



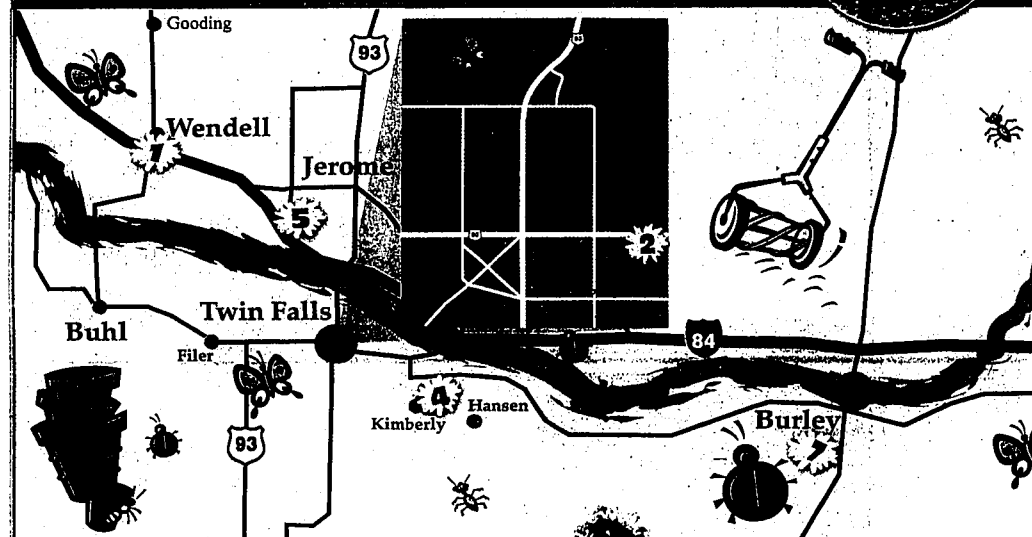
Men stand by the lifeless bodies of people killed in an overnight raid in the town of Adwar, near Samarra, Iraq, Friday.

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Boise State faces formidable foe in No. 17 Oregon

By Dustin Lapray

Times-News correspondent

EUGENE, Ore. — The Oregon offense is an absolute powerhouse. The Ducks' defense is fast and full of all-star talent. The venue is heralded as the loudest in college football. Boise State (2-0) will learn today if all that can possibly be overcome.

Oregon (3-0) isn't going to line up five wide receivers in the shotgun for 60 plays and throw it around, although they do average about 240 yards per game through the air. Mostly though, the Ducks will pound their spread option straight down the Broncos' throats.



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"They're (without) a passing quarterback right now, so we know they're going to try to run," safety Ellis Powers said. "For them to beat us, we're going to try to make them throw the ball."

With quarterbacks Nate Costa and Justin Roper out with injury, the Ducks will start sophomore transfer Jeremiah Masoli at quarterback. Masoli led the Community College of San Francisco to a junior college national title in 2007. He completed more than 60 percent of his passes for 30 touchdowns and only five picks before transferring to Oregon. He also ran for 448 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Now, in the spread offense, Masoli will be looking to run the ball. The men he will be reading as he decides whether to hand the ball off or to keep it are the BSU defensive ends, Mike T. Williams wouldn't

give away any of the schemes the Broncos have planned for stopping the spread.

INSIDE: "We got a lot of stuff planned for them ... just to keep contained and make sure they don't get outside of us, just make sure I do my job," Williams said.

With a new quarterback, Oregon may change its offense a little.

"They have their system and their style of offense that they will still use and play to," BSU head coach Chris Petersen said. "Within that system

they will play to those kids' strengths, whatever they do best. They'll have some wrinkles we haven't seen. We just gotta react and adjust back."

The Ducks boast the fourth-best rushing attack in the nation, averaging 323.33 yards per game. All told, the offense puts out more than 540 yards per game. BSU is averaging 461 yards through two games.

Both Oregon tackle Fenaki Tupou and center Max Unger are on the Outland Trophy Watch List. Unger has started every game since he came to Eugene.

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Tiger strike

Jerome rides second-period explosion to rout of Indians

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

Just. Like. That.

For one for quarter Buhi went toe-to-toe with Jerome, playing the Tigers to a 7-7 tie.

Then lightning struck for Jerome, Over and over again.

The Class 4A Tigers rode a 31-point second-quarter explosion to a 48-7 nonconference road win Friday night against the 3A Indians.

Jerome quarterback Jake Lammers completed 20 of 33 passes for 251 yards and four touchdowns. In the pivotal second period, he ran for a 12-yard score and tossed three TD passes.

