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Craig considers dairy exemption

Large operations wouldn't have to report certain pollutants

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

WASHINGTON — Operators of large dairies and feedlots could breathe a little easier under legislation drafted by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. If proposed, Craig's amendment to an agriculture appropriations bill would exempt large livestock operations from reporting air pollutant data required by federal law. The legislation is scheduled to be heard in committee today. Under Craig's rider, manure

from large dairies and feedlots would not be considered a "hazardous substance" nor could the waste be labeled a "pollutant or contaminant." Manure and urine at livestock operations emit ammonia and hydrogen sulfide into the air. Releases of these two pollutants linked to respiratory and other illnesses must be reported to federal and state officials under the 1980 Superfund law and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. However, these laws do not

require large dairies and feedlots to modify emissions. "Sen. Craig feels that Superfund regulations were not designed to be applied to agricultural operations," said Sid Smith, a spokesman for the senator. "Does that mean he believes the operations should not be regulated period? That's not the case." On Monday evening, Craig had not decided if he will attach his legislative rider, Smith said. However, Craig does intend to discuss the issue in committee, Smith said.



Craig
League threatened to sue
Desert Rose Farms operator
Frank Halliger in order to get
him to report air emissions at
his dairy near Dry, Desert Rose
became the first dairy in the
country in 2004 to report its

emissions in a federal registry that can be accessed by local residents. Craig publicly opposed the environmental groups' actions. Idahoans deserve the chance to comment on legislation that might impact their health, said Lauren McLean, with the Conservation League. "This budget rider is an attempt to quietly exempt mega-dairies and feedlots from having to tell the truth about their pollution," McLean said.

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DRESSED FOR SUCCESS



Susan Brown, center, performs with her band Sister Suo and the Sagebrush Boys last Tuesday at the Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls. Performing for seniors is just one of Brown's many community services. Her newest venture will be the 'Dress for Success' program she is starting to help needy men and women.

Woman's hard work brings joy to others

By Jaml Whitford
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Susan Brown's a natural musician who loves to make people happy. She worked as a professional entertainer touring the Midwest and South and brought her music talents with her after moving to Idaho almost 20 years ago. When she was diagnosed with fibromyalgia about eight years ago, her busy life was changed dramatically because the chronic pain disorder extremely limited her abilities. She traveled to the Pain and Allergy Clinic in Boise numerous times for treatment from Dr. Gary Shohet. Her pain finally stopped about three years ago and she says it was a miracle. As soon as she was able, she got back to helping others. She decided to learn Spanish after a



mission trip to Chile and utilized that knowledge to assist the Eastside Baptist Church with its free English as a Second Language class. She rotates with others to lead several weekly church studies, and also helps with Newspaper Ministry, where letters of encouragement are written to people mentioned in the newspaper. "When she sees a need someone has, she'll do everything she can to help," said her pastor, Paul Thompson. Thompson told of how Brown, a realtor and associate broker, was selling

a house this summer and saw that the owner needed help pulling weeds. "She rallied up our youth and they all went and did some yard work for him," Thompson said. Even with her busy personal and professional life she has maintained a strong desire to help others in their own lives, whether it be from simply lending a hand, through encouragement or finding employment. "For that reason, she has organized 'Dress for Success,' a ministry of Eastside Baptist Church Women on Mission. She hopes to help men and women find a job by supplying them with the essentials: an outfit to interview in, tips on hair, makeup and interviews, writing resumes and filing out applications. The idea spurred from a few years ago when she worked with a Presentation of Yourself class at the College of

Guns OK, but don't conceal the slingshot

City council forced to amend concealed weapons ordinance

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you want to carry a concealed weapon in your car, make sure it's a gun — Bowie knives, slingshots or other dangerous weapons are illegal if concealed in your vehicle within the city limits. The Twin Falls City Council had to amend its concealed weapons ordinance Monday night, following a recent Twin Falls County Magistrate Court ruling that said a portion of the law is in conflict with the Idaho Constitution.

"Without a permit, or unless you're an authorized peace officer or security guard, it's still illegal to carry a concealed gun on your person — but in your car is a different matter altogether. It seems guns have certain protections under the state constitution, explained City Attorney Fritz Wenderlich.

"The people have the right to keep and bear arms, which right shall not be abridged; but this provision shall not prevent the passage of laws to govern the carrying of weapons concealed on the person," says Article 1, Section 11 of the Idaho Constitution. The constitution does not say laws can be passed against carrying concealed guns in your vehicle. And that's where the previous version of the Twin Falls ordinance ran into trouble.

Police Chief Jim Munn told The Times-News that he hasn't a problem with the change in the ordinance. "I do not like to see any law in conflict with the Idaho Constitution."

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DEER WIDOWS

Hunters' wives escape to Nevada for wild times

By Christy Karas
The Salt Lake Tribune

WEST WENDOVER, Nev. — It's 1:30 a.m. on a Wendover weekend, and Heather Partell is broke. "I gave all my money to the guys," she says, standing in line with friend Lea Talbot to spend her last \$3 on whatever she can get for \$3 at an all-night Nugget Casino food court. By "the guys," she doesn't mean her boyfriend. She gave it all to male strippers. The Men of Playgirl, who finished performing an hour earlier upstairs. Partell and her friends, all students in Ogden, were planning to head to Wendover anyway. When they heard about Deer Widows Weekend, they put off their first day last weekend, the first of deer-hunting season. While men head for the bills in search of game, women dress west over 120 miles of baked salt flats and sagebrush-dotted hills to Wendover, where Deer Wid-



Lea Talbot, left, Heather Partell and Sandi Galvez, right, all from Ogden, Utah, watch 'The Men of Las Vegas' show at the Nugget Hotel and Casino Oct. 22 in West Wendover, Nev. Utah women, some whose husbands or boyfriends are hunting and many who are single, flock to Wendover for Deer Widows Weekend. Deer Widows Weekend is a long-standing tradition. It's so popular that for the five casinos in town — the Peppermill, Rainbow, Montego Bay, Red Garter and Wendover Nugget — this ranks among the year's busiest times. "It's a very busy weekend in Wendover," said Barbara Ekins, general manager of the Red Garter. Between Deer Wid-

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Bush's Federal Reserve nominee widely praised

By Ron Hutcheson
and Kevin G. Hall
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Investors, economists and members of Congress welcomed President Bush's selection of Ben Bernanke to head the Federal Reserve on Monday, expecting him to stay the course set by retiring Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan. Stocks rallied as word of Bush's choice spread on Wall Street. Bernanke, a widely respected economist who serves as Bush's chief economic adviser, said his first priority would be to "maintain continuity with the policies" established during Greenspan's 18 years as the head of the nation's banking and monetary system. Bernanke, 51, is expected to have little trouble winning Senate confirmation before Greenspan's planned retirement on Jan. 31. After a lifetime of stellar academic work, most recently as chairman of the economic policy department at Princeton Univer-



Bernanke

sity, Bernanke (pronounced "BAN-kee") was a member of the Fed's Board of Governors from August 2002 until June, when he became president of the White House Council of Economic Advisors. The move to the White House was interpreted as a trial run to see how his views meshed with the president's. Bush said Bernanke is "the right man to build on the record Alan Greenspan has established." Like Greenspan, Bernanke views inflation as a major threat to economic growth and favors keeping it strictly in check, lest it distort investment decisions and undermine economic stability, as in the 1970s. He also shares Greenspan's preference for more openness in the Fed's oversight of interest rates and monetary policy; in fact, he

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny with fair average temperatures. Highs: mid 60s to low 60s.
Tonight: A few light rain showers. Lows: 40s.
Tomorrow: Sunny with fair. Highs: 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny with fair. Highs: mid 60s.
Tonight: A few light rain showers. Lows: 40s.
Tomorrow: Sunny with fair. Highs: 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, Hi, Lo. Lists weather for Boise, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, etc.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes barometric pressure, sunrise/sunset, and moon phases.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with forecast callouts for Sun Valley, Boise, and other regions. Includes text: 'SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A couple of more big days are heading for this high country.'

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Denver, Phoenix, Portland, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

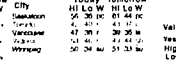
Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for London, Tokyo, Sydney, etc.

Gregg Eisenberg's Quote of the Week. Text: 'There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.'

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, etc.

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Brown

Continued from A1. Southern Idaho's Center for New Directions, and she strongly believes in the principles that were taught there.
'I don't care if you're applying for a McDonald's or a junior position, you need to dress up, she said.

Deer widows

Continued from A1. In Wendover, the slots are cheap, the drinks are free and the strippers are made. Unlike hunting-their needs no need to worry about the travails of camping, weather or finding prey. It's a very different kind of adventure.

Guns

Continued from A1. 'As a police officer, one always changes the way about a firearm in someone's car. However, one also has to work within the law,' Munn said.
'Police officers are trained to approach vehicles carefully so they can't get hurt in a traffic stop, and that's not going to change,' he said.

Fed

Continued from A1. 'Both parties also pressed the choice.
'We need a careful, nonideological person to understand that the Federal Reserve's main job is to fight inflation, and Ben Bernanke seems to fit that bill,' said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., in a statement.

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LEAH HOGSTEN, The Salt Lake Tribune

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Hurricane Wilma races across Florida

Power is cut to at least 6 million

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — As messy as Wilma was, at least the visit didn't last long. Hurricane Wilma, the 21st storm in the busiest hurricane season on record, made a seven-hour dash across lower Florida on Monday, shattering skyscraper windows, toppling trees, knocking out power to 6 million people and leaving at least six dead.

It entered one side of the state around daybreak; it came out the other side by mid-afternoon, and was soon all but gone, swirling harmlessly out in the Atlantic.

Unlike its two-day pounding of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, Wilma's Florida foray was a hit and run. The storm's relatively fast 25-mph speed helped hold it rainfall to less than the 10 inches forecast.

"There's really no good scenario for a hurricane," National Hurricane Center meteorologist Mark Melender said. "Just a lesser of two evils." Wilma still packed plenty of punch. The eighth hurricane to



Stephanie Francois, 9, finds the time to swing after Hurricane Wilma flooded the neighborhood park and her families' apartment Monday in Key West, Fla.

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the state to heavily populated Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach on the Atlantic coast. "We have been huddled in the living room trying to stay

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"A bunch of us that are the old-time Key Westers are kind of waking up this morning, going, 'Well, maybe I should have paid a little more attention,'" said restaurant owner Amy Culver-Aversa, among the 90 percent of Key West residents who chose to ignore the fourth mandatory evacuation order this year. As it moved across the state, Wilma flattened trees, broke water mains, turned debris into missiles and lit up the sky with the blue-green flash of popping transformers.

The insurance industry estimated the insured losses in Florida at anywhere from \$2 billion to \$9 billion. Officials said it was the most damaging storm to hit the Fort Lauderdale since 1950.

Famous civil rights pioneer dies at 92

Rosa Parks ignited movement by refusing to give up her bus seat

DETROIT (AP) — Rosa Lee Parks, whose refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man sparked the modern civil rights movement, died Monday. She was 92.

Mrs. Parks died at her home of natural causes, said Karen Morgan, a spokeswoman for U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. Mrs. Parks was 42 when she committed an act of defiance in 1955 that was to change the course of American history and earn her the title "mother of the civil rights movement."

At that time, Jim Crow laws in place since the post-Civil War reconstruction required separation of the races in buses, restaurants and public accommodations throughout the South, while legally sanctioned racial discrimination kept blacks out of many jobs and neighborhoods in the North.

The Montgomery, Ala., seamstress, active member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was riding on a city bus Dec. 1, 1955, when a white man demanded her seat.

Mrs. Parks refused, despite rules requiring blacks to yield their seats to whites. Two black Montgomery women had been arrested earlier that year on the same charge, but Mrs. Parks was jailed. She also was fined \$14.

Speaking in 1992, she said history often maintains "that my feet were hurting and I didn't know why I refused to stand up when they told me. But the real reason of my not standing up was I felt that I had a right to be treated as any other passenger. We had endured that kind of treatment for too long."

The arrest triggered a 381-day boycott of the bus system organized by a then little-known Baptist minister, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who later earned the Nobel Peace Prize for his work.

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Mars rover begins trek down hill.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Spirit, the scientific instrument on wheels that reached the top of a Martian hill this summer after an epic climb, is heading back down toward its next target for exploration.

After two months at the summit of Husband Hill, the six-wheeled rover is descending the slope where it will examine an outcropping of "home plate" because from orbit it looks like home on a baseball field.

Spirit's yeardlong climb to the peak was a major feat for the Mars rover, which along with its twin, Opportunity, landed on opposite sides of the Red Planet in January 2004.

Last month, scientists released the first full-color panoramic photo of the landscape taken by Spirit from the 270-foot-high summit.

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DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR TRYING NOT TO OFFEND: Forgive me if this seems negative, but some people are so rooted in their fundamentalist ideology that they cannot and will not change. Please don't waste your time or breath trying to reach or teach them. The way to handle people who want to force you into their mold is to avoid them. Try it. You'll be a lot happier, and so will they.

DEAR ABBY: My grandson, "Curtis" will be 5 this year. I have promised him since he was old enough to walk and talk that I'd take him to Disney World for his fifth birthday. It has already been taken for granted that we'd include my youngest daughter and her best friend, "Trish."

At the time we discussed the trip, Trish's parents had good jobs. However, fast-forward several years and things have changed. Both of them have lost their jobs. Their home was fore-

closed on, and they now live in a rental house and struggle to make ends meet.

I am also having a hard time financially, but I have been diligent in saving what I can to take Curtis to that magical place he has always dreamed of. We plan to fly there and stay on the grounds, which can be quite expensive.

Would it be rude to ask that Trish's parents at least pay for her ticket into the theme park? We never discussed who would be paying. My family thinks it would be rude, and would jeopardize Trish's chances of coming with us. When people invite my kids anywhere, I have always offered to repay the family for the expenses involved. I don't want to hurt or offend anyone. What should I do?

—READY TO GO IN HOUSTON

DEAR READY TO GO: It would not be rude to tell Trish's parents why your trip is scheduled, and what the costs involved will be. As a matter of fact, it would be presumptuous of them to expect you to foot the bill for their daughter. If the cost is too great for them at this time, a nice gift from Disney World would at least let Trish know you were thinking of her while you were away.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old lesbian. I have a wonderful partner and we have an amazing 10-year-old son. My problem is, we seem to offend people when we refer to ourselves as a "family." I have had people correct me, sometimes even suggesting that I refer to my family as "my friend and my son" or "my friend and her son" (depending on who they think is the biological mother).

Abby, this woman is more than my friend. She's my partner, my life mate, my support and my co-parent. We try to be sensitive to people's beliefs and not call each other "wife" or refer to our union as "marriage," but how far do we have to take this? We are a family. Our son calls us both "Mom."

We aren't "in your face" with our lifestyle, but to deny our partnership is to deny our son his family. We generally refer to each other as "my partner," which I think is an offensive term, but I think that can send some people into a suit.

How should we handle people who want to redefine us? Why is it so hard for them to acknowledge that, untraditional though we may be, we are a family?

—TRYING NOT TO OFFEND IN TEXAS

October lasts a bit longer than 31 days

What's the year's longest month? October. Thanks to Sunday's daylight-saving time adjustment, the month lasts 31 days and one hour.

This day in history: On Oct. 25, 1955, America's first home microwave oven went on sale. "The Tudorange" was the size and weight of a conventional oven and cost \$1,300 (about \$8,250 in today's money). They didn't sell many.

More silverware is produced in Providence, R.I., than in any other city in the world.

The torch and five-ring logo in the Olympics didn't come from the ancient Greeks. They first appeared in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, which were hosted by the pagan-loving Nazis.

Nowadays, an Olympic torch is 32 inches of wood, aluminum and gold-plated brass. It weighs about 3.5 pounds. A small tank in the base holds about 40 minutes worth of propane. They



RANXAU KINGS OF FACINNES
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

cost about \$300 to make. About 10,000 are made each year so that runners in the intercontinental relay can keep the one they run with.