"Everything just started clicking," said Lammer. "The line was protecting really well and when that happens it's hard to stop us."

With the game tied early in the second period, Jerome failed on a fourth-and-3 at its own 39. But Buhi's possession didn't last long as



Jerome's Cameron Stanifer, center, celebrates with teammates after scoring a touchdown during the first quarter against Buhi Friday night.

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Oakley remains perfect with win

Hornets buzz cross-country rival Raft River

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

First-half turnovers and injured linemen hindered Raft River's attempt to knock Oakley off the top of the Class 1A football mountain as the Hornets won 38-8 Friday in Malta.

Oakley is now 3-0 and 2-0 in the Snake River Conference, while Raft River is 3-1 (2-1).

"It was a battle both ways," Raft River running back Bridger Barrett said. "Both teams wanted to play hard. We felt (the game) was closer than (the score) was."

The Trojans jumped out to an 8-0 lead early in the first, gaining nearly half the field off of Cade Powers' passes. Powers completed with H.D. Tuckett to tie the game, but the Trojans down the field 47 yards. He later found Barrett for a 37-yard score.

"They ran some good routes," Oakley coach Nick Greenwell said. "(Powers) throws a nice ball."

Powers completed 6-of-10 passes for 152 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Soon after, Oakley answered with eight points of its own, the first of five scores.

Two Raft River fumbles led to the Hornets' second and third touchdowns. Barrett fumbled a low snap late in the first, and Oakley's Payson Bedke picked it up to give the Hornets a short field.

Midway through the second, Bedke intercepted Powers for a 25-yard return, again giving the Hornets a short field to work with.

"You can't give them a short field," Raft River coach Randy Spaeth said.

Oakley's defense held the Trojans to less than 50 yards during the second half. With injuries to the line, Raft River's Spencer Peterson and Jake Sagers played alongside Braden Otley, who praised his teammates' effort.

"It wasn't the same, but they tried their hardest," Otley said.

Trojans senior Lance Deters left the game in an ambulance during the third

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Trojans demolish Wildcats

Win SCIC opener

By John Derr
Times-News writer

Note to the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference: The Wendell Trojans are here to play.

Despite moving up a division, Wendell easily earned its first victory in the Class 3A conference's ranks, demolishing Filer 57-0 on a rainy Friday night in Filer.

After an early turnover and punt, the Trojans scored on their next six possessions to win going away, remaining undefeated (3-0, 1-0 SCIC).

Senior Jordan Lancaster led the early charge with a trio of touchdowns.

"The O-line did a great job opening the holes and I just ran through them. This is their victory," said Lancaster, who led the Wendell running game with 95 yards while adding 68 yards receiving. "Wendell football is alive, we are working hard and getting prepared each week."

Lancaster had nearly all the yards in the Trojans first scoring drive. He dove to catch a pass from quarterback Keith Mowery for 26 yards then ran a pair of times for a total of 18 yards and the touchdown.

Dustin Vanderham followed with a 72-yard punt return, breaking several tack-

les on his way to the end zone. Lancaster and Mowery hooked up again for 17 yards while Lancaster clipped in a 45 yards run as the route was on.

Wendell didn't have to go much of the night, starting four of the six scoring drives in Filer territory.

While the Trojan offense was unstoppable the defense didn't bend, allowing the Wildcats just 29 yards of offense in the first half. Their focus was simpler: Filer quarterback Nathan Hughes.

"My job was to stop the quarterback and hit him on every play," said senior defensive end Justin Brandsma. "We have a strong defense, the Blue Storm."

Wendell's defense has yet to allow a touchdown this season.

That defense also forced three turnovers including an interception by Cayden Williams, who returned it to the 1 late in the half. Ryan Slade took it in from there as Wendell led 36-0 at the half.

Mowery added his second touchdown, connecting with Brandsma early in the third before heading to the bench. "I just scramble around and I know where the receivers are going to be," said Mowery, who went 4-8 for 88 yards. "We are for real."

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Filer quarterback Nathan Hughes is tackled by Wendell's Justin Brandsma during the second quarter Friday in Filer. To purchase reprints please go to <http://gallery.pictopia.com/magicvalley/>

Americans charge into lead at Ryder Cup

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Phil Mickelson was the nearest threat to his last two Ryder Cups combined. Justin Leonard had never won a match in any Ryder Cup until two blowout victories at Valhalla.

And the most stunning turnaround Friday might have been all those celebrations.

Finally, the Americans had all the fun.

Two Weekley reaved up the crowd. Anthony Kim set a record for high-fives and the Americans delivered four big comebacks to take a 5½-2½ lead, their largest margin after the opening day since Europe first was included in the Ryder Cup in 1979.

"We're in a good place," U.S. captain Paul Azinger said. "Who would have thought?"

The Americans hadn't led after any session since last winning the Ryder Cup in the "Miracle at Brookline" in 1999. But with six rookies and no Tiger Woods, they lost only one of eight matches and left European captain Nick Faldo wringing his hands.

Europe has won the Ryder Cup the last three times, and five of the last six, but now finds itself desperate to catch up.

"We've had a tough time," Faldo said. "We lost a few points, but we haven't lost any spirit."

One of the few bright spots for Europe was Lee Westwood, who tied Arnold Palmer by running his

unbeaten streak in the Ryder Cup to 12 matches. Westwood and Soren Hansen birdied the last three holes in the final fourballs match of the afternoon, the final birdie enough to earn a half against Weekley and his big-brother J.B. Holmes.

"It's a novelty, isn't it?" Westwood said. "It's not the position we wanted to be in, that's for sure."

Westwood landed in an even worse spot after the long day. In a surprising move, Faldo decided to bench Westwood and Sergio Garcia for the Saturday morning foursomes. Neither has ever missed a Ryder Cup match — 27 straight for Westwood, 22 straight for Garcia. Combined, they have a 27-5-8 record in team play.

Rarely has a European captain shook up his lineup so drastically. But then, rarely is Europe behind.

Indeed, it was an amazing start for the Americans.

In the opening match, Mickelson and Kim trailed by three holes with six to play until winning three straight holes and earning a half against double major winner Padraig Harrington and Robert Karlsson. Down by three after four holes in the afternoon, Kim gave them their first lead of the day with a 7-foot birdie on the 14th, and Mickelson dropped in a 20-foot birdie on the 17th that led to a 2-1 victory.

"We played with a lot of heart and a lot of emotion

today to pull the halve and win out," Mickelson said. "We have a lot of work to do. This is a fun day. I love playing with this guy, Anthony has got this youthfulness to him, and he has a lot of game."

It was a big day for most of the U.S. rookies, who went 3-2-2.

Leonard teamed with one of those rookies, Hunter Mahan, and they won both matches without reaching the 17th hole. The afternoon victory came at the expense of Sergio Garcia, who finally looked ordinary in the Ryder Cup.

It was the first time Garcia failed to win a match in a single day.

Garcia had been undefeated in foursomes (6-0) but had to settle for a halve with Westwood in the morning. Kenny Perry, the lone disappointment for Kentucky, missed a 5-foot par putt that would have won the match on the 17th, then drove into the water on the 18th hole to allow Europe to catch them.

Leonard and Mahan then handed Garcia only his second loss in team matches by going 9 under through 15 holes, with Leonard finishing off with a chip-in for birdie that had him pumping his fists.

It was a familiar scene across Valhalla.

Weekley, with a pinch of snuff jutting out of his lip and his arms flapping to exhort a spirited crowd, knocked in a 50-foot birdie



USA's Boo Weekley reacts after his 50-foot birdie putt on the No. 12 hole during his four-ball match at the Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Valhalla Golf Club, in Louisville, Ky., Friday.

from just off the green at No. 12 to give his team a lead it never relinquished. And while Weekley and Holmes didn't win the

match, they illustrated the Americans' resolve. Europe had the lead in all four morning matches in the first hour and only came

away with one point. It was the first time since 1991 that the United States won the opening session of the Ryder Cup.

Mets charge into NL East lead

ATLANTA — Pinch-hitter Daniel Murphy delivered a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning and New York regained first place in the NL East by beating Atlanta 9-5 on Friday night.

Jose Reyes hit a leadoff homer and had three hits to help the Mets move a half-game in front of Philadelphia, which lost 14-8 at Florida.

New York overcame some shaky defense and improved to 1-6 this season at Turner Field, where the Phillies went 9-0.

Ross scored three runs and drove in two. David Wright ended a 1-for-19 drought by going 2-for-5 with two RBIs, and Nick Evans added a solo home run.

MARLINS 14, PHILLIES 8 — Rookie Cameron Maybin had four hits for the second straight game and tied a franchise record by reaching base in 10 consecutive plate appearances for Florida, which tied a franchise record with their ninth consecutive win.

The Phillies had their season-best seven-game winning streak and fell out of first place in the NL East.

CARDINALS 12, CUBS 6 — Adam Kennedy capped a five-run first inning with a grand slam, and St. Louis beat Carlos Zambrano and Chicago, slowing the Cubs' march toward a second straight NL Central title.

Chicago clinched at least a tie for the division when Milwaukee lost 11-2 to Cincinnati.