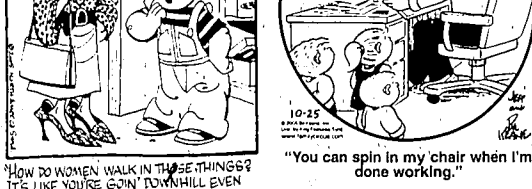
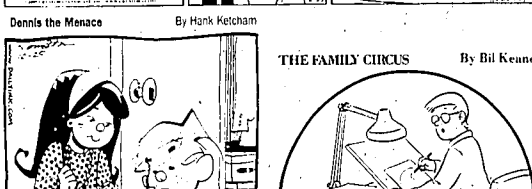
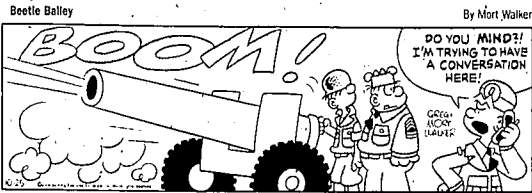
The highest frequency the human ear can hear is about 20,000 hertz. Dogs can hear up to 45,000, cats up to 64,000, mice up to 91,000, bats up to 110,000 and porpoises up to 150,000.

If, despite the fabled curse, you were brave enough to unravel a mummy, you'd discover that the total amount of cloth strips would measure about half a mile.

Anton's Syndrome is the medical term for an unusual delusion: a person who is completely blind but who resolutely believes he can still see.

Until the first American book on golf came out in 1885, most Americans were terribly confused by the game, as inadvertently revealed within an explanatory article in the Philadelphia Inquirer: "It is sometimes agreed that the game shall be won by him who makes the largest number of holes within a given number of minutes, say 20 or 30." Each player places his ball at the edge of a hole designated as a starting point. It then bats it toward the next hole. As soon as it has started, he runs forward and his servant, who is called "caddy," runs after him."

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"How do women walk in these things? It's like you're goin' downhill even when you're standin' still."

"You can spin in my chair when I'm done working."

Coming Wednesday ...
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Take a photo of your "Big Buck" to Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls & you could win "Big Bucks"!
One winner each week will have their photo published in the Times News on Thursday in the Outdoor Section and online at magicvalley.com. Weekly winners will get a \$100 gift certificate from Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls. On December 21st one Grand Prize winner will be selected from the weekly winners to receive a \$1000 gift certificate from Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls.

Pick up an entry blank at Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls. Complete the form & return it along with your photo*. Winners will be selected by the staff at Sportsman's Warehouse according to size of the Buck or Bull & composition of the picture.

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EDITORIAL

Report has ISDB campus at a crossroad in Gooding

A new state report doesn't mince words about the future of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. Unless the school can change its operations to reflect current needs, the campus will become obsolete.

The Office of Performance Evaluations' 103-page report points to a school with an important statewide purpose in a facility that's underused. Time and services have changed significantly since the school's early beginnings in 1906.

The report suggests an imminent change away from a central campus in Gooding, and toward students' home districts, or possibly a facility in Boise.

Our view: Declining enrollment forces the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind to consider moving from the Gooding campus. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Facing those tight prospects, the OPF report gives the State Board of Education and the Legislature two paths for ISDB.

The first is to stay in Gooding and adopt the report's new management recommendations. The suggestions include more efficient ways to measure enrollment trends, maintenance, building uses, instruction and personnel just for starters. The rising costs of per-student instruction at the facility must be consistently tightened.

The second option is to choose a new facility, or a new model for delivering teaching services.

Moving ISDB from Gooding would be a big job to the community, with some significant job losses and the removal of a unique, historical institution.

The school has always been an integral part of Gooding's identity.

But other states with single facility services for deaf and blind students are likewise being forced to close doors and adapt to current needs. Most of these students — especially hearing-impaired students — are staying in their own school districts. Today's federal guidelines for deaf and blind students also favor the "least restrictive environment," which means immersing these kids into traditional schools.

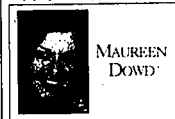
If there's an efficient way to reverse the enrollment decline, education leaders and legislators should by all means pursue it. The dropping numbers at ISDB, however, don't look good for the Gooding landmark.

The report details how enrollment at the Gooding school has declined nine of the past 10 years. Only half of the school's facilities are being used. At the same time, ISDB has expanded services to deaf and blind students' homes through its seven regions around the state. Last year, only 80 students were served, whereas 660 were served by ISDB at the local district level. This year, only 75 students are being taught at the Gooding school. ISDB has effectively stayed within 10 years in spite of inflationary costs and enrollment dips, the state is spending more on individual students at the Gooding school. Parents who want their kids taught closer to home rightfully ask if the school's budget — now at \$8.16 million — is being spent at the right levels.

Woman of Mass Destruction

I've always liked Judy Miller. I have often wondered what Waugh or Thackeray would have made of the Fourth Estate's Becky Sharp.

The traits she has that drive many reporters at *The New York Times* crazy — her tropism toward powerful men, her frantic intensity and her peculiar mixture of hard work and hauteur — never bothered me. I enjoy operative types.



Once when I was covering the first Bush White House, I was in *The Times*' seat in the crowded White House press room, listening to an administration official's background briefing. Judy had moved on from her tempestuous tenure reporter based in New York, but she showed up at this national security affairs briefing.

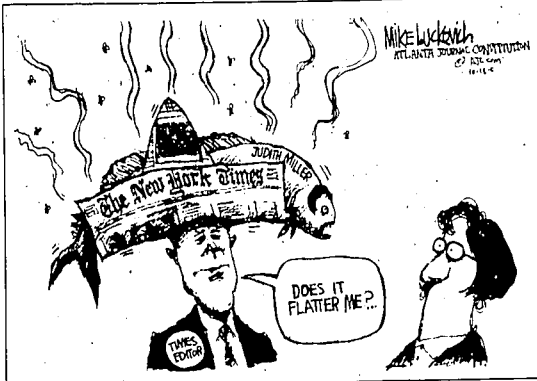
At first she leaned against the wall near where I was sitting, but noticed she seemed agitated about something. Midway through the briefing, she came over and whispered to me: "I think I should be sitting in the Times seat."

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She never knew when to quit. That was her talent and her flaw. Surely in need of a tight edited lead, she was kept on no leash at all, and that has hurt this paper and its trust with readers. She more than earned her sobriquet "Miss Run Amok."

Judy's stories about WMD fit too perfectly with the White House's case for war. She was close to Ahmad Chalabi, the con man who was counting the noses to knock out Saddam so he could get his hands on Iraq, and I worried that she was



playing a leading role in the dangerous echo chamber that formed Sen. Bob Graham dubbed "incestuous amplification." Using Iraq defectors and cables, Chalabi planted bogus stories with Judy and other credulous journalists.

Even last April, when I wrote a column critical of Chalabi, she first off e-mailed to me defending him.

When Bill Keller became executive editor in the summer of 2003, he barred Judy from covering Iraq and WMD issues. But he admitted in *The Times*' Sunday story about Judy's role in the Plame leak case that she had kept "drifting" back. Why did nobody stop this drift?

Judy admitted in the story that she "got it totally wrong" about WMD. "If your sources are wrong," she said, "you are wrong." But investigative reporting is not stenography.

The *Times*' story and Judy's own first-person account had the unfortunate effect of raising more questions. As Bill said in an e-mail note to the staff on Friday, Judy seemed to have "missed" the Washington bureau chief, Phil Taubman, about the extent of her involve-

ment in the Valerie Plame leak case.

She casually revealed that she had agreed to identify her source, scooper Libby. Dick Cheney's chief of staff, as a "former Hill staffer" because he had once worked on Capitol Hill. The implication was that this bit of deception was a common practice for reporters. It isn't.

She said that she had wanted to write about the Wilson-Plame matter, but that her editor would not allow it. But Managing Editor Jill Abramson, then the Washington bureau chief, denied this, saying that Judy had never broached the subject with her.

It also doesn't seem credible that Judy wouldn't remember a Marvel comics name like "Valerie Plame." Nor does it seem credible that she doesn't know how to get into her notebook and that, as she wrote, she "did not believe the name came from Libby."

An Associated Press story Friday reported that Judy had day reported that she had covered up the details of an earlier meeting with Libby only after prosecutors confronted her with a visitor log showing

that she had met with him on June 23, 2003.

This cagey confusion is what makes people wonder whether her stint in the Alexandria jail was in part a career rehabilitation project.

Judy is refusing to answer a lot of questions put to her by *Times* reporters, or show the notes that she shared with the grand jury. I admire Arthur Sulzberger Jr. and Bill Keller for aggressively backing reporters in the cross hairs of a prosecutor.

But before turning Judy's case into a First Amendment battle, they should have nailed her to a chair and extracted the entire story of her escapade.

Judy told *The Times* that she plans to write a book and intends to return to the newsroom, hoping to cover "the same thing I've covered — threats to our country." If that were to happen, the institution most in danger would be the newspaper in your hands.

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LETTERS

Clarification on letter

Thursday's letter from Deborah Mehraban had a headline that confused the text. The headline should have said "Science proves, informing after pill kills unborn."

The Times-News regrets the error.

Dogs don't belong in the back of trucks

Tanner got hurt! Years ago when our beloved Tanner was younger, I went to where my husband was working. As I pulled up to the construction site, a worker came running up and said "Tanner got hurt."

I ran to where he was laying on his side with blood all over him. On the way to the vet I found out what had happened.

Tanner was riding in the back of the truck with a load of lumber and tools. They were on the interstate, traveling at the speed limit, 65 mph. The load shifted and Tanner decided that he didn't have enough room so he jumped. He hit the ground and skidded along beside the truck.

Thank the Lord that he didn't veer into oncoming traffic. He was a very lucky dog. He did not break any bones, but he did get a pickup with a top over and a dog riding on it. As the driver turned the dog slid to the edge and almost fell. The driver had no idea of how close he came to losing his pet.

When I see a vehicle with

dogs in the back hanging over the edge, I get a little queasy in my stomach. I remember hearing the words, "Tanner got hurt," and how much pain our pet went through and how long it took him to recover.

Tanner now rides in the truck with us and our other dog, Taz. They are safe and they also are with us, which is where they really want to be. Being inside the cab allows them the opportunity to go with us and be an active part of our family.

Dogs love to have their ears flapping in the wind. Both of our dogs are able to do just that. From the inside of the truck with the window partially down they can enjoy the wind and still be safe.

I hope that the dog owners in our community will think before they allow their dogs to ride in the bed of a truck on the interstate. There are times that it may be better to leave them home. They will be there when you get back.

JOYCE CHUPA
Twin Falls

If temple is approved, hotel tower is valid, too

It is inconsistent and hypocritical for us, the citizens of Twin Falls, to endorse the construction of the 160-foot high LDS Temple and disallow the construction of the 140-foot high Neilson Convention Center.

Shouldn't we welcome and endorse both projects?

One addresses our needs while we're alive and the other when we're dead.

BOB FAY
Twin Falls

Let's retire Hitler references for good

Hardly a day goes by, it seems, without someone invoking the name of Hitler to drive home a political point. Hitler is so convenient a metaphor for anything from bad to evil that his name has become the world's swiftest alibi.

In the popular lexicon, Hitler references are nearly as ubiquitous as the word "Google." And yes, to Google him is to find him. 21,600,000 times. The genocidal wunder-freak continues to fascinate.

But increasingly, I find the Hitler refrain annoying. This compulsion to Hitlerize our political foes, though their deeds justify no such moniker, trivializes one of history's true monsters. This tendency to Nazi-ly any unwelcome action, though it falls short of the atrocities committed by real Nazis, cheapens the horror of historical events.

It is convenient, yes, but also lazy. And oftentimes, plain dumb.

Most annoying of all is the routine (in certain circles) comparison of President George W. Bush to the German führer, an analogy so ridiculous and rhetorically inane that it doesn't bear refuting.

The idea, conceived in the anti-war/anti-Bush camp before it fell into disuse, was recently resurrected on late-night TV when comedian Bill Maher (sort of) compared first lady Laura Bush to Hitler's dog and Bush to Hitler. One of his guests on the show, journalist Christopher Hitchens, chivalrously objected.

Maher had just shown a series of doctored photographs depicting Bush as a drunk and wife beater, prompting Hitchens to say in Bush's defense: "It must be to his credit he got Laura Bush to marry him. She's an absolutely extraordinary woman."

Whereupon Maher said, "Oh, come on. That's like Hitler's dog loved him ..."

A provoked Hitchens replied: "You're being ungrateful about Laura Bush, you've compared her to Hitler's dog. I'm not going to sit here and listen to that."

Explaining himself, Maher said that "the idea that we somehow humanize any person because somebody else loves them is ridiculous ..."

Point taken. But the larger point may be that Hitler's usefulness as an analog has expired. No longer the name and face of evil, he has become a comedian's punch line.

Or a politician's blunt instrument.

A vivid case for the latter point surfaced several days ago



in Virginia, where one gubernatorial candidate accused the other in a television ad of being weak on Hitler.

Can there be an indictment more damning?

The ad, for Republican candidate Jerry Kilgore, claimed that his Democratic opponent, Tim Kaine, said Adolf Hitler doesn't qualify for the death penalty.

The intended implication, apparently, was that Kaine is so wobbly on the death penalty that even Hitler would escape punishment. Whatever the intent, Kilgore's camp clearly did not do both what Kaine said and what he meant.

FactCheck.org, the fact-checking arm of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, dissected the quote in question, a variation of which came from a September editorial board meeting with Kaine at the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

Kaine was responding to a reporter's questions about the extent of his opposition to the death penalty, as in: Would even Hitler qualify for ultimate justice? Kaine, who also opposes abortion, equivocated somewhat, saying that "God grants life, and God should take it away ... Nevertheless, he's on record repeatedly promising to enforce the laws of the state, including the death penalty."

At the newspaper meeting, Kaine, in fact, said that Hitler "may deserve the death penalty" for his acts. He never said that Hitler doesn't qualify for the death penalty.

Even had he gotten his facts right, Kilgore should have resisted the temptation to exploit the number and being "Hitler" endorsed himself even as he helped devalue Hitler's unique contribution to human horror.

What's clear is that playing the Hitler card is a cheap trick designed only to sensationalize and stir emotions.

Hyperbolists on both sides of the political aisle are equally glibly, and the effect is both numbing and boring. "Hitler" is a magician of horror: he's a stuntman for unimaginative hucksters.

Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, writing for *Time* magazine a few years ago, described Adolf Hitler as "the incarnation of absolute evil ... Under his hypnotic gaze, humanity crossed a threshold from which one could not return."

As such, Hitler deserves our continued scrutiny and study. How else to prevent another? But we should retire his name as a casual term of abuse for whomever we find awful.

Family breeds not only contempt, but also indifference. And Hitler's death camps taught us what indifference breeds.

Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the *Orlando Sentinel*, welcomes comments via e-mail at kparker@kparker.com.

Simpson plan erases mountain bike trails

Did you know that mountain bicycles are not allowed in designated wilderness?

If Rep. Simpson's Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act becomes law, 300,000 acres in the Boulder-White Clouds will become wilderness. More than 80 miles of Idaho's most scenic trails will be closed to bicycles forever. Idaho's population is growing, its recreation needs are growing, and the Boulder-White Clouds provides a spectacular

Write to us

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experience that few places can provide.

Wilderness is not necessary to protect the area. When Congress established the Sawtooth

National Recreation Area more than 30 years ago, mining, logging and development were essentially banned and recreation was encouraged. It's working; let's not mess it up. Wilderness unfairly kicks bicycle recreation out for no good reason.

Wilderness prohibits other activities that actually benefit and help preserve an area. Trails in wilderness must be maintained by primitive and expensive means. Visitor amenities that may also protect the environment are not allowed. The deteriorating and

vanishing trails in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness are a testament to the long-term adverse effects that the authors of the Wilderness Act never anticipated.