REDS 11, BREWERS 2 — Cincinnati's Joey Votto and Jay Bruce both hit two homers and Cincinnati hit seven overall against

Milwaukee's tattered pitching staff.

Milwaukee's 14th loss in 18 September games left the Cubs one victory — or a Milwaukee loss — from clinching their second straight NL Central title. The Brewers are 1½ games behind Philadelphia in the wild-card race.

ROCKIES 3, DIAMONDBACKS 2

DENVER — Jorge De La Rosa threw six solid innings and Chris Iannetta and Clint Barnes homered for Colorado.

Ross ended the Diamondbacks' four-game winning streak and put a dent in their chances of catching the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West. Arizona came into Friday 3½ games behind the Dodgers with 10 games to go.

ASTROS 5, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Randy Wolf allowed three hits in seven innings and Hunter Pence beat two hits and three RBIs to help Houston snap a five-game losing streak. Wolf (11-12) gave up one run and struck out seven to put the third time in four starts this month. The left-hander beat the Pirates for the second time in 10 days and won his sixth straight decision against Pittsburgh.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RAVS 11, TWINS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Carlos Pena homered and drove in four runs — with help from a replay reversal — and the Tampa Bay Rays closed in on clinching the first playoff berth in franchise history.

The AL East leaders moved within one win of wrapping up at least a wild-card spot, with Pena's fourth-inning homer coming on the first reversal produced by base-

ball's instant replay system. It was originally ruled a double before umpires went to the video.

RED SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO — Jason Varitek drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and Boston moved one step closer to a playoff berth by beating Toronto.

Boston opened a 7½-game lead in the wild-card race over Minnesota and the New York Yankees. A win by the Red Sox on Saturday combined with losses by the Yankees and Rockies would wrap up at least the wild-card spot for Boston.

WHITE SOX 9, ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Alexei Ramirez hit a grand slam. Dewayne Wise homered twice and Mark Buehrle pitched six effective innings as Chicago beat Kansas City.

Boston snapped the Royals' seven-game winning streak, their longest since starting the 2003 season 9-0.

YANKEES 3, ORIOLES 2

NEW YORK — Brett Gardner made his bid for the last great catch at Yankee Stadium.

The rookie center fielder robbed Luke Scott with a terrific grab and doubled in a run, sparking New York to a victory over Baltimore in the opener of the final series at the 85-year-old ballpark.

INDIANS 6, TIGERS 5

CLEVELAND — Jamey Carroll hit a game-winning single with one out in the ninth inning to give Cleveland a tight-filled victory over Detroit.

Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera hit a pair of two-run homers to tie Chicago's Carlos Quentin for the AL lead with 36.

— The Associated Press

NFL coaches looking to special teams for an edge

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — From the day Reggie Bush joined the New Orleans Saints as a rookie, the flashy, versatile and blazing running back never stopped lobbying to return punts, no matter how big his workload became on offense.

"It's tough to run back punt returns, especially in this league, and to run back kickoff returns, (but) if you have somebody who's really good at it and who's really elusive, it just gives them another chance to make a play," Bush said. "It gives you a chance to get the ball in space and, obviously, when you have a playmaker in that type of situation, you always like your chances."

With all the fair catches on punts and touchbacks on kickoffs, special teams plays seem anticlimactic at times. But certainly not in Week 2 in this young NFL season, when Bush returned a punt 55 yards for a score; Sean Payton's Darren Sproles ran back a kickoff 103 yards; and two other punts were blocked and recovered for touchdowns, by Chicago and Tennessee.

It was a reminder of how spectacular special teams could be for those who excel at them, and how troubling it could be for those who don't. NFL coaches nearly always have placed heavy emphasis on a phase of the game that isn't always recognized by the fans — except when

something, well, special happens.

Teams are more inclined these days to ask both offensive and defensive starters to help out on special teams. At the same time, they use draft picks on and hold precious roster spots for specialists such as long snappers who may never otherwise get in the game.

"We have to take the approach in our return game as an opportunity to change field position and create an advantage with a guy like Reggie Bush," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "It just seems as if this year, some of the young players that have come out have done a good job on special teams. When you look at Felix Jones for Dallas or the receiver from Cal (DeSean Jackson) with Philadelphia, or you look at (Eddie) Royal, who's helping Denver, there are a lot of talented young returners right now that are making an impact, and it forces you to play well on special teams or else you could really end up being on the bad end of a play."

Cleveland coach Romeo Crennel began his NFL career as a special teams coach. When the Browns won 10 games last season, much of the credit went to their ability to cover and return punts and kickoffs. "We return punts and kickoffs," Crennel said. "Special teams are the last frontier in the NFL."

Cleveland kicker Phil Dawson said, "Coaches

know you just can't go out there and dominate with your offense or defense anymore. You have to win two of three phases in a game, which is why they've put such a premium on special teams play. Look around the league and you'll see there are plenty of teams using starters on special teams."

The Browns' Joshua Cribbs made the Pro Bowl as a return specialist after taking back two kickoffs for touchdowns and one punt for a TD. Dawson has been one of league's steadiest kickers for years. Long snapper Ryan Pontrebrand also made the Pro Bowl last year. When Burch Davis drafted him in the fifth round in 2003, people laughed. Not anymore.

Browns punter Dave Zastudil had five punts for 265 yards for a 53-yard gross average and 52.8-yard net average in last Sunday's game against Pittsburgh, both career bests. It was an extraordinary performance when factoring in 60 mph wind gusts stemming from the remnants of Hurricane Ike. Although the Steelers won 10-6, special teams play was what kept Cleveland close throughout.

"Because the talent is so even, you're trying to find the edge," Pontrebrand said. "A lot of times you can win the game with special teams — so that's why there's so much more of an emphasis now."

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Oakley

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Trojans

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We didn't move up a division to be pushed around."

Things didn't improve for the Wildcats as they continued to struggle moving the ball. The Trojans added a pair of touchdowns late, including a 65 yard fumble return by John Campbell in the final minute.

Filer coach Robert Kohler said the game came down to fundamentals.

"We came out flat and stayed that way. It was not what we expected or wanted," said Kohler. "We didn't execute. We need to put on the field what we practice."

Filer (0-1, 0-4) will look for that elusive first victory hosting former conference foe DeClo for homecoming. The Trojans will also batter a former rival, taking on Glens Ferry.

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Last dance at Magic Valley Speedway tonight

By Linda Brittan
Times-News correspondent

Tonight is the night that always arrives too quickly for many drivers at Magic Valley Speedway. The 2008 season will come to a conclusion today for three divisions, including the Pepsi Premier, Budweiser Super Stocks and NAPA Pony Stocks.

Josh Pitz's mastery of the Pony Stocks division has earned him an 88-point lead over his closest contender Jeff Couch, while Ray Homolka has moved into the third position after some successful runs late in the season.

In the Super Stocks division, Jonathon Gomez has landed a 73-point advantage over Kris McKean. Jerry McKean, the 2007 champion in the series, has jumped into third after his good night last Saturday was equally as devastating for former third-place driver John Hoogendoorn.

Feature division driver Shelby Stroebel started out the Chase for the Championship in second place five races ago, but behind 2005 champion Rob Vest. Although Vest has driven his modified car to just a single main-event win this season, Stroebel has hovered in the upper tier of the point standings all year with consistent finishes.

With a tenuous 19-point lead over Kris McKean going into tonight's final events, Stroebel does not have the champagne leech quite yet.

"Absolutely not. Actually I feel pretty vulnerable,"

Stroebel said. "A flat tire or if something breaks, things can happen. The thing I fret over the most is the out-of-town drivers that have nothing to lose. Generally we just have to stay out of wrecks and finish within three places of Kris (McKean)."

"We'll probably be pretty close the whole time. I know he has a good car."

Ironically, an incident in the previous Premier race involved both Stroebel and Kris McKean when the two connected late in the race, sending both drivers to the rear of the field.

"It hurt us a little bit last week," Stroebel said.

With a 100-lap main event scheduled this evening to settle the championship, McKean, who drives a late-model-style car in the series, is concerned the extended format will not be in his favor.

"I think its going to hurt because the modifieds have a different tire than us and their tires usually last longer in races," McKean said.

"We're good for 50 laps, but after that our tire starts to fall off more than theirs does. The longer race is definitely going to help Shelby out."

Stroebel is anxious about the track conditions where the tires are concerned.

"Our tires go away faster if there's no syrup on the track," he said. "But if you miss the set-up, it doesn't matter what the conditions are. I won't have a loose race car one way or another."

"I'm ready for this week to go by," Stroebel added. "To be in the points lead has actually been a big burden. I feel like I have a target on me. I

Tonight at Magic Valley Speedway

Three championships will be decided at the conclusion of this evening's events as the Pepsi Premier, Budweiser Super Stocks and NAPA Pony Stocks wrap up the 2008 season. The Premier drivers will end their year after competing in a special 100-lap main event race. Additionally the Quale's Electronics Hornets will be performing in their next to last event of the season with Bob Gilligan striving to maintain his lead in the division. Any adult with a Twin Falls, Buhl, Filer or Kimberly address on their driver's license will receive free admission. Gates open at 3 p.m. An on-track autograph session with the drivers will take place from 5:25-5:50. Green flag racing begins at 6 p.m.