We need active management in the Boulder-White Clouds that protects its special scenic qualities. We need trails open to a variety of visitors who can appreciate the area in unique ways. There are millions of acres of designated wilderness nearby we don't need more wilderness in the SNRA.

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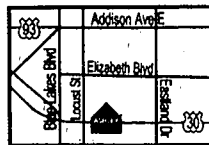
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Public can meet council candidates

TWIN FALLS — Citizens can meet candidates for this year's City Council election at a special forum from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

The forum has a question-and-answer format on issues relevant to the economy and the quality of life in Twin Falls. The public is invited.

The event will be held at City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave. East. It is hosted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Twin Falls Area Association of Realtors and the Magic Valley Builders Association.

CableOne will air the forum live on Cable Channel 17.7. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at 735-3974.

Seven-week art show opens today at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The 2005 Idaho Triennial art show, the main event of the year, opens its seventh week today at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The Idaho Triennial includes 27 Idaho artists with works ranging from paintings and photographs to three-dimensional, glass and earthenware. Nearly 300 entries were submitted by 257 Idaho artists from which an art jury selected the works that are in the traveling exhibit. The show has been on display at the Boise Art Museum and the University of Idaho before coming to Twin Falls.

The show will premiere with a free public reception from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Jean B. King Gallery of the Herrett Center. It will be on display until Dec. 17. The Herrett Center is located on the north side of the CSI campus on North College Road. It is open Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Forest Service offers free hay for hunters

STANLEY — The Forest Service and Blaine and Custer counties Cooperative Weed Management Agencies are cooperating in a free hay exchange project to make it easier for hunters and others using pack stock to obtain certified, weed-free hay when they go into the backcountry areas of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Regional forester regulations require the use of certified, weed-free hay on national forest system lands to help prevent the spread of invasive and noxious weed species.

Kararon Sam, SNRA Range Management specialist, said weed problems are evident at a number of trailheads where thistle and other weeds are growing. "These weed seeds have been brought in by hay used to feed stock at the trailhead," Sam said.

The program is in effect through Nov. 6. Hunters and others using the backcountry are encouraged to call Sam at (208) 774-3014 for details on how and where to make the free exchange. The hay agencies use for exchange is alfalfa-grass mix. Hay taken in by the exchange is donated to the Blaine County 4-H Horse Program.

More information regarding weed-free hay is available at www.idahoweedawareness.org.

CSI offers free seminar on searching for a job

TWIN FALLS — A free job seeking skills seminar will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho's Center for New Directions.

Participants will learn the basics of job-seeking skills with a professional career facilitator. These skills include the application process, resume format, cover letter impact, interview techniques and following-up with potential employers. The workshop is designed for anyone who is feeling unsure about their job-seeking skills.

Students must call or visit the Center for New Directions to sign up. Space is limited. For more information, call 732-6880.

— compiled from staff reports

Howard plans retirement

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Education Superintendent Marilyn Howard, the only Democrat elected to statewide position in Idaho, announced Monday she will retire when her term expires in 2007.

Howard, 66, said she's leaving her job because she wants to spend more time with her family, including her two grandsons.

Laird Stone, a Twin Falls attorney and vice president of the Idaho State Board of Education, said Howard's decision was not a surprise. "I had heard word that she might not run, and this was just confirmed."

Howard's successors are already jumping into the superintendent's race, with two



Howard

Republicans planning to announce their candidacies this week, and others saying they'll do so later.

Political differences over the years between the elected Democrat Howard and other Republican-appointed members of the State Board has attracted media attention during her two terms. But Stone said Howard fostered good working ties with board members in spite of those issues.

"I thought our relationship was very good," Stone said.

"Sometimes when you're looking at the broader scope, there's a segment that allows for conflict of views. But our offices have worked well together."

Howard declined to say whom she thinks should succeed her. At a news conference Monday, she focused on achievements in her seven-year tenure, and on the future, saying the state must improve teacher salaries, benefits, and working conditions to keep qualified professionals in its classrooms.

"The real heroes of the system (are) the men and women who teach in our schools," Howard said. "They are notoriously underpaid and overworked."

Howard became superintendent of the Idaho schools in January 1999. Four months after

she took office, she started implementing the Idaho Reading Initiative, an IRA program requiring new reading tests for children.

In kindergarten through third grade, the IRA also required extra programs for children who weren't meeting the state's reading standards, and new training for teachers.

Both Stone and Gannon said Howard's support for the Idaho Reading Initiative will be among her strongest legacies as superintendent.

"She was a strong proponent of the original Idaho ISAT, that was before No Child Left Behind came along," Gannon said. "Then we had to rework our testing because the test we used

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Four seek Steele's seat on council

By Terry Smith Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Four citizens are seeking the City Council seat held by Elaine Steele, who after eight years of service is not seeking re-election.

David E. Johnson, Gregory L. Lanting, Sheryl Olsen-Frank and Jackie L. Zapf are running for the council seat, Position officially known as Seat No. 5. The election is scheduled for Nov. 8.

In interviews with *The Times-News*, candidates discussed their opinions on a number of issues, but were officially asked the following questions:

• Why are you running for City Council?

• What is your opinion about crime and police protection in Twin Falls?

• Do you think we should build a Wal-Mart building on Blue Lakes Boulevard North?

• What is your opinion of Wal-Mart building a store in Twin Falls?

Attempts by *The Times-News* to contact Zapf were unsuccessful.

David E. Johnson

Why running: "I think I have the business acumen that could really serve the public," Johnson said. "To give back something is part of my culture."

"I think the largest issue facing Twin Falls and the valley is water," he said. "I just think we should be good custodians for the resource."

"I'm really against unnecessary regulation and red tape. I'm happy to see the growth in Twin Falls. The growth issue should be approached with good management and not moratoriums. The caveat I would mention is we should never trade air or water quality for dollars."

Crime/police protection: "I think Jim Mann is a good lead for the police," Johnson said. "I think they do a good job. I am concerned about the migration of police officers. Those who serve and protect us need to be fairly compensated."

Blue Lakes: "I stand against barriers on Blue Lakes Boulevard period — and medians are a barrier. Whatever we do, we need to partner with businesses on Blue Lakes to see that they're part of the solution."

Wal-Mart: "I'm OK with Wal-Mart building a store in Twin Falls. I don't think we need to go looking for retail — retail will come here."

Background: Johnson is the general manager of the Con Paulos automobile dealerships in Twin Falls and Jerome and currently serves on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospital Board. He's also served

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A NEW LOOK



Michael Yudek, of Den Anderson Construction Inc. of Twin Falls, removes stucco elding Friday on the Blue Lakes Country Club under clear blue Magic Valley skies.

Soldiers get ready to be released from active duty

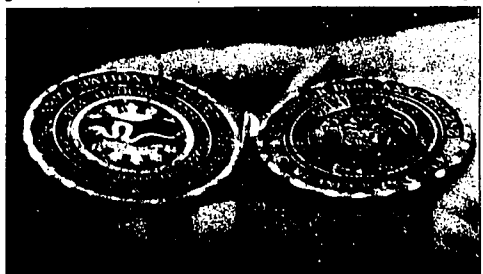
By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

FORT LEWIS, WASH. — They're finally coming to the end of an 18-month deployment that included a tour of Iraq. The first group of soldiers with the 116th Brigade Combat Team arrived Sunday at Fort Lewis, Wash., and the rest of them will be coming in Saturday and during the first three days of November.

They'll spend about a week at Fort Lewis before returning to their hometowns. It's called demobilization and it's an extremely important transition period, said General Larry Lafrenz, commander of the 116th National Guard.

"What happens here are all the things we did to mobilize them — personnel, medical, logistical — to make sure everything's in place," Lafrenz said.

Soldiers will spend the first couple days in briefings, learning about how their pay will change and what benefits are available to them. Then they'll go through medical processing, where their entire medical history before, during and after combat duty will be carefully assessed, said Maj. Tim Whalen, personnel officer with the 654th Area Support Group at Fort Lewis. Whalen said he expects to see a number of soldiers with or-



The first group of soldiers from the 116th Brigade Combat Team arrived at Fort Lewis, Wash. Sunday to begin the demobilization process. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne visited with the soldiers in Kuwait before they boarded the plane home. He presented them with a commander's coin that features the seal of the state of Idaho and the 116th's colorful snake insignia. They were doing more things than they were used to doing, Whalen said. When possible, soldiers will be linked about 50 pounds of body armor.

Jerome voters will decide fate of schools

The Times-News

IEROME — Supporters of two Jerome school bond levies will cross their fingers today as voters decide the fate of the combined \$26.5 million bonds.

Voters will consider two bonds, one to build a new elementary school for \$9.2 million, and the other to build a new middle school for \$17.3 million.

Voters can approve both, reject both, or approve just one. Bonds must pass with a minimum two-thirds majority vote. Although Jerome has passed only one school bond levy in the last 30 years, some supporters feel today will be a good day.

Chris Bragg, an instructor at the College of Southern Idaho, and the public relations representative for the Jerome School Facility Improvement Committee, has been working with other committee members to reach out to the public.

"It's long and at times it can be demoralizing," Bragg said. "In the past, people have worked long hours to gather support for these levies, but they didn't pass." The committee — which is comprised of local citizens, business owners and parents — organized subcommittees to educate the community, gather public opinion and assisted with voter registration. After the polls open this morning at 7, the voters will ultimately decide if the committee's efforts will culminate in success — or not.

The last new school backed by voters was Horizon Elementary in 1991 when it became the recipient of a successful bond campaign.

If voters approve the bond levies today, the new schools would be built on 40 acres north of Jerome near the Tiger Stop. Jim Cobble, Jerome School District superintendent, said in an article published Thursday in the *North Side News*, "The elementary school would be built on the west 12 acres, and the middle school would be built on the eastern 28 acres," Cobble said.

Cobble said that building the schools next to each other would cut down costs, since they could share some of the work such as trenching.

If the bonds pass, Central Elementary would be torn down and the land sold, Cobble said. Jerome Middle School would be used to house support services, such as technology and offices for curriculum and special education.

Where to vote

Voting will be at the following polling places between the 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. today.
Horizon Elementary
934 10th Ave. E.
Jefferson Elementary
600 N. Fillmore
Jerome High School
124 Tigar Drive
Chris Gibson's Residence
3012 S. 2400 E.
Goulding County
Central Elementary
311 N. Lincoln
Jerome Middle School
116 W. 3rd St.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Idaho company wins contract

WHITFIELD — An Idaho company has won a \$37,672 contract to rebuild a trail in Montana that's associated with one of the worst U.S. Forest Service firefighting tragedies in the agency's history.

Clearway Services of Whitebird won the contract for the Mann Gulch trail reconstruction and maintenance project, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Monday.

The trail is located 15 miles north of Helena, Mont., and can only be accessed by boat on upper Holter Lake, a reservoir on the Missouri River.

Located on the edge of the

Magic Valley in brief

Gates of the Mountains Wilderness Area, it's near the site where 13 smokejumpers died on Aug. 5, 1949, after being overrun by the deadly Mann Gulch fire.

Can get prison time for cutting \$17,000 of trees

COEUR D'ALENE — The region's largest illegal firewood cutting operation has resulted in a one-year prison sentence for a Sities man who chopped down \$17,000 worth of trees

in 2003. John R. McHome, 44, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Coeur d'Alene on Monday on charges of theft of government property. He also must pay \$17,150 in restitution to the U.S. Forest Service, according to his sentence.

McHome, along with three other people, had cut down a total of 87 trees, according to U.S. Attorney Tom Moss.

Three others in the operation were charged with misdemeanors and have already been sentenced.

—compiled from wire reports

Public transportation returns to northern Idaho after ten years

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The 25-mile commute through the farm fields of Benewah County is effortless for 21-year-old Veronica Matt, who recently got a job as a housekeeper at the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Resort.

Matt, who lives in Tensed with her 3-year-old daughter and has no car, takes the new CityLink bus — the first regular, 7-day-a-week bus service in northern Idaho in a decade.

Without it, said Matt, "I'd have to pay someone gas money to take me up here. ... CityLink serves the U.S. Highway 95 corridor through Benewah County. On Nov. 1, CityLink will launch its routes in Kootenai County, making it possible for someone to take the bus to the hospital or North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, the Silver Lake Mall in Hayden, or Wal-Mart in Post Falls.

The buses will follow fixed routes on a schedule that varies from every hour and 20 minutes to every 3 hours, from 6:20 a.m. until after 3 a.m.

The service is the first since North Idaho Community Express, or NICE, ceased in 1995. The NICE bus still operates weekdays between Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene. Transit planners hope to add St. Maries to the southern rural route and Liberty Lake and Spokane to the northern route.

to give people mobility they didn't have before," said Glenn Miles, director of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO), which partnered with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to provide the bus system.

When Idaho Gov. David L. Sauter, council member and KMPO chairman, attended the launch of CityLink in Benewah County, an elderly woman from Tensed asked her where the bus would go. "I said, 'It will go all the way to Wal-Mart in Post Falls,' and the lady got tears in her eyes," Reid said. "She said she depends on a friend who takes her once a month to Moscow to grocery shop."

DEATH NOTICES

Maria Casas

SHOSHONE — Maria Casas, 67, of Shoshone, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, at her residence. Arrangements will be made by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Glenn N. McGhie

MALIA — Glenn N. McGhie, an 87-year-old Malda resident, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at his home in Malda. Arrangements will be made by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Everett Norris

JANSEN — Everett Norris, 70, of Hansen, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be made

by White Mortuary.

A. E. 'Ann' Bliven

TWIN FALLS — A. E. "Ann" Bliven, 84, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005 at Carling Place in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Jose Magdalena

GOOCHING — Jose Magdalena, age 44, of Gooding, died Oct. 16, 2005, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic

Church in Gooding. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. till service time.

Fred Swaner

SHOSHONE — Fred Swaner, 75, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at his home in Shoshone.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, at the Halley Cemetery with the Rev. Everett Herrey officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, at the Wood River Chapel and from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005.

Arrangements will be made by Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

Candidates

Continued from B1. as a United Way board president. Johnson said he has 25 years experience in the business community and "thousands of volunteer hours, board experience." Johnson and his wife Kay Lynn have four children.

Gregory L. Lanting

Why running? "I've always been interested in public duty." Lanting said. "I walk my dog every night and I'd like to be able to continue doing that safely. ... I think we could do more with tourism," he said. "I don't think we're doing enough to make it a destination for tourists rather than just a pass through location."

Lanting said more planning is needed in community and commercial development. "We do a lot more zoning than we do planning. I'm in education and I'm worried that we lose some of our best and brightest here." He said the city needs more employers that pay higher wages.

Crime/police protection: "I'd like to see if we could come up with a way to retain more officers of the City Planning and Zoning Board, voted against two special use permits for the proposed Wal-Mart store. He said the store does not fit with the original plan for the area."

Background: Lanting is the principal at Filer Middle School and has worked in the Filer School District nearly 30 years. He has served on the City Planning and Zoning Board for eight years. Lanting was born and raised in the Hollister area. He has served with various community groups including Healthy Kids Network, Status Offender advisory board and the Municipal Golf Course advisory board. Lanting lives in Twin Falls with his wife Marcia.

Blue Lakes: "I can see some medians, but I don't see them for the whole thing." Lanting said more police presence would also be helpful.

Wal-Mart: Lanting is a member of the City Planning and Zoning Board, voted against two special use permits for the proposed Wal-Mart store. He said the store does not fit with the original plan for the area.

Sherry Olsen-Frank

Why running? "I just think I have some things to bring to the table to have some thoughtful and deliberate growth," Olsen-

Frank said. "Twin Falls is at a critical point of business versus residential. There's some changes I'd like to see in the codes," she said.

"I think we need to preserve downtown," she said. "It's important — that's our heritage. She suggested that the city promote more growth in the downtown area."

"It would be nice for the city and county to work together more in collaboration." She said it would benefit both if the two entities could find ways to share resources.