Kris would rather be in his sport. I know I'm probably more secure in the position I'm in, but I still feel like I have this target on my back."

McKean sees it differently. "I think I'd rather be in first, he's got a pretty good cushion," he said.

In spite of his "goldfish in a blender" feeling, Stroebel and his crew will make the trip once again from Meridian to the Twin Falls track.

"The ride gives me a little time to think about it. This week may not be such a peaceful trip," he said.

Capturing the championship should make it a sweet ride home, though.



Photo by LINDA BRITTAN

Pepsi Premier driver Shelby Stroebel (24) will be trying to stay in front of competitors Kris McKean (3) Jonathon Gomez (2) and Rob Vest tonight at Magic Valley Speedway as she races toward the feature division title.

MVS Point Standings

Pepsi Premier: 1. Shelby Stroebel 1,795, 2. Kris McKean 1,778, 3. Jonathon Gomez 1,761, 4. Rob Vest 1,760, 5. Rick Fowle 1,752, 6. Cliff Chester 1,749, 7. Stevie Fisher 1,744, 8. Dan Peterson 1,709, 9. Mike Greco 1,669, 10. Louis Lopez 1,620.

Budweiser Super Stocks: 1. Jonathon Gomez 1,694, 2. Kris McKean 1,621, 3. Jerry McKean 1,613, 4. John Hoogendoorn 1,581, 5. Willie Dalton 1,574, 6. Norm Hetke 1,312.

NAPA Pony Stocks: 1. Josh Pitz 1,678, 2. Jeff Couch 1,590, 3. Ray Homolka 1,573, 4. Jason Abbott 1,569, 5. Wade Henslee 1,551, 6. Randy Grubbs 1,488, 7. Kevin Grubbs 1,474, 8. Michael Stuart 1,367, 9. Michael Shoemaker 1,349, 10. Brent Abbott 1,150.

NV Pipe Thumper Stocks: 1. Steve Edens 1,722, 2. Spencer Meyer 1,717, 3. Stacey Jensen 1,667, 4. Shalee Harms 1,641, 5. Rick Gooding 1,615, 6. Rob Roche 1,589, 7. Craig Nuthek 1,558, 8. Rod Rude 1,540, 9. Calvin Rayborn 1,516, 10. Jim Shirley 1,448.

Quale's Electronics Hornets: 1. Bob Gilligan 949, 2. Daniel Shirely 925, 3. Tim Ford 862, 4. Justin Slocum 860, 5. Rebecca Robbins 805, 6. Jeff Peck 763, 7. Lane Buddenham 745, 8. Brandon Thurber 740, 9. Gerry Slocum 659, 10. Larry Goff 597.

Intercontinental Pro Trucks final standings: 1. Kenny Vanderham, 2. Johnny Plarre, 3. Ty Sharp, 4. Jerry Rice, 5. Alan Larson, 6. Scott Luttmer, 7. Kevan Larson, 8. Beau Newhouse, 9. Trent Bell, 10. Lou Anderson.

Rookie of the year: Ty Sharp.

RMCS Final Standings: 1. Dave Minegar, 2. John Dillon, 3. Craig Bell, 4. Thane Alderman, 5. John Newhouse, 6. Tom Hill, 7. Bobby Latham III, 8. Dan Koyle, 9. Steve Jones, 10. Dylan Caldwell, Travis Monett (tie). Rookie of the year: Dan Koyle.

Biffle proves himself as Chase threat

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Greg Biffle's popularity will never rocket toward Junior-type rabid fandom. He can't come close to matching Jimmie Johnson, Tony Stewart or Jeff Gordon and their respective Cup titles.

"The Biff" couldn't even take one checkered flag through the first 26 races of the season.

None of that matters heading into the second race in the Chase at Dover. Biffle has what the more decorated drivers don't — the first win in the Chase for the championship, a surprise victory to everyone but himself that stamped him as a legitimate contender to win his first Sprint Cup title.

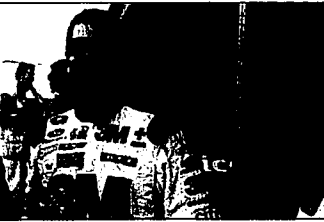
While Johnson's run for his third straight Cup title and Kyle Busch's push for the Cup championship that would cap a "raging" rookie season have grabbed the headlines, Biffle believes his steady season can end with a spectacular finish and make the biggest splash of the year.

"It's easy to start looking at the guys who are always in the limelight and look to them for success," Biffle said on Friday. "Some of the guys sort of get overlooked, but that doesn't really bother me any. Certainly, if we end up winning the title, they'll be talking about us, so I know that's what I need to do."