Crime/police protection: Olsen-Frank said she is concerned that the city is losing police officers. "I'm not positive of the issues there — from what I've observed they work very good together."

Blue Lakes: "I'm excited that the Idaho Transportation Department has a program in place," she said. "I don't know if raised medians or police are the solution."

Wal-Mart: "Who would have thought that Wal-Mart would have wanted to go into a business park? I'm not going to have an opinion as to whether they should be here or not, but they followed the rules."

Background: Olsen-Frank is self-employed Certified Public Accountant. She has previously

served on the City Planning and Zoning Board. She has been involved in community groups such as People for Pets, the Twin Falls County Board of Community Guardians, the Rock Creek Brigade and the Silver Sage Girl Scouts. She is married and has a son currently serving in Iraq.

SERVICES

Melba Mae-Parton of Rupert, viewing from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Maria Vega of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; viewing one hour before the Mass at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Marvin W. Wootan of Indian

Grove, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Three Island Crossing State Park in Glenn Ferry (Rust Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel).

Wayne Eugene Johnson of Hazelton, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Marjorie Elaine Chapman Bunn of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley

2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Rose Marian Jayne Lucero, graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Glen Abbey Memorial Park in Bonita, Calif. (Metzger Mortuary).

OBITUARIES

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Thomas Joe Dudley

BELLEUE — Thomas Joe Dudley, age 53, died Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchikan of heart failure. He was born Feb. 8, 1952, in Malad, the child of Thomas and Jean Dudley. Tom attended schools in Pocatello and Leadore. As a youth, he lived on his grandparents' ranch at Leadore, Pocatello and Malad and for the last 30 years he has lived in the Wood River Valley. Tom married Laura Wolf on Dec. 24, 1986, in Halley. He worked masonry and landscaping and his last job was head cook at the Blaine County Senior Center.



Leadore, Barbara (Joke) Horner and their children, Joe, Max and Ben of Ohio, and Dea Ann (Kelly) Hobbs and their children, Jake, Tiffany and Whitney of Pocatello; his brothers, Larry Dudley and his children, Jeff and Melissa of California, and Jeff (Jennie) Dudley and their son, Jason of Idaho, and many friends and adopted kids and grandkids in the Wood River Valley who called him, "Grandpa Man."

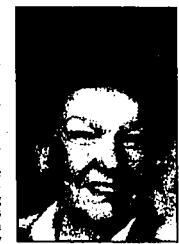
Those preceding him in death were his father, his grandparents, Joe and Barbara Dudley and Wally and Norma Raymond and his niece, Missy. A memorial will be held at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Belleue on Nov. 13, 2005, during the Phoenix NASCAR race. Cremation preceded the services. Arrangements for the family will be entrusted to his ashes this spring.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Blaine County Senior Center, P.O. Box 28, Halley, ID 83333. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

Sharon (Dave) Kepford and their children, Nikki and Molly of Paradise, Calif., and Jocelyn (Handy) Edward and their daughter, Amaya of Fairfield; his sons, Johnny (Melissa) Wolf and their children, David and Michael of Twin Falls, and James Savaria of Challis; his sisters, Sandy (Jim) Carter of Colorado, Janice Vann and her children, Marvati and Michael of Texas, Debbie (Curt) Whitaker and their children, Britnee, Tyler and Colter of

Mary Ann Tuckett

MALIA — Mary Ann Sanders Tuckett was born June 25, 1936, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She came into this world with an abundance of energy and a love of life. She lived each day with enthusiasm and carried that same energetic spirit back to her Heavenly Father on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005. Mary's fun-loving spirit and acceptance of all people endeared her to everyone she met, creating lifelong friendships. Known for making others smile, her greatest joy came while sharing time with family and friends. Every day was a special occasion, particularly when the day included spending time with her children and grandchildren.



Maria (Kelly) Reeves of Provo, Utah, Nanette (Bart) Hodges of Hooper, Utah, Candace (Jason) Tuckett of Malda, Tina (Brent) Hancock of Leander, Texas, and Brandon (Shelby) Tuckett of Ogden, Utah; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, at the Malda 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Max Jones officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. at the church.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Eric Harris and the hospice nurses who attended Mary with such love and tenderness.

her heart and brought warmth to the life she loved. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having served in leadership positions in the Relief Society and Young Women organizations. She is survived by her sweet heart of 48 years, Larry Tuckett

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Soldiers

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with resources in their communities to continue medical treatment. Soldiers ending active duty are eligible to remain on the military's health insurance plan for six months.
Who is said soldiers will also be screened for any signs of post-traumatic stress syndrome, an anxiety disorder some soldiers suffer after being in a war zone.

Their personnel files will also be updated. A complete record of each soldier's military experience will be taken and they'll receive new identification cards.
Families of soldiers have attended seminars at local armories to help them know what to expect when their loved

Resources for troops and families

Veterans Administrator Cheryl Ringenber, 260 Fourth Ave. N., 733-7610, Ext. 21
Twin Falls Veterans Clinic, 260 Second Ave. E., 732-0947
George Nowland, Family Readiness Center, 733-2404, Ext. 7039
Bob Jackson, Veterans of

Foreign Wars, 733-6042
Helpline Web sites:
Benefits:
www.seamlesstransition.va.gov
Tricare Family Program:
www.gofamily.org
Griffen Insurance:
www.tricare.org

ones arrive home.
"It's going to be an adjustment for both the soldiers and their families," Lafrenz said.

As soon as soldiers complete the process, they'll be released from active duty. They'll return to their National Guard units and Gen. Dirk Kempthorne will replace President George W. Bush as their commander in chief.

Soldiers are wanting their last week as active duty soldiers to go as quickly as possible.
"They're very anxious to get through it," Whalen said. "They know this is their last step to getting home."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by smiller@magicvalley.com.

Howard

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wasn't acceptable, it was progressive, and they wanted a graded test. And she urged caution with the ISAT, especially with the high-stakes graduation test."

Among other things, she also won \$8.3 million in federal grants for charter schools in Idaho, and assigned a staff person to help the schools.

Stone said the State Board's latest campaign for high school graduation reform also carries Howard's fingerprints on it. "She was very active on that committee, and she's been an advocate for the high schools that work program."

At her news conference, Howard praised not only Idaho teachers but its school district trustees and administrators for allocating scarce resources as efficiently as they could. And she praised Idaho.

"Long before the No Child Left Behind Act was adopted, Idaho was already setting high academic expectations, had already begun disaggregating tests to look more closely at which groups of students were doing well and which needed more attention, had already initiated stringent qualifications for its teachers," Howard said. Under No Child Left Behind, a 2002 Bush administration education funding law, schools must meet standardized testing

requirements or risk expensive consequences.

"If anything with its punitive emphasis and its focus on a single test as the sole measure of accountability, the No Child Left Behind Act has diverted our time, our energies, and certainly our money into a form of accountability that is not all that helpful," Howard said. And regardless of which side of the proverbial political fence one sits on, credit is freely given when credit is deserved.

"I really don't see the superintendent of instruction as being a political position per se," said Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, a member of the Senate Education Committee. "Whoever is in there should be fighting for what's best for our kids. I thought she worked very well with the Legislature."

Howard's chief deputy at the education department, Jana Jones, is one of many candidates for Howard's job. Jones, a Democrat, said she planned to make an announcement Tuesday.

At least two Republicans planned to announce their candidacy: ais week Tom Lina, a businessman from Nampa who plans to launch his campaign Tuesday, and state Rep. Steve Smylie, R-Boise, a teacher at West Junior High School in Boise who planned an announcement Wednesday.
Steve Casey, the principal of

Coeur d'Alene High School, said Monday that he's planning to run in the Republican primary as well, and will make a formal announcement in a month or so.

Democrat Sen. Bert Marley of McCammon, a 22-year teaching veteran, said Monday he expects to run, too, but will wait for a few weeks before making an announcement.

Another Republican, Phil Kelly, considered a run but changed his mind in May when other career opportunities arose. He's now chairman of the Curriculum, Instruction, and Foundational Studies department at Boise State University.

Howard has proposed a \$1 billion spending plan that increases the state's budget education by 6 percent for the coming fiscal year. While the Legislature has balked at raising spending for education in recent years, Howard said conversations with lawmakers had made her confident they would support her budget this time around.

But Howard's annual budget requests usually faced long odds in a Legislature controlled by conservative Republicans. However, Stone said she stood behind each request. "She's always asked for what she believed was the appropriate amount, (while) realizing that she wasn't going to get that amount."

Airport decision set for Wednesday

The Times-News

HAILLEY — Residents in Lincoln, Blaine and Camas Counties will come one step closer to knowing where a new airport might land Wednesday night.

The Friedman Memorial Airport Authority (FMAA) will decide then which of three sites to put forward as a potential location for a new airport to serve the Wood River Valley and the northern end of the Magic Valley. That means south central Idaho could easily have two regional airports within an hour's drive of each other. And that's not a good idea, according to one Twin Falls County commissioner.

"I think it's ridiculous," Tom Mikessel said. "If we're going to have a regional airport we should have a regional airport and Twin Falls should be involved in the negotiations — if not at this site then somewhere in between."

In Twin Falls, Magic Valley Regional Airport (MVRA) officials have been quiet about the potential of having another large airport in close proximity.

"We understand their posi-

Meeting Wednesday

What: Friedman Memorial Airport Authority will decide where a new airport will be located.
When: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Blaine County Courthouse.

tion," said MVRA manager Jill Carberry. "I think their region needs an airport just as much as this area needs one. It's a destination."
But Mikessel isn't as understanding.

When Friedman officials established the committee that looked at potential sites, Twin Falls and Jerome counties were being designed to participate. That decision raised some concern among a few committee members, but it was felt at the time that since the new airport was being designed to meet the needs of Blaine County, it would not have an impact on Twin Falls and Jerome. Since then, the Lincoln and Camas county sites have come into play.

Mikessel says if Friedman's Airport Authority is going to pick a location away from Blaine County, they might as

well go to Twin Falls.
"I'd like them to explore other options. It makes no sense to spend those dollars on a new airport that's going to get them 15 to 20 minutes closer to Twin Falls," he said.

But, the potential of a regional airport is not what FMAA members will talk about Wednesday night. In a special meeting, board members will choose the site they'll ask the Federal Aviation Administration to observe in an Environmental Impact Study. While the decision will end "what's been a two-year process of finding a possible location for a new airport, discussion is far from over. At best, there won't be a groundbreaking ceremony for a new airport for seven years — maybe even ten. In the meantime, the debate over the best location for an airport that can handle large commuter jets is likely to continue."

No public comment will be taken at Wednesday's meeting. FMAA members took testimony at a public hearing in September and last week they toured all three of the selected sites. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Blaine County Courthouse.

Frozen airman flown to Hawaii

VACAVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A body believed to be a World War II airman, found frozen in the Sierra Nevada, was flown Monday to Hawaii for identification, military officials said.

The body of a young man — blond, apparently fit, and still wearing his Army uniform — was discovered mostly encased in a glacier in Kings Canyon National Park earlier this month.

The body was airlifted to the coroner's office in Fresno County on Wednesday, where it was slowly thawed.

On Monday, the body was flown out of Travis Air Force Base to Hickam Air Force Base on Oahu where it will be exam-

ined at the Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command, which recovers and identifies the remains of lost soldiers, said 2nd Lt. Lindsey Hahn, a Travis spokeswoman.

The body is believed to be that of one of four men who died when their A1-7 navigational training plane crashed into an icy peak on Nov. 18, 1942.

The pilot was 2nd Lt. William A. Gumber, 23, of Fayette, Ohio. The three aviation cadets aboard were aviation Cadet Ernest Munn, 23, of St. Clairsville, Ohio; John Mortenson, 25, of Moscow, Idaho; and Leo M. Munstern, 22, of Brainard, Minn.

October lasts a bit longer than 31 days
Find out more in Random Kinds of Fatness on Page A-5.

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Deputies involved in bogus high-speed chase disciplined

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Three Spokane County deputies accused of staging a phony high-speed chase as a prank were suspended without pay Monday, Sheriff Mark Sterk said.

The pursuit through downtown Oct. 3 involved a uniformed deputy in a marked sheriff's patrol car chasing two plainclothes deputies who were driving an unmarked Ford Mustang.

The pursuit ended when city

police officers, who rushed to assist, disabled the Mustang with a spike strip on a downtown street.

The police officers were not aware that the chase was phony and have been cleared of any wrongdoing.

Deputy Samson Palmer, the driver of the marked sheriff's patrol car, was given a three-week unpaid suspension and ordered to pay \$1,236.43 in restitution to the Spokane Police Department

for damage to a cruiser. The discipline will cost Palmer more than \$4,530 in lost pay and restitution, Sterk said.

Deputy David Ellis was driving the unmarked Mustang and was suspended for two weeks and ordered to pay \$1,236.43 to the Spokane Police Department. He will lose more than \$3,993 in pay and restitution, the sheriff said.

Deputy Heath Vreimich, Ellis' passenger, received a 6-day suspen-

tion for failing to perform his duty in a competent manner. The suspension amounts to more than \$1,320 in lost salary.

Sterk said an investigation substantiated allegations against Palmer of neglect of duty, criminal conduct (negligent driving, improper use of emergency equipment, failure to perform duties in a competent manner and failure to operate a vehicle within department guidelines).

Ellis was determined to have violated policy by neglect of duty, criminal conduct, failure to operate a vehicle within department guidelines and failure to perform duties in a competent manner.

Palmer and Ellis each must each pay \$52.74 restitution to the sheriff's office for a Mustang destroyed by the police spike strip.

"Both drivers also were cited by the Spokane County Prosecutor

for second-degree negligent driving. It found guilty, the charge carries a \$538 fine, Sterk said.

The discipline ordered for the three deputies was much more severe than a citation would have faced under the same circumstances, but the public demands greater accountability and professionalism from law enforcement, Sterk said.

He called the incident a "one-time error in judgment."

Medicaid defends its cuts to in-home care of disabled girl

Child suffers from rare disease that has been diagnosed only 34 times since 1914

SALMON (AP) — State Medicaid officials say they reduced the number of hours of in-home care for a 6-year-old girl who suffers from a rare debilitating brain disease, to bring the level of free service closer to the amount other children in the region receive.

Idaho Falls cut Adisyn's help from 36 to 25 hours a week, saying Adisyn didn't need specialized care during her hours at home when she was sleeping or watching television.

daytime care to be left in the hands of a baby sitter who won't cost as much as a personal care services provider.

But Adisyn's caregivers and former teachers say getting her care is critical.

"She needs assistance from someone who's trained and caring," said Geraldine Moore, an early childhood special education teacher with the Child Development Center in Salmon.

But the mother of Adisyn Helgeson maintains the cutback in personal care provided by the federal-state health care program for low-income people threatens her daughter's health.

Melanie Helnap, program manager for Region VII Medicaid, said Adisyn's hours were cut because she attends a holiday of school. Clients are evaluated annually when they receive personal care services, she said, and their hours are adjusted according to changes in circumstances.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is expected to ask lawmakers in the upcoming 2006 legislative session for changes to return Medicaid, which costs Idaho more than \$300 million annually to cover about 180,000 people. Including federal contributions, the costs in Idaho to Medicaid are around \$1 billion.

"I'm fighting for a daughter who can't fight for herself," Amy Helgeson told the Post Register. "It's heart-wrenching."

Helnap said Adisyn is not being discriminated against. The 25 children in the nine-county Region VII Medicaid office eligible for personal care services get an average of about 17 hours a week.

From 1997 to 2005, the program's budget has risen about 17.7 percent a year, Medicaid's Leslie Clement said. Budget analysts have told lawmakers that if nothing is done to check the growth, Medicaid and prisons will cost the state as much as public education within 15 years.

Adisyn has a disease called Rasmussen's epileptosis, a condition that causes problems with speech, feeding, eyesight, balance, muscle reaction and cognitive thinking. Since 1914, only 34 cases have been identified worldwide.

"We're here to assist the parents, but ultimately parents are responsible," Helnap said.

Helnap wants Helgeson to enroll Adisyn in day care when she's not in kindergarten. Failing that, they want part of her

Vandals do \$20,000 job on Meridian public park

MERIDIAN — Vandals caused an estimated \$20,000 worth of damage at a park in this Boise suburb, smashing lights, toilets and windows.

Police believe the destructive spree at Settler's Park occurred just before midnight Saturday, before doors to the restroom facilities were locked automatically.

The damage will take weeks to repair, officials said, describing how the vandals ripped a parking lot sign from the ground and smashed lights that illuminate a park flag. They destroyed a power meter and broke out glass block windows from the building, then tried to clog toilets before smashing them to pieces.

"Not only did they do the damage, they were trying to leave a disgusting mess as well," said Doug Strong, Meridian's parks and recreation director.

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FBI: Polygamous fugitive Warren Jeffs believed seen fishing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Federal agents are investigating a report that fugitive polygamous leader Warren Jeffs was at Strawberry Reservoir on Sunday — fishing.

"They got away before we had a chance to find them," FBI Special Agent Brent Robbins said Monday.

Agents are taking the tip seriously because it matches the description of Jeffs and a group of "bodyguard types" last week at a Cabela's outdoor store in

Lehi, where they bought fishing gear. Jeffs was seen on Sunday in a wheelchair, the same prop he used at Cabela's to divert attention from his slim physique, Robbins said.

"He's tall — 6-foot-4 — and at 150 pounds, that's like a walking toothpick. He figures if he's in a wheelchair, that will disguise his obvious physical characteristics," Robbins said.

Jeffs, who rules in absentia over a polygamist sect that dom-

inates the border towns of Colorado City, Ariz., and Hildale, Utah, has been a fugitive since his June indictment in Arizona on charges of arranging a marriage between a 16-year-old girl and a man who was already married.

The FBI added a charge of unlawful flight against Jeffs and joined the search for him.

Robbins said security tapes at Cabela's showed "an image that depicts a reasonable likeness to Warren Jeffs," confirming an

employee's account on Friday. Jeffs' group was seen leaving Cabela's with a white GMC Yukon and a Ford pickup. Some employees jotted down the license plates. The FBI traced the registrations but isn't revealing what it learned. It was "one of those connect-the-dot things," Robbins said.

On Sunday morning, other witnesses reported seeing Jeffs in the wheelchair with the group of apparent loyalists at Strawberry Reservoir, about 55 miles

southeast of Salt Lake City. They were gone by the time FBI agents arrived. "We think it's a very credible tip," Robbins said.

So why is a fugitive risking capture by shopping and going fishing at one of Utah's most popular fishing holes?

After being on the run so long, fugitives "need to go out and relax too," Robbins said. "We've had crazier things. We don't underestimate anything. We'll cover it all."

Robbins pointed out that Joseph Edward Duncan III, the convicted sex offender charged in a triple murder last May in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was captured at a local Denny's restaurant with the girl he is accused of abducting.

The FBI is discounting yet another reported sighting of Jeffs early Friday at a grocery store in South Salt Lake City. Robbins said the report had Jeffs with a group of women, but he's known to travel only with men.

Russell's run ends in Ireland

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Frederick D. Russell, on the run for four years from a horrific auto accident that killed three students near Pullman, has been captured in Ireland, authorities said Monday.

Russell, 27, was arrested Sunday by the Irish National Police at a store in Dublin, where he worked, U.S. Marshal Michael Kline said. He was working under the alias of David Carroll Kline said.

The Marshals Service received a tip about Russell last January, shortly after he became the first drunken driver ever placed on the agency's 15 most-wanted list.

After verifying the tip, officials in the U.S. prepared an extradition request, and then had to wait for Irish officials to process the request and for a judge there to sign an arrest warrant, Kline said.

"The last nine months have been nerve-racking," Kline said. "We knew one leak could have caused Frederick Russell to flee and disappear again."

The process of extraditing Russell has already begun, said Carol LaVerne of the Whitman County prosecutor's office.

"That is a long and complicated process," LaVerne said from the county seat of Colfax. Russell is being held in an Irish jail, Whitman County Sheriff Brett Myers said.

"I'm being told he was taken into custody without incident," Myers said. "We're certainly glad Mr. Russell's been captured. It's been a long time."

Russell, a former Washington State University student, was charged with three counts of vehicular homicide and four counts of vehicular assault for a 2001 accident that killed three people and injured three others on state Highway 270, the two-lane road that connects the college towns of Pullman, Wash., and Moscow, Idaho.

Reports said the Chevrolet Blazer that Russell was driving was trying to pass other vehicles when it struck three cars the night of June 4, 2001.

The dead and seriously injured were in one car, whose occupants were returning from a movie. Killed were WSU seniors Brandon Clements, 22, of Wapato; Stacy G. Morrow, 21, of Milton; and Ryan Sorenson, 21, of Westport. Three others were seriously injured.

Russell suffered minor injuries. At a hospital after the crash, his blood-alcohol level measured .12 percent, well above Washington state's intoxication threshold of 0.08.

In late October 2001, Russell's lawyer filed in his bid to quash the blood-alcohol test on grounds that it was administered by a Washington State Patrol trooper, while the accident scene was actually just across the Idaho border.

At that point, prosecutors contend Russell sold some of his baseball cards, apparently took \$1,500 from his father's bank account and fled.

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Giving their time

Hospital volunteers earn recognition from association

By Coréen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — People say laughter is the best medicine. Or, to quote the Bible, laughter "doeth good like a medicine."

Mae Bubel brings hearty laughter and more to her volunteer service at Mindoka Memorial Hospital. That's why she was chosen by the Idaho Hospital Association to receive the appropriately-titled 2005 LOVE (Leader of Volunteer Excellence) individual award at its 72nd annual convention in Sun Valley.

"The annual award recognizes a hospital auxiliary member or volunteer who makes special contributions of time and talent for the promotion of hospitals and health care in Idaho in an unstinted capacity," reads the official language of the honor.

Here's what Bubel does. Follow the 73 year old around the tables and wheelchairs of the extended care wing dining room — if you can keep up. A touch of a shoulder here, a hug there. Whip out a clown nose and put it on to shake the most passive resident into a guffaw. Head up a committee or help organize a party, then invite all her friends to come and share the joy.

Teen earns honors

Elizabeth Caval, a junior volunteer at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, was recognized by the Idaho Hospital Association as 2005 Junior Volunteer of the Year. At Magic Valley Regional, she assists in coordinating summer activities for the junior volunteer program. In her essay, Caval wrote that those in health care are privy to profound moments — birth, death, sadness and joy. It is in noticing and valuing these moments that she finds the enormous value volunteering can

bring. Caval has also received two medals through the Congressional Awards program, was recently accepted to the Junior Statesmen Summer School program at Yale University, is active in numerous school programs and was accepted to the 2004 Presidential Classroom, a national program focused on democracy where she studied law and justice.

Want to volunteer?
Call Patricia Hansen, director of volunteer services at Mindoka Memorial Hospital, at 436-0481.

She has been giving her time since January 1974, when her friend, the late Norma Blumert, talked her into joining the Pink Ladies auxiliary at Mindoka Memorial.

Her motto is "You gotta have a good time!"

Mindoka Memorial's director of volunteer services, Patricia Hansen, said that at first Bubel scared her with her "honesty." "I was so blunt," Bubel said. "She knew so much about the hospital and she had so many progressive ideas about how to improve patient services," Hansen said. "She's not afraid of change. ... I have come to love

her dearly." Bubel is a four-time past aux. officer, president and currently chairs the Caring and Sharing project at Christmas and spends so many hours at the hospital that it is almost a full-time job. This year, Barbara Wildkie is co-chairing the Caring and Sharing project, for which Bubel is grateful.

Bubel also loves to help in the extended care facility whenever they need her, but bingo and craft activities are her favorites. The auxiliary is comprised of about 45 members, of which nearly half work in the extended care facility. Volunteers con-

tributed more than 6,000 hours of service last year.

Outside the hospital and in season, Bubel works as a supervisor enumerator, providing statistical data to the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. She is married to Cletus Bubel and has three sons and two grandchildren. A few years ago, she was also chosen Catholic Woman of the Year for St. Nicholas church.

Bubel had been nominated twice for the LOVE award by Hansen with the second time the chairman of the nominating committee. Hansen's nomination letter read, in part, "... I have relied several times on the expertise, knowledge and experience of Mae Bubel. Although she is involved in other community service in church and other civic areas and works part time, Mae is at the hospital several days a week, providing countless acts of service. Her smiling face and hearty laugh provide relief and comfort to residents, patients and staff."

There were 3,500 nominees throughout the state. Bubel credits her interest in volunteerism to her mother. If a friend became sick, her mother always took over German coffee cake. It followed the example of sharing.

As the association awards



Mae Bubel and Kate Serr share a cheery moment. Bubel is always on hand for special events at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital extended care facility, where she tends to the needs of people she has known for many years.

night program read: "...those who have worked with Mae didn't comment as much on the tasks she has un-

dertaken — though it's a substantial list — instead, they spoke of what she has shared with others."

STORK REPORT

of Chelsea Dawn and Dustin Dwight Ross of Filer was born Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005.

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Yaravi Gamino, daughter of Maribel and Librado Gamino of Carney, was born Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005.

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Hailey, was born Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005.

LEARN TO CARVE



Carleen Catsoules and Bob Blachoff work on their wood carving projects at Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley. Wood carving classes are offered from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 5 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays at the center. The classes are offered free of charge and open to the public.

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Angilla Jade Green, daughter of Lacey Lee Bowman and Robert Cody Green of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Oct. 10, 2005.

Kayla Danielle White Hawk, daughter of Oliver Sedano of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005.

Sage Michelle Eldredge, daughter of Amanda McMillan of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005.

William Scot Peterson, son of Amanda May and Anthony Scot Peterson of Kimberly, was born Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005.

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SERVICE NEWS

Bucklew is promoted while in Japan

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Brian A. Bucklew, son of Maria C. Bucklew of Jerome, and Brian A. Bucklew Sr. of Reno, Nev., recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with the Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing,

in Okinawa, Japan.

Bucklew was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. Bucklew is a 2004 graduate of Jerome High School.

He joined the Marine Corps in July 2004.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Therapy Pets will hold a Halloween picture fundraiser.

Halloween pet photos available as fundraiser

BURLEY — Therapy Pets is holding a Halloween picture fundraiser for people and pets from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday at the FA building, 2100 Airport Road.

The public is invited to come in costume, bring the children, the dog, the cat, or any other pet. All proceeds will benefit the local therapy pet group of volunteers who take their pets and visit local organizations.

The cost is \$7.50 and includes a picture with a name to decorate.

For more information, call Cassie or Lori at 677-9862.

Melissa at 670-2184 or Lori at 436-6861.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners:

Oct. 13, club appreciation game: Tied for first/second, Gladys Harruff and Sue Skinner with Rilyn Burton and Bobette Plankney; third, Mike Noss and Max Thompson; and fourth, Renee Bulcher and Jessie Lingnaw. Flight B: first, Evan Kohz and Rueben Tschaeokski; and second, Al Green and Bob Parish.

Oct. 15, club appreciation game: First, Herb and Ada Burgess; second, Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankney; third, Renee Bulcher and Jessie Lingnaw; and tied for fourth/fifth, Doris Finney and Jim Holden with Al Poynter and Max Thompson.

Oct. 17, first, Evan Kohz and Rueben Tschaeokski; second, Doris Finney and Betty Sabo; third, Milo Pearson and Duane Schneberger; and fourth, Norma Prestidge and Doll Smith. Flight B: first, Evan Kohz and Rueben Tschaeokski; and tied for second/third, Doris Jones and Leona Watson with Susan Morris and Joanne Wilson.

Oct. 18, club appreciation game: First, Ruby Grimes and Maxine Watkins; second, Betty Sabo and Joanne Wilson; third, Fay Kochneff and Dottie Miller.

Oct. 19, club appreciation

game: First, Renee Bulcher and Peggy Haddock; second, Wilma Driscoll and Ruth Rahe; third, Ruby Grimes and Doris Watts; and fourth, Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankney. The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.

Minico's Key Club Trick or Treat for a cause

RUPERT — The Minico High School Key Club will "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" on Saturday. Members will ask the community to donate money to help this cause, this year, on "Kicking HIV out of Kenya." Donations in change or bills. Checks may be made out to UNICEF.

Key Club is a volunteer service organization and all of the donations go to UNICEF. For more information, call club adviser Cate Smith, 436-5355, ext. 300.

Buhl Community Ed holds various courses

BURLEY — The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association is offering several courses this month.

"Beginning Fencing" will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Popplewell Elementary, 200 N. Sixth. The class will cover basic program French foil and sabre. The class will discuss theories of distribution, and the

older and will run for six weeks. The cost is \$17 and \$5 for equipment rental.

"Intermediate Fencing" will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at Popplewell Elementary School. This class will run for six weeks. Beginning Fencing is a pre-requisite. The class will advance student skills in modern French foil. The cost is \$17 and \$5 for equipment rental. Students who have their own equipment should let the instructor know.

"Light Bulb Tree Ornaments" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31 at Buhl Middle School, Room 111, 217 Seventh N. The cost is \$5 and \$2 for supplies. Turned-out light bulbs will be turned into Santa Claus and snowman ornaments at the class. Students should bring bulbs if available. Other supplies will be provided.

Payment must be received before the day of class. Checks may be made payable to Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association, Buhl Middle School, Buhl, ID 83316. For more information, call Colnie Glander at 543-6553.

Archaeological society learns about obsidian

TWIN FALLS — The Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Archaeological Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Forest Service Building, 2647 Kimberly Road E.

Randy Thompson, an archaeologist for the U.S. Forest Service, will discuss theories of distribution, and the

group will learn about materials from the Malad obsidian source that has been collected from the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain areas. The public is welcome to attend the free meeting.

West End Theatre Company will meet

BURLEY — The West End Theatre Company will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Granddads restaurant, 1003 Main.

The company will discuss the 2005-2006 season and auditions for the upcoming show, "The Eight." Anyone interested in joining the company is invited to attend.

Burley man celebrates 90th birthday this week

BURLEY — G. E. "Red" Markham of Burley will be honored at an open house for his 90th birthday from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave.

Birth day greetings and well-wishes can also be sent to him at 2301 Burton Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Markham was born Oct. 24, 1915, in Billings, Mont. On Feb. 12, 1938, he married Helen Warr. He graduated from Albion Normal School in 1937 and

Pinochle party takes place at Masonic Hall

PAUL — A pinochle card party will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Paul Masonic Hall, 113 E. Idaho St.

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WORLD

Insurgents strike at foreign journalists

At least 20 are killed in attack aimed at hotel

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three massive vehicle bombs exploded Monday near the Palestine Hotel, home to many Western journalists, killing at least 20 people. Dramatic TV pictures showed one of the bombers driving a cement truck through the concrete blast walls that guard the hotel, then blowing up his vehicle.

Iraq's national security adviser, Mouwafak al-Jubaiti, said the attack — which appeared well-planned — was a "very clear" effort to take over the hotel and seize journalists as hostages.

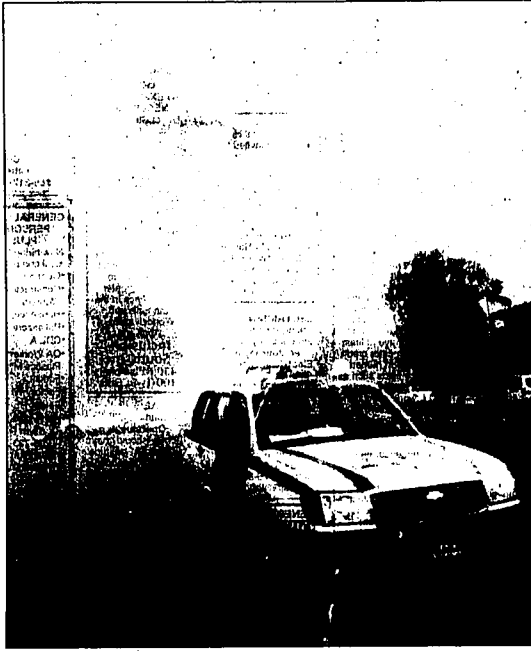
One of the car bombs exploded near the police position on the northeast side of Firdous Square, where a statue of Saddam Hussein was toppled in April 2003 shortly after the fall of Baghdad, and more than 100 yards east of the hotel. Security officials said a third bomb struck the area around the same time. All three were believed to be suicide attacks.