Up ahead for Biffle is perhaps the best track for him to build on the momentum of the win at New Hampshire: he starts fifth at the mile concrete track at Dover International Speedway. He finished third here in June, has reeled off five straight top-10 finishes overall and won the race back in June 2005. Plus, Biffle has two more victories at Dover in the Nationwide Series.

"Certainly past success, that momentum thing, you feel like you can win or be successful at places you've won at in the past," Biffle said.

Biffle — who has a Truck Series championship and



AP photo

NASCAR driver Greg Biffle waits near his car to be interviewed during practice for the NASCAR Camping World RV 400 Sprint Cup Series auto race at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del., Friday.

Busch (now Nationwide) Series title — thought he would have a had at least a couple of more shots at winning the title following his breakout 2005 season. He won six races that season, made the Chase and finished second in the overall standings — a mere 35 points behind Stewart. The last two years, Biffle struggled with his consistency

and was shut out of that final 10-race sprint to the title.

"I'm thinking about what small mistakes I may have made last time and what I'm going to need to do this time to be able to win the championship and not be 35 points short when I get to Homestead," Biffle said. "Hopefully, it'll be the other way around. 35 points (ahead)."

U.S. trails Spain 2-0 in Davis Cup semifinal

MADRID, Spain (AP) — For a while, one set to be precise, the United States could entertain the tantalizing thought of a big upset in the Davis Cup.

But Sam Querrey's lead over top-ranked Rafael Nadal lasted only so long. And the Spaniards were playing on their beloved clay and before a crowd of some 16,000 in a bullfighting arena.

The result was a 2-0 lead for Spain in Friday's semifinal, leaving the defending champion Americans in a big hole entering doubles in the best-of-five series.

"Obviously we're up against it, but we knew that coming here," U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe said. "We're going to win with the doubles tomorrow and that's it. We'll give it a shot."

Nadal dropped the first set in the opening singles but recovered to win 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 over an opponent marked by Davis Cup debut and filling in for James Blake. David Ferrer completed the hosts' perfect day with a 7-6 (5), 2-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-6 victory against Andy Roddick.

Spain hasn't lost a day-cour Davis Cup series in nine years. It can secure its sixth Davis Cup final appearance Saturday when Fernando Verdasco and Feliciano Lopez face Mike Bryan and Andy Flavia.

"We have to be careful," Spain captain Emilio Sanchez Vicario said. "The service game is essential. If it's going well it's nearly impossible to beat. What is clear is that the altitude is making both teams



AP photo

Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates a point against Sam Querrey of the United States during the first match of the Davis Cup World Group semifinal at Las Ventas bullring in Madrid on Friday. Nadal won 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

equal and is playing a big factor into the matches here in Madrid.

The winner will play Argentina or Russia for the title. Argentina leads 2-0 at home behind victories by David Nalbandian and Juan Martin del Potro. Argentina lost the 2006 final to Russia.

The U.S. has a record 32 Davis Cup titles but is using a makeshift squad. It

has rallied to victory only once in 32 tries when trailing 2-0, and that was 74 years ago.

The pressure to beat perhaps the world's best clay-court team falls to Bryan and Fish. Fish is a replacement for Bob Bryan, who had played 16 straight ties with twin brother Mike before this series.

Nadal overcame Querrey's booming serve before settling in to dictate play against a 6-foot-6 player who is ranked 39th.

"He got himself fired up and got the crowd into it," Querrey said.

Querrey delivered an ace to take the opening game. Nadal, playing for the first time in Spain since winning Wimbledon and the Olympic gold medal, rallied the home crowd after smacking a winner down the line to set up the tiebreaker.

The 20-year-old Querrey raced ahead 2-1 in the tiebreaker after serving 134 mph down the middle. Nadal battled back to 5-4 before double-faulting, and Querrey closed the set two points later.

"It was very difficult for me to return balls and control points," Nadal said. "Maybe with the altitude it made it a little bit easier for him."

Nadal won the second set on his second break point before taking control in the third set. He broke serve in the fourth game with a cross-court forehand and celebrated with a running jump and fist-pump.

Gordon takes 66th pole to lead Dover field

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Jeff Gordon is looking for small victories.

Winning the pole at Dover International Speedway was a nice one to get.

The four-time Cup champion took the top spot with a lap of 157,061 mph Friday, a sorely needed ace as he tries to snap his season-long winless drought and make a big move up the Chase for the championship standings.

Gordon is 11th in the points race, 99 points behind co-leaders Carl Edwards and Jimmie Johnson.