"Three cars came from three different roads in succession to create security breaches for terrorists," al-Jubaiti told The Associated Press in a telephone interview, adding that they were armed with rocket-propelled grenades and light arms.

"The plan was very clear to us, which was to take security control over the two hotels, and to take the foreign and Arab journalists as hostages to use them as a bargain."

The U.S. military said no U.S. troops were injured. It counted 10 dead Iraqis. A U.S. Bradley Fighting Vehicle parked inside the compound was destroyed in the blast. No one was inside at the time.

The security adviser said at least 40 people were injured, most of them passers-by. Another official, Deputy Interior Minister Hussein Kamal, said four or five Iraqi police were among the dead.



An Iraqi police car rushes along the street as a huge explosion rattles the Palestine Hotel in central Baghdad on Monday. The hotel houses many foreign journalists.

APTN footage showed that one of three vehicle bombers had penetrated the concrete blast walls surrounding the hotel compound before exploding.

The cement mixer exploded in a huge ball of flame and a cloud of smoke. Iraqi security officials said the blasts occurred two minutes apart, not long before Muslims marking the Islamic

holy month of Ramadan were preparing to break their day-long fast. Shortly before the explosion, a truck came under fire nearby, according to APTN. The attacks caused heavy damage to the south side of the 18-story Palestine Hotel, forcing journalists, including those from AP, Fox News and the U.S. government-funded Alhurra TV station to take refuge in the corridor. Fox and Alhurra said

their employees were safe. An AP photographer at a checkpoint at the northwest corner of the hotel said at least three photographers from other media outside the hotel were injured and taken away by ambulance. Two AP employees and three other journalists inside the hotel suffered minor injuries. The AP counted six wounded inside the hotel.

UNICEF focuses on AIDS-affected youth

Many children have been orphaned by the epidemic

By Laurie Goering
Chicago Tribune

SOWETO, South Africa — Moali Mhombeni was only a toddler when her mother died of AIDS. An uncle she was sent to live with raped her repeatedly when she turned 10. Now living in a foster home, she goes to school in a torn and threadbare school uniform, without money to pay required school fees.

On Friday, when her teacher handed out test papers to the rest of the students, Mhombeni, a bright, well-spoken girl of 13, was told to pay up or go home. She went home.

"I've never had anyone to help me," she said quietly, her ragged schoolbag still on her shoulder.

Across sub-Saharan Africa, children like Mhombeni are the unseen face of the continent's AIDS epidemic. So far 125 million children in the region have lost one or both parents to the virus, and the consequences can be devastating.

Many fall behind in school or leave altogether. Most end up in poverty, living with extended family already struggling to care for other children or with foster parents more interested in child-care grants than their charges. Without parental protection, some fall victim to sexual abuse or exploitation, and end up with AIDS themselves.

Mhombeni, who is teased at school by kids who say they "play only with virgins," has not had an AIDS test.

"It makes my heart sore," said Elizabeth Rapuleng, who runs the donor-funded Sizani Drop-In Center for AIDS orphans in Soweto. Each day, nearly 350 orphans and other AIDS-affected children line up for meals at the center's long tables, and stay for counseling, help with homework and other activities.

Her charges, who get help with school uniforms and fees and are put on anti-retroviral drugs if they are HIV positive, are the exception in South Africa, where 1.1 million children have lost one or both parents, she said.

"Most are not getting help," she said. "They have no one to speak for them. What I'm doing here is just a drop in the ocean." On Tuesday, the United Nations Children's Fund plans to

launch a campaign to win new funding and support for AIDS-affected children worldwide. In sub-Saharan Africa, less than 2 percent of children carrying the HIV virus are receiving anti-retroviral treatment drugs, compared with 11 percent of adults, the organization says in a new report, and only 1 percent of children are receiving a cheap but crucial antibiotic that can stop opportunistic AIDS-related infections and save lives.

Holdups include the high expense of providing child-friendly anti-retrovirals — the cost is currently four to eight times higher because of lower demand, the U.N. says — and misplaced fears that children won't live long enough to make treatment effective.

The campaign also seeks to cut transmission of the disease from mother to child, limit the spread among young people, and provide protection and psychological and financial support for children orphaned by AIDS.

"HIV has up to now been seen as an adult disease," said Sarah Crowe, a UNICEF spokeswoman for sub-Saharan Africa. But "AIDS redefines childhood like no other disease," she said.

The UNICEF campaign comes on the heels of a new Human Rights Watch report that documents how AIDS is depriving millions of children of an education, particularly as they struggle to pay school fees, stay home to care for younger siblings or ailing parents, or face AIDS-related stigma and taunting in the classroom.

"Helping kids in school, the report says, helps protect them from abuses, gives them accurate information about how to protect themselves from HIV, and helps empower them to eventually get jobs and to resist unwanted sex and early marriage."

"Education can be considered a 'social vaccine' against HIV/AIDS," said researcher Jonathan Cohen, the report's author.

Across Africa, a growing number of nations, including Kenya and Uganda, have begun guaranteeing free primary school education to all children. The move in part recognizes the burden on children orphaned or otherwise disadvantaged by the continent's AIDS crisis. But many AIDS-affected children continue to struggle in school, UNICEF and Human Rights Watch found, because they are frequently absent and because they remain unable to pay for school uniforms and fees, even if tuition is free.

Syrians take the streets to protest U.N. report

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Civil servants and students massed in the streets Monday to protest a U.N. report implicating Syria in the killing of a Lebanese leader, joining in a government-orchestrated campaign to drum up support before a U.N. Security Council meeting.

The United States and Britain were pushing for the council to take a tough stand against Syria at a meeting Tuesday, but France said sanctions shouldn't be voted on until investigators finish looking into the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri.

"Let us allow that commission to run its full course," French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy told reporters in Paris. At the same time, French diplomats at the United Nations were working with U.S. officials trying to mobilize support for a strong resolution demanding that Syria cooperate fully with the investigation.



Syrian women hold posters showing President Bashar Assad as they demonstrate Monday against a U.N. report that fingers Syria in the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri.

Bolton said, "No more obstruction. No more half measures. We want substantive cooperation and we want it immediately."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan called the U.N. report "very troubling" and said

Syria's official SANA news agency said "hundreds of thousands" of people gathered in Damascus and Aleppo to demonstrate against the "unjust accusations" made by the report, released last week by chief U.N. investigator Doree Melis.

The report implicated top Syrian security officials in Hariri's Feb. 14 assassination, drawing a strenuous denial from President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime. Syrian officials called the report politicized, biased and inaccurate.

Lebanon's major pro-Syrian groups, Amal and Hezbollah, also criticized the U.N. report, saying in a statement Monday in Beirut that a more thorough investigation was needed "based on facts and tangible evidence — not politics."

Their position conflicts with that of Lebanon's Cabinet, which has endorsed the U.N. report. The mass demonstrations in Syria were a concerted attempt to drum up support for Assad amid heightening international pressure.

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On October 11, 2005 Pristine Springs, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, the business hereinafter, filed a petition for contested case and declaratory relief with the Board of Environmental Quality (Board). Pristine Springs is seeking Board review of the Upper Snake Rock TMDL Modification (Report) dated July 22, 2005. In its petition, Pristine Springs states that the report establishes total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for agriculture facilities on the Mid Snake River and claims that the TMDLs as stated in the report will negatively affect Pristine Springs' ability to produce fish, and that level of fish production was previously approved by the Board of Environmental Quality. The Rules of Administrative Procedure Before the Board of Environmental Quality, IDAPA 58.01.23, allow persons who claim a direct and substantial interest in the proceeding to file a petition with the Board for an order granting intervention to become a party. Pursuant to IDAPA 58.01.23.02(2), petitioners must be filed with the Hearing Coordinator within fourteen (14) days of the publication of the notice. Copies of the documents filed in this contested case can be obtained by contacting Paula Wilcox, Hearing Coordinator, Bureau of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706, (208) 373-0418.

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“Well, let's put it this way, if the last five years were the first five years, I wouldn't have been here for the last five years.”

— New York Yankee Manager Joe Torre, appearing on HBO's "Costas Now" on Friday night, on being on the proverbial hot seat in New York, with owner George Steinbrenner manning the temperature control.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
In 2001, two major league baseball teams from the same division were the only clubs that season to win 100 or more games during the regular season. Name the teams.

.....answer below

IN BRIEF

Hitting coach holds winter camp

TWIN FALLS — Jim Horner, a Seattle Mariners hitting coach with the Single A affiliate Everett Aquasox residing in Twin Falls, will offer private and group (up to four players) batting instruction Oct. 15-16.

Horner will be assisted by Piler High School head baseball coach Kent Knigge. Pitching and fielding instruction will also be offered. Call 326-4252 after 7 p.m. for more information.

UI supporters can gather at sports bar

TWIN FALLS — The University of Idaho Vandal Scholarship Fund will host a get-together at The Pressbox on Saturday, Oct. 29 to watch the Vandals take on New Mexico State.

Anyone is set for 6 p.m. Anyone wearing UI gear can have happy hour drink prices and order from a special football menu.

Applications to join the Vandal Scholarship fund will be available to those interested.

For more information, contact Sharré Dixon at (208) 881-1986.

T.F. adult basketball leagues meet soon

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Men's & Women's Basketball Leagues will hold organizational meetings on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Office located at 136 Maxwell Ave.

The men's league will meet at 6:30 p.m., while the women's league will meet at 7 p.m. Topics for discussion include rules, fees, officials, schedule and player suspension rules. Contact 736-2265 for more information.

Semi-pro league heads players

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Giants semi-pro baseball team needs players for the upcoming North West Triple B spring season next April.

The Twin Falls Dragons and Buley Cats need coaches and players. Call Carlos at 212-4044 to sign up. The league will run through the summer, with various teams from the greater southeastern Idaho area competing.

Compiled from staff reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER:
In the American League West Division, the Seattle Mariners

Big men in the Big Apple

Sumo wrestlers in New York: strangers in a strange land

By Paul Burkhardt
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — They waddled across Manhattan's streets, men of vast tonnage wearing nothing more across their alarming girth than mawashi — diapers to those ignorant of the ancient tradition.

Sumo wrestling lumbered into Madison Square Garden with an international mix of sport and spectacle.

Most of the 24 wrestlers representing 10 countries in the event had arrived days earlier from Osaka, Japan, where they had competed in the Sumo World Championship.

Other than his luggage, which contained two bottles of Seniori whiskey he bought in Japan, being lost, Hans Borg, a 324-pound wrestler from Norway, was enjoying himself.

"Usually you have to pay for everything," he said. "But it's all taken care of here by the promoter."

Borg does not come from the elite sumo stables of Japan. But, like many international competitors, he has a day job and a passion for the sport he believes translates well in the West.

"The rules are very simple and I think the Americans like the simplicity," he said. "After two sumo wrestlers square off, they attempt to knock their opponent out of the circle ring known as a dohyo, or force the contact of any body part — other than the flat of the foot — to the ground. Matches generally take 10-15 seconds."

Among the crowd Saturday night were some fans with more than a fledgling understanding of the 1,300-year-old sport.

Balbara Hight of Hackett, N.J., was the first introduced to sumo 20 years ago, the last time it came to the Garden.

"She's so taken with the sport she even wrote to the Japan Asso-



Sumo wrestlers Takayuki Mimani, left, and Mitshuhiko Fukao, second left, from Tokyo, join others wearing traditional mawashi loincloths, crossing New York's Seventh Ave on route to a recent weigh-in.

ciation to lobby for more sumo events closer to home.

She shrugs off the playful publicity surrounding the New York visit by the sumo wrestler — the stroll across the street, the feast at a famous deli and the TV spots on talk shows and the music video channel.

"It's nothing to laugh at," she said.

The competition at the Garden night began with a re-enactment of the Shinto legend of sumo.

Asats flew through the air on harnesses, playing the parts of mountain gods who battled each other, accompanied by traditional Japanese music and

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Open or shut case in Houston

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Back in their bizarre ballpark, the Houston Astros are ready to raise the roof when the World Series resumes Tuesday night — only Major League Baseball might not let them.

The first two games were played in the cold at U.S. Cellular Field, where the White Sox took a 2-0 Series lead of their first title since 1917.

On Monday, the teams worked out at sunny Minute Maid Park, where the center-field fence is 438 feet away and up a hill, and clearing the left-field wall takes only a 315-foot pop.

While the roof was retracted for batting practice, the Astros would rather have it shut tight Tuesday, when the state of Texas hosts its first World Series game for the first time: The Astros' Roy Oswalt, 3-0 during the postseason, will try to be king of the hill, opposed by Chicago's Jon Garland.

"I'm not going to try to pitch somebody different because a short porch or a deep porch," Garland said.

In yet another postseason series where umpires' calls have been debated, the roof was just as hot a topic. The Astros were 36-17 at home when it was closed during the regular season, 15-11 when it was rolled back and 2-0 in games that began indoors and finished in fresh air.

Falcons finish Jets on Monday Night

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons made Vinny Testaverde look every bit like a 41-year-old quarterback.

Michael Vick didn't look much better.

Testaverde fumbled three times in the first 17.5 minutes, leading to two touchdowns, and the Falcons dealt New York another road loss, beating the Jets 27-14 on Monday night.

Warrick Dunn rushed for 155 yards, breaking off a 65-yard run in the second quarter when the Falcons (5-2) were backed up on their own 5. That set up a field goal for a 20-0 lead.

The first 17 points were handed over by Testaverde, whose three fumbles tied a career worst. He also threw an interception as New York dropped to 0-4 on the road this season, averaging a mere 10.3 points in those losses.

All beat up, Testaverde left the game late in the third quarter with a right Achilles injury, having gone for 11 of 140 yards. He was replaced by Brooks Bollinger.

Apparently, Joe Namath was not available.

The Jets (2-5) never seriously challenged until Vick threw two interceptions in the fourth quarter. Bollinger directed a touchdown drive off the first turnover, and had New York in position to make a game of it until a fourth-down pass at the Falcons' 11 was knocked down by Demetrius Williams.

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Atlanta Falcons halfback Warrick Dunn (28) outruns New York Jets defenders Mark Brown (89) and Bryan Thomas (99) on a second quarter run, Monday in Atlanta.

Monday Night Football

Falcons 27, Jets 14

"I'm the quarterback. It's all on me. Everything falls on my shoulders," Vick said. "All I can do is come back the next game, try to get better and make sure it doesn't happen again."

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triceps last week.

Testaverde's fumble led to Vick's first TD, a dazzling run that actually covered a lot more than 1 yard. He rolled to his left, feigned a throw to fake out safety Kerry Rhodes and slipped just inside the pylon with a burst of speed.

The Jets — with a geriatric quarterback and an offensive line that has been almost totally revamped since the start of the year — were just getting warmed up.

On New York's next possession, Antwan Lake broke through to sack Testaverde, the ball coming loose just before the quarterback's knee hit the ground. Patrick Kerney scooped it up and nearly broke free for a touchdown, getting tripped up by fullback Ronald Sowell.

The Falcons sealed for Todd Peterson's 22-yard field goal, but the defense wanted down.

Two possessions later, Rod Coleman burst straight up the middle without being blocked and slung Testaverde to the ground before he flying loose again before he went down. Backup defensive end Chauncey Davis picked it up in stride and ran 24 yards for his first career touchdown.

Davis was only in the game because Bryan Smith went out with a dislocated toe.

The Jets finally showed signs of life before halftime. After Justin Miller's 95-yard kickoff return was ruined by a holding penalty, Testaverde led New York down the field. He completed three passes for 59 yards and a drive before scoring himself with a 1-yard plunge.

And it's not even Halloween. Crosby himself has been anything but a disappointment, with a team-high 11 points on two goals and nine assists. He's creating plenty of scoring chances for himself, though he's missing a lot of goals and has often played

Crosby not panicking despite Penguins' winless start

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — No doubt Sidney Crosby didn't figure it would take this long.

No, not to score his first goal — that came two weeks ago. Or to enjoy his first multipoint game. Or to get comfortable with the speed and physicality of the play after never previously playing above juniors.

What Crosby hasn't done yet is win a game, and that's getting a lot even for an 18-year-old.

Crosby said last month he felt lucky because most No. 1 draft picks play for losing record clubs, while he landed on a talented, deep Pittsburgh Penguins team.

rookies, he said, don't play alongside a Mario Lemieux or Mark Recchi, a Zigmund or Sergei Gonchar or Johnny Paille.

Eight games later, four in overtime, Crosby still thinks the Penguins are a good team.

And he's been a potentially great team. What they don't have is a single victory to prove it in a league where every other team has won at least twice and all but two teams have at least three victories.

"We've passed the stage of frustration," coach Eddie Olczyk said Monday.

Olczyk said the team is in contention only one-tenth of the way through their season — those four overtime losses are the points equivalent of two wins. But the slow start could force them to play catch-up all season in the Atlantic Division, where every other team has at least four victories.

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"Going through this is a lot of adversity — let's be honest, there is a little bit of pressure because we haven't been winning — and if we can get through this, we'll be better for it," Crosby said. "It's not an ideal situation but now we realize it's tough to win and we have to be ready every night. We have to dig deep and play determined and play desperately."

And it's not even Halloween. Crosby himself has been anything but a disappointment, with a team-high 11 points on two goals and nine assists. He's creating plenty of scoring chances for himself, though he's missing a lot of goals and has often played

clearly the best player on the

team, but while Crosby, Lemieux, Paoli and Recchi have been steady and productive, most of the other Penguins have flopped. Gonchar, signed to a \$25 million contract that was larger than the Penguins' entire 2005-06 payroll, has only one goal. LeClair has one goal and is a minus-6. And the defensemen have been dreadful, with giveaway after giveaway and bad penalty after bad penalty.

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SPORTS

A coach of many Means

Former NFL halfback Natrone Means tackles college coaching

SALISBURY, N.C. (AP) — Natrone Means made his living running straight at — and sometimes over — tacklers. Yet the big, bruising NFL back seemed to be doing his best to sidestep the next step in a life built on football.

After injuries ended his playing days, Means dabbled in real estate. He played golf. He started a youth football association. But he just couldn't get away from the pull of the sport he had played since he was 7.

Finally, he succumbed and became a coach.

"I almost seems like I was kind of running away from coaching," he said.

Means, who helped the San Diego Chargers reach the Super Bowl, is in his first season coaching running backs at Livingston, a Division II school with about 1,000 students approximately 40 miles from Charlotte. The packed stadiums and cozy player lounges of his playing days have given way to a small practice field lined by a chain-link fence on a residential street.

In some ways, Means has come home. He is coaching just a few miles from where he started his high school almost 20 years ago.

"We can't all be businessmen. We can't all be Donald Trump. And we can't all come up with that invention that's going to change the world," Means said. "But football is what I know."

The 33-year-old Means spent eight seasons in the NFL, playing with San Diego and Carolina before ending his career with a brief stop at Carolina in 2000. His best season was 1994, when the 5-foot-10, 245-pound back ran for 1,350 yards and 12 touchdowns while leading the Chargers to their Super Bowl in his second year.

He entered the NFL in 1993 as a second-round draft pick out of North Carolina after skipping his senior season. In three college seasons, he ran for 3,074 yards.

Livingstone's interim head coach, Robert Massey, knew



Natrone Means works with players during practice at Livingston College in Salisbury, N.C., Monday, Oct. 17. Means, a former NFL running back for the San Diego Chargers and a graduate of Central Cabarrus High and the University of North Carolina, is now the running backs coach at Livingston College.

Means from when they both played for Jacksonville in 1996. Massey talked with Means about joining him when he landed a college job. That happened when Ben Coates, a former NFL tight end, left for the Cleveland Browns' staff.

"It's a big name, not only for publicity but for recruiting," Massey said. "And he's a hell of a coach. He has a good football sense. Knowing that he's a former pro athlete, the kids will be very attentive and will work hard for him."

Means said he answers most of his players' questions about his days as a pro — "I don't think they're ready for those off-the-field stories," he added, shaking his head — and knows those experiences give him credibility as he mentors the finer points of college coaching.

The NFL left its mark on Means. His walk is sometimes stiff — a remnant of knee injuries — and at a recent practice he spotted a dark blue pullover with a Chargers logo. Even if his players are too young to remember the days when he was

the "Natrone Bomb," they see his pro experience as a badge of accomplishment.

"When you're a young athlete growing up, everybody's dream is to play in the NFL," said Tyrone Baisden, a junior transfer tailback. "To be coached by a coach that's been in the NFL who can give you the experience that he has, I feel that's an edge for me at this level."

Massey recalled watching a freshman take instruction from Means.

"It's like a kid in a candy store and a deer in headlights," Massey said. "It's amazed that Natrone Means is his coach. Means is already talking like a coach, saying he gets frustrated if a player doesn't give enough effort or repeatedly makes the same mistakes. But he doesn't yell much. He barely raises his voice and talks with players in the low-key style he appreciated from his coaches."

"I'm a slow roller," Means said. "I wasn't the kind of guy that needed to be yelled at and screamed at to get my job done."

"I don't want a kid to be so worried about me jumping on him that he blows an assignment or fumbles the ball," he added. "They know that if something's going on out there, they can come over and talk to me and we'll get it figured out."

For the past four years, Means and former NFL cornerback Jimmy Littlecheck, a North Carolina teammate and childhood friend from Concord, ran a Pop Warner youth football association.

It was one of several post-football ventures for Means, who also spent time buying foreclosed properties and renovating them for sale.

"I really enjoyed the youth football and being out there with the kids. But there's only so much you can do. You can't actually get done out youth football," Means said. "After the real estate stuff, I was like, 'This is not what I want to do full time. You can only get so much enjoyment out of buying a house and fixing it up. Now, if we can patchwork a team together, that will definitely give me a better feeling.'"

postseason, including the ninth-inning winner on Sunday night, just the 14th game-ending homer in Series history.

"I get goose bumps just thinking about it," he said. "Running around the bases, I can't recall what I was feeling. Everything was blank. I couldn't hear anything."

As for the umpires, some critics were questioning their eyesight, especially after plate umpire Jeff Nelson ruled Fernando Dy was hit by a pitch in Game 2, setting up Paul Konerko's seventh-inning grand slam.

Replays appeared to show the pitch hit Dy's bat.

"These guys live and die based on whether their calls are correct," said Mike Port, baseball's vice president for umpiring. "They take it very hard when it appears they've been wrong. Like good players, they almost grieve over it."

"Once we get rolling, we're going to be great, but it's a steep mountain to climb when you go through this," Crosby said.

"But it's better we get it out of the way now. If we keep working and start getting some bounces, we're going to be fine. If you work hard and keep creating things usually go your way."



A refrigerator abandoned after Hurricane Katrina reads "Tom Benson Liar" found in the Gentilly neighborhood in New Orleans, La., Monday, Oct. 24. Longtime Saints fans are showing their anger at Benson. The Saints will play their first game in Louisiana at LSU this weekend since Hurricane Katrina.

Fans dread when Saints go marching out

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A taped-up refrigerator with rotating contents was left on a sidewalk. On it was a message scribbled in spray paint: "Do not open. Benson inside."

Down the block, another abandoned refrigerator courtesy of Hurricane Katrina carried this comment: "Saints lie to their fans."

These are not the best of times for New Orleans Saints fans and team owner Tom Benson.

At LSU, where the Saints will play Sunday in their first game in Louisiana since the hurricane, campus flyers depicted Benson with horns protruding from his head. They read, "Satanistic," a reference to where the Saints relocated after the storm struck the New Orleans area in late August.

Since 1967, through mostly losing seasons, Saints fans have been renowned for their loyalty to a team that features the city symbol (a fleur-de-lis) on its helmet and is named for one of the most famous jazz tunes ("When the Saints Go Marching In").

"We loved this team when they were 1-15 and playing in Tulane Stadium," said Ian Dermody, who spent last Sunday watching the Saints lose on TV with friends at a pub in suburban Metairie. "We will love this team until they're no longer part of New Orleans."

Such support has prompted Louisiana's politicians to spend tens of millions of dollars in recent decades to ensure the team remained despite state budget crunches. Until late last season, the Saints had enjoyed 36 straight sellouts at the Louisiana Superdome — a streak spanning mostly mediocre years.

But now, with San Antonio officials announcing their intention to make Texas the permanent home for the Saints, many Saints fans are showing signs of an emotional backlash — at least toward Benson, if not the team itself.

"It's wrong to kick the city and the state while we're down, taking the last hope that we have," Noelle McKain said after watching last Sunday's game. "It's something we look forward to every Sunday, win or lose. It's something that gives everybody something to cheer for and that's what we need right now."

Benson said in a written

statement last Friday he has not decided on the Saints' future home. When reporters at his suburban home asked him what he had to say to the team's New Orleans fan base, he told the visitors to get off his property.

"He doesn't have the courage enough to face the fans themselves and tell them what's going on," said McKain, adding it's hard for her to justify buying tickets to any of this season's four games in Baton Rouge. "I don't know if I want to give Benson my money if he's going to leave."

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin expressed similar sentiments in a newspaper interview last week.

"Who's going to buy his tickets? I'm not buying one... I'm not listening to him on the radio. I'm not doing anything with him," Nagin said. "I'm just appalled."

Nagin has said he would support a move if Benson were forced to give up rights to the Saints name, logo and records, much like what happened in Cleveland. The Saints could be reborn in New Orleans as an expansion team.

New Orleans, however, is a small market with few major corporate headquarters. The Saints, however, draw from across the football-crazy Gulf South and are easily the region's top pro sports attraction.

Gov. Kathleen Blanco and others have encouraged fans to come to Tiger Stadium on Sunday with the aim of winning favor with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Tagliabue, who has been cool to the idea of the Saints moving to San Antonio, plans to attend the game and meet with Blanco.

Early last week, more than 40,000 tickets had been sold, but the Saints stopped giving out updates after Benson fired top executive Arnold Fleckow, a strong proponent of the Saints returning to Louisiana in 2006.

Saints fan Jason Campagna, whose community was wiped out by Katrina, said New Orleans-area fans have nothing to prove to the NFL after nearly four decades of strong support.

"It's the responsibility of the other owners of the NFL to say, 'No Benson, you cannot take the Saints out of New Orleans, because that's what the city needs,'" Campagna said. "The city needs the Saints."

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"It's a combination of MLB and us. It's our roof," he said. "We'll wait to see what the weather is tomorrow."

In 2001, the commissioner's office ordered the roof open at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix, where the Diamondbacks' Curt Schilling preferred an indoor environment that he thought favored pitchers. The Astros believe they have an edge of an advantage indoors, when fan noise rattle ears, much as it did at Minnesota's Metrodome during the Series in 1987 and 1991.

Thus far in the postseason, Chicago has pretty much romped everywhere — at home, Fenway Park and Angels Stadium. The White Sox are 9-1, threatening to join the 1999 New York Yankees as the only teams to make it through the postseason with just one loss since the third round began in

1995.

"Whoever get the most hits with two outs is the one that's going to win," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Chicago is batting .385 (15-39) with two outs and runners in scoring position during the postseason, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, with three homers and 22 RBIs. The Astros are hitting just .224 in that situation.

But at home, the Astros have put the squeeze on opponents: They're 4-1 at Minute Maid in the postseason for the second straight season.

Only twice since May has the roof been open for games — both during the last series of the regular season.

Houston third baseman Morgan Ensberg thinks the difference is huge.

"It's a different place with the roof closed," he said. "I don't think they understand when those guys are cheering, how

loud it really gets. It throws your equilibrium off. They're not going to be able to hear each other."

Coordination could prove huge in this ballpark. The wall is 19 feet high by the Crawford Boxes in left. In center, the field slopes up at a 10-degree angle on In's Hill, a tribute to Astros president La Smith to Cincinnati's old Crosley Field. There's a flagpole on it that's in play, homage to Detroit's Tiger Stadium.

"You're going to end up on your face before you hit the pole trying to get up the hill," Chicago center fielder Aaron Rowand said. "If you hit it, you hit it, so what? I've run into a lot more things."

Given the way he's been hitting, Chicago's Scott Podsednik probably will hit an opposite-field drive off the left-field wall or over it. After not hitting any homers during the regular season, the Texas has two in the

chances, I bear down."

No problem there. Crosby clearly hasn't been awed by his surroundings or by the league. After taking over a single shift off.

He also hasn't been the typical rookie, even jawing with the officials a few times to try to establish from the start of his career. He let himself or his team get pushed around.

Federation, 24 of them in Europe, where the sport has rapidly grown.

Organizers estimated the Garden crowd at 9,000 and announced plans for a national tour.

The competition was won by Japan's Mishuhiko Fukao, who earned \$10,000.

"It's not a lot, but this is the first time," said Yoshida Yonezuka, a co-promoter of the event and vice president of the sumo federation.

The nearly three-hour pro-

Crosby

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have to be smarter on the ice and take less penalties and make sure we all do our jobs," Lemieux said of a team that is permitting 11 more shots per game than it is taking, a remarkable stat given the Penguins' collection of scorers.

The temptation for players such as Crosby and Lemieux has been to overcompensate,

to try to make a big play on every shift, and that's only hastened the frustration for a team that has led in only one of its eight games.

"You want to stay away from that," Crosby said. "I've had a lot of chances, and I haven't been able to put a few in, but they're going to come. I've hit some goals, and it's a matter of making sure when I do have

The crowd did favor one underdog — Bulgaria's Stilian Georgiev, who at 250 pounds was almost half the size of the biggest competitor.

"I'm a technician and I'm very fast," he said.

Sydney Carty, a Dutch wrestler, has competed against Georgiev.

"You better have a good start against him," Carty said. "When he gets to your mawashi, you're done."

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After years in minors, Podsednik savors MLB

CHICAGO (AP) — The little town of West, Texas, prides itself on being the state's center of Czech heritage, maker of some of the best pastries around and the home of Scott Podsednik.

And that was well before he had a game-ending home run Sunday night that put the Chicago White Sox within two victories of their first World Series title since 1917, and the fall of fame accrued for his bat.

"It was a hometown hero about him," said Joyce Schroeder, secretary to the superintendent of the West-Independent School District. "They've seen him go through the good times and the bad."

In only his third season, Podsednik is having the kind of year most players only dream about. He made his first All-Star team, finished second in the majors with 59 steals and now is the White Sox's offensive catalyst in the World Series.

But his success was a long time coming. Drafted by the Texas Rangers out of high school, Podsednik spent nine years in the minor leagues, crisscrossing the country in search of an opportunity.

"Yeah, there were a couple of times when I was really considering if I was cut out to play minor league baseball," Podsednik said. "It was a long road, long grind. What kept me going was a feeling that I had, that if I could just stay healthy and find an opportunity, I was going to let it go."

"It's all about timing," he added. "It's all about being at the right place at the right time. Podsednik will never be mistaken for a power hitter, even with that homer off of Brad Lidge, one of the best closers in the game. He won't average the regular season — 50.7 at-bats —

without a home run, and he's never hit more than 12 in a year. At 6 feet and 180 pounds, he's built for speed, instead. He lettered in track in high school, and had scholarship offers to run track at the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Christian.