"We're certainly not out of the championship, we understand that," Gordon said. "It's too early to ever count yourself out of that. We're too good of ourselves to have any count ourselves out. We would never do that mentally."

Seven Chase drivers will start in the top 11 of Sunday's race. Denny Hamlin starts third, Greg Biffle fifth, Clint Bowers sixth, Matt Kenseth eighth, Dale Earnhardt Jr. 10th, and Kyle Busch is 11th.

"There's no doubt he's as good as Jimmie Johnson is," Hamlin said. "Why isn't he winning races? I don't know."

Gordon isn't terribly sure either. He has nine top-five finishes but hasn't been able to drive the No. 24 Chevrolet into Victory Lane. He was 14th last week in the first

race in the Chase and hasn't won a race since last October. Gordon does have four career wins at Dover on the mile concrete track, but none since 2001.

"We're still looking for that win and any positives we can pull out of this season and get ourselves back into the Chase is a great way to do it," Gordon said.

Mark Martin turned a lap of 157,054 and starts second. He also expected Gordon to get rolling over the final two months and said it was foolish for anyone to count out the Hendrick Motorsports star.

"Some people weren't around when he came into this thing," Martin said. "It was the most incredibly talented driver that I have ever seen, and he still is that same guy and some incredibly talented race car driver who has potential to get on a roll and be a Chase contender for sure."

Chase drivers took the 20th-22nd slots, with Johnson, Jeff Burton and Edwards all starting in the middle of the pack. Kevin Harvick is 24th and Tony Stewart — who lost a lap last week and rebounded to finish eighth — has the worst start of the Chase drivers at 33rd.

"I thought I'd be faster," Edwards said. "That's the way it goes. I just thought it would be a little faster."

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"Keep thy hook always baited, for a fish lurks ever in the most unlikely swim."

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In the 1996 Trials our semifinals loss to Robbins hinged on several huge swing boards, like this one.

In the other room an off-center two-no-trump opening meant our opponents had subsided in game. By contrast at our table the strong-cub opening bid found four controls, and now it was easy to drive to the club slam. A spade lead to the ace saw East return the spade seven, and South was in with a sporting chance.

Declarer drew two rounds of trump with the ace and king, and when West pitched a spade, South correctly decided to reverse the dummy. After cashing his three side-suit kings, declarer went to the diamond ace, intending to take the top hearts and ruff the fourth heart — leaving his hand and dummy with the two top trumps for the last two tricks. Naturally East ruffed the second diamond — down one.

Do you see the mistake? When West threw a spade on the second trump and everyone followed in the third spade, it marked East with seven black cards precisely.

Had declarer crossed to the diamond ace without cashing the diamond king and then taken the top hearts and ruffed a heart, no discard from East could have hurt him. East would be able to discard a diamond on the fourth heart only if he had started with three, so the diamond king could be taken later. This line makes when the very unlikely additional chance of West holding J-10-x of hearts comes in, as here.

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NORTH		09-20-A	
♠	4 4 3		
♥	A Q 9 3		
♦	A 9		
♣	J 8 4 2		

WEST		EAST	
♠	10 9 8 5	♠	A 1 7
♥	J 10 7	♥	8 5 4 2
♦	10 6 4 2	♦	J
♣	9	♣	10 7 6 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♦	All pass		

*Strong
**Four controls, counting an ace as two and a king as one

Opening lead: Spade 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:		09-20-B	
♠	6 4 3		
♥	A Q 9 3		
♦	A 9		
♣	J 8 4 2		

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass

ANSWER: One possibility is to cue-bid two spades, looking for a spade stop for no-trump. But to make game in no-trump, you will need partner to produce more than that! Better is simply to limit your hand by raising to three diamonds. Let partner look for no-trump if he has something extra.

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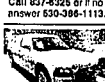
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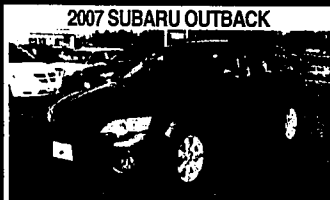
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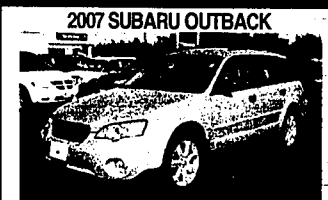
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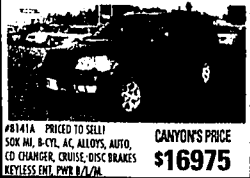
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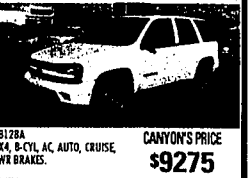
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