While that speed makes him the ideal leadoff hitter, it takes more than his aggressiveness to bat at the top of the order.

"His type of game is not something that's going to come easily," White Sox general manager Kenny Williams said. "A lot of speed guys have trouble learning skills well enough to be hitting first in the major leagues."

So Podsednik worked hard on his game, worked to stay healthy and worked, period. Minor league coaches and hitting lessons. He also was a substitute teacher back in West, a city of 2,500 about 75 miles south of his hometown.

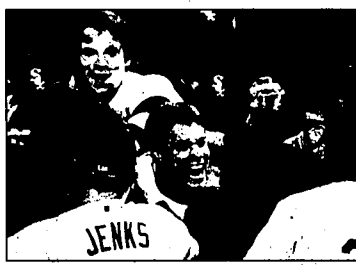
"All the little kids used to be excited to have him as a substitute teacher," Schroeder said.

Podsednik taught grade school and high school. He usually taught physical education classes, but he'd fill in wherever he was needed.

"I was able to fill in and kind of be a body for the missing teachers," he said.

Finally, in 2003, Podsednik got his break. The Milwaukee Brewers claimed him in the off-season waivers from Seattle the previous October, and manager Ned Yost figured Podsednik would be in Triple-A. But when Geoff Blum started the season with a disabled list, the Brewers needed another outfielder and Podsednik made the opening day roster.

He wound up becoming the fourth rookie to hit 30.0, steal 40



Chicago White Sox left fielder Scott Podsednik, center, embraced by teammates after hitting a game-winning walk-off home run to beat the Houston Astros 7-6 in Game 2 of the World Series on Sunday.

bases and score 100 runs, joining Jimmy Barrett (190), Shoeless Joe Jackson (191) and Ichiro Suzuki (2001). He led NL rookies in nine offensive categories and reached base safely in 47 straight games, the second-longest streak of the season. He quickly became a fan favorite in Milwaukee, and he finished second to Donnell Willis in voting for NL rookie of the year.

Podsednik had another impressive year last season, leading the majors with 70 steals and hitting a career-high 12 home runs. When the White Sox traded slugger Carlos Lee to the Brewers for Podsednik last December, though, many in Chicago wondered what Williams was thinking. But Williams was rebuilding his team around speed and fundamentals, and Podsednik was exactly the guy he wanted.

"There are very few prototypical leadoff hitters in the game, whether it be at the major league level or minor league level,"

Williams said. "And we needed him."

Said Aaron Rowand, "When he gets on, he causes problems for the defense, steals a base here and there. It's huge for us."

Podsednik stole 52 bases in the first four months of the season, and was the fan choice for the final spot on the All-Star team.

Sloved by a strained left adductor that landed him on the disabled list for two weeks in August, he had only seven steals in the second half of the season.

But he hit .328 over the last 29 games of the regular season, and has played a key role in the playoffs. He's hitting .300 with two homers and six RBIs, and has five steals.

"It still seems surreal," Podsednik said. "It was a long, tough road, but I learned a lot of valuable lessons along the way. I struggled and hit a lot of obstacles in the road, but I think those times only made me a stronger person."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Texas passes USC in BCS standings

NEW YORK — Texas is No. 1 — in Bowl Championship Series standings.

The Longhorns slipped past Southern California into first place Monday by virtue of a stellar showing in the BCS computer rankings.

Texas, which was second last week, has a BCS average of 97.63. Now second-place USC grades out at 97.56.

The top two teams in the final standings play in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4 for the BCS title.

"The Trojans are No. 1 and both the USA Today coaches' poll and the Harris Interactive poll, which rank the top 25 teams of the team's BCS grade. A compilation of six computer rankings account for the other third, with USC ranked at 97.56 and USC at 97.56.

While the two-time defending national champion Trojans hold a comfortable lead in the polls, the computer league Texas the Longhorns were the top team in five of the computer rankings and second in the other.

Injured Nadal withdraws from Swiss Inditours

BASEL, Switzerland — French Open champion Rafael Nadal pulled out of the Swiss Inditours because of knee problems Monday, a day after he lost to Madrid Masters in a five-set final.

Nadal had been promoted to the top seeding after No. 1-ranked Roger Federer withdrew from his home tournament a month with a torn ligament in his right foot. Guillermo Coria of Argentina is now seeded first.

Phillies' Burrell, Lofton have surgery

PHILADELPHIA — Phillies catchers Pat Burrell and Kenny Lofton had surgery last week and are expected to be ready for spring training.

Burrell had surgery Saturday in Baltimore on his right foot to remove a bone spur, the team said Monday. Lofton underwent an operation in Los Angeles on Friday to remove tissue from his left elbow.

Burrell, a left fielder, hit .281 with 32 home runs and a career-high 117 RBIs that tied him for his home town's all-time home run record in the league last season. The 38-year-old Lofton, who platooned in center field last year with Jason Michaels, hit .335 and scored 67 runs.

Italian officials oppose doping law change

ROME — Italy's health minister and Olympic chief ruled out easing the country's strict anti-doping laws during the Turin (Greece) bid.

Health Minister Francesco Storace said athletes who risk taking banned substances should simply "stay at home," the news agency Agence France Press reported during his visit to Turin on Monday.

Athletes can face criminal sanctions for doping violations under Italian law, raising the possibility of police raids in the Olympic village. Under International Olympic Committee rules, athletes can be disqualified for doping violations at the games but should not face criminal penalties.

"We can't accept the principle that Italian laws are valid because there are athletes from somewhere in the world who want to be free to take doping (substances)," Storace was quoted as saying.

Gianni Petrucci, the head of Italy's national Olympic committee, also insisted the rules would not be changed.

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Packers halfback Ahman Green out for the season

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Packers running back Ahman Green is out for the season with a torn thigh tendon, the latest in a string of severe injuries to befall Green.

Coach Mike Sherman said

Monday that Green will undergo surgery this week to repair his right thigh tendon, which was torn in the fourth quarter of the Packers' 23-20 loss at Minnesota on Sunday.

Green, a 6-foot-6 wide receiver Robert Ferguson will miss up to a month with a torn lateral cruciate ligament in his left knee, which he injured in the first quarter Sunday.

A Green, who struggled this season after four straight trips to the Pro Bowl, went down hard on his right knee when he was tackled by linebacker Elton Henderson with 8 minutes left and was carted off the field. He sustained the same injury on Oct. 3 and sat out the following week with five weeks. He had 49 yards on 16 carries against the Vikings.

For the season, Green had 260 yards in 17 carries for a career-low 4.3-yard average and no touchdowns — not the type of season anybody expected out of the 28-year-old Green in a contract year.

SIU coach returns to practice, plans to continue

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Southern Illinois coach Jerry Kill returned to practices Monday and will lead the team Thursday against Western Illinois, having recovered from a fracture that left him hospitalized for most of last week.

Kill was on the sidelines during the Sabaks' 40-10 victory Saturday at Indiana State but served largely as an adviser, a day after being released from hospital care. He collapsed Oct. 17 after suffering a heart attack at Southern Illinois' 61-35 home loss to Illinois State.

Kill was back in charge on Monday, said sports information director Bill Weber.

"He's had a little bit tired, but he feels fine," Weber said. "He's just eager to return to work."

Kill has a medical condition that occasionally manifests itself with seizures.

Seahawks' Ken Hamlin released from hospital

SEATTLE — Seattle Seahawks safety Ken Hamlin has been released from the hospital, one week after he was severely beaten outside a nightclub.

Hamlin sustained a fractured skull, a blood clot on the brain and a fractured hand in the fight Oct. 17. He was released from Harborview Medical Center over the weekend, hospital administrator Bill Weber said. Hamlin said Monday. She declined to provide additional details.

Without Hamlin, the Seattle Seahawks will miss their 13-10 Sunday. It was the first game Hamlin missed since he entered the league as a second-round draft pick in 2003. Marquand Manuel started in his spot.

Police are investigating whether there is a connection between the fight and the death of 31-year-old Terrell Hillman, who was found shot to death on a sidewalk near Seaward Park, about 5.5 miles from the bar.

Investigators have said that Hillman was at the bar a few hours before his death, but haven't said whether they believe Hillman was involved in the fight with Hamlin.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Lawyers herd Viox cases into states

TRIDENT, N.J. — Lawyers for plaintiffs in the massive litigation over withdrawn punkbiller Viox are banding together a legal "dream team" that plans to push all future lawsuits into state courts, which are considered less friendly to defendant Merck & Co.

Houston lawyer Mark Lanier and colleagues have put together a legal team involving at least 10 law firms and 350 lawyers around the country, Lanier told The Associated Press in an interview Monday. The effort is also aimed at forcing Merck to start settling cases instead of fighting each in court.

"We got the best courtroom lawyers, we've got the best mass tort lawyers ... and we've got the best negotiators that America has to offer working together on a dream team that is Merck's biggest nightmare," he said. "We call it kind of the 'Legal Godfathers.'"

During a Monday morning conference call with analysts at which Merck discussed its third quarter earnings report, the company's general counsel, Kenneth Frazier, said the company was sure its strategy of fighting every lawsuit remains correct.

Till cash do us part: Couples fight finances

NEW YORK — In a new relationship, it's not always easy to share your financial life details. Particularly if you have had money problems in the past or have accumulated a lot of debt. Some loving couples would rather share a toothbrush than a bankbook. But if you plan to live your mate for the long term, sharing your basic financial information is as important as sharing your health history.

At least once a year, you and your mate should talk about what you own, what you're spending on and what any future financial goals.

An easy way to have this conversation is to start by making or updating lists of what you own and owe, separately or in common.

You should know the names, e-mail addresses and phone and fax numbers of the financial professionals in your mate's life. They include any stockbroker, accountant, banker, attorney, insurance agent and financial planner.

Then there are the lists of your assets. They should include all real estate, bank and brokerage accounts, cars and boats, precious jewelry, works of art and insurance policies.

Keep your lists in the same secure place where you store your wills, property deeds and your marriage license, if you have one.

Stocks rally on Fed chief appointment

NEW YORK — Wall Street staged an impressive rally Monday after the nomination of top White House economist Ben Bernanke as the next Federal Reserve chief, with the Dow Jones industrial average soaring nearly 170 points. Strong quarterly earnings from drug-makers and lower oil prices bolstered the gains.

Stocks were already advancing when news came that President Bush picked Bernanke, chair of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, to succeed Chairman Alan Greenspan when he retires in January. Bernanke was widely seen as continuing Greenspan's policy of fighting inflation.

Meanwhile, upbeat profit reports at Merck & Co. and Schering-Plough Corp. eased earnings concerns prompted by Pfizer Inc.'s weak forecast last week. Encouraging results from American Express Co. late in the day also helped stocks.

At the close of trading, the Dow climbed 169.78, or 1.66 percent, to 10,385.00, its largest single-day gain since a 296-point advance April 21.

Broader stock indicators also rose sharply. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 19.80, or 1.68 percent, at 1,199.39, and the Nasdaq composite index jumped 33.62, or 1.61 percent, to 2,115.83.

— compiled from wire reports

Wal-Mart announces better health care

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Wal-Mart Stores, announced better health care for some of its workers Monday in the latest shot in a battle with critics for the hearts of consumers. The move by the world's largest retailer comes as the crucial holiday sales season approaches.

Analysts say Wal-Mart needs to add about \$250 million a day in sales during the holiday season to meet earnings targets and cannot afford to lose

ground to an increasingly united front of opponents who want consumers to shun the discount until it changes its ways.

"Consumers' increasingly have a conscience and are increasingly shifting to competitors," said Burt Flickinger, managing director of Strategic Marketing.

"It is critical for Wal-Mart to start doing a billion dollars a day in sales starting on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, which is the big 30-day push for Christmas and year-

end sales," Flickinger said. He said daily sales are now about \$750 million.

Pressure on Wal-Mart has mounted as groups from unions to the Sierra Club to the National Organization of Women have linked up, creating two new campaign organizations this year. Wake-Up Wal-Mart and Wal-Mart Watch.

"Where there is pressure there is change, universally," said Richard Hastings, senior retail analyst at Bernard Sands in New York.

Wal-Mart says it is not responding to outside critics but rather to demand from its employees, or associates in Wal-Mart parlance, by launching a plan to lower health insurance premiums, allowing some to buy coverage for as little as \$11 per month.

Wal-Mart spokesman Dan Fogelman would not say how much the plan would cost. The Bentonville, Ark.-based company, which has 1.2 million domestic employees. The plan is to go into effect in 2006.

The move comes as Wal-Mart

has been under increasing criticism for not offering health coverage to enough workers and for its high costs to employees for the insurance, which include high deductibles. Fewer than half of Wal-Mart's employees are covered by the company health care plan, compared to 80 percent at rival Costco Wholesale Corp.

Wal-Mart's critics have said some company workers have had to rely on government-funded programs to pay for health care, an issue that has

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Wine agreement under fire

The Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Some European Union lawmakers are fuming over a new U.S. wine trade agreement, saying they're in a bind for the deal. New World innovations as snubbing wood chips for barrel aging or even, quelle horreur, adding water.

U.S. winemakers contend that their practices are legitimate — and point out the Old World has wine vices of its own.

At issue is a clash between the tradition-bound, heavily regulated European wine industry and a much younger American wine industry that came of age during a technological revolution.

"The difference in the New World — and it's not just California and the United States, it's Australia and New Zealand as well — is there a more efficient way to do something with technology?" said Roger Boulton, enology professor at the University of California, Davis. "The question is when is modification and manipulating it and when is it a traditional practice just done in a more effective way. That's really the debate."

Underlying the winemaking quarrel are market realities.

Although the EU continues to export far more wine than the U.S., Australian and U.S. wine — along with imports from Chile and other countries — have been making gains in the European market.

According to the San Francisco-based Wine Institute, a trade association, the United States exported \$736 million worth of wine in 2004, an increase of nearly 30 percent over 2003, with nearly \$500 million of that going to the European Community. Major European wine producers exported \$2.3 billion worth of wine in 2004 to the United States, down slightly from 2003 largely due to French exports dropping 7.6 percent to a little less than half that.

Meanwhile, Australian wine exports have also been booming. In the highly competitive market of the United Kingdom, sales of Australian wine were more than doubled from 126.8 million liters in 1999 to 254.8 million liters in 2004, according to statistics from the United Kingdom's Wine and Spirits Association. Major European wine producers exported \$2.3 billion worth of wine in 2004 to the United States, down slightly from 2003 largely due to French exports dropping 7.6 percent to a little less than half that.

"What I think really is happening is that the marketplace is seeking to do a little bit of a rebranding of wine in a rebranding of wine," said Eric P. Wente, CEO of Wente Vineyards and Wine Institute chairman. "What they're (critics) seeking to do is to introduce legislation to limit their inability to change wine-making styles, their wine quality and their approach to



David Lidora, a research and development director at World Coopers, holds up a bag containing oak chips that are part of a bench trial sample kit Oct. 13 in Napa, Calif. Woodchips are sometimes being substituted for aging wine in wooden barrels.

the marketplace."

Under the accord, reached by negotiators in Washington in September, the United States and the European Union agreed to recognize each other's winemaking practices. Meanwhile, the U.S. administration agreed to ask Congress to stop U.S. producers from using names such as sherry, port and Champagne that derive from European vine-growing regions.

A spokesman for the Trade Representative's office said they will work with Congress on finding the best way to introduce the legislation once the agreement is signed, possibly later this year.

In a compromise, the deal grandfathered in established brands, like European producers.

The agreement has to be approved by the 25 EU member

states, and some EU parliamentarians have been loud in their disclaim — "I don't want a McDonald's-type chardonnay," said French Liberal Democrat Anne Laperize.

However, officials with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative said they are hopeful the agreement will be approved later this fall.

U.S. producers note that some of the differences in how wine is made in Europe and the United States are climate-driven.

In the sunny Napa Valley, for instance, where grapes are often picked very ripe with high sugar levels that lead to high alcohol content, it's legal to add water to the grape juice

in the Burgundy region of France, where rainy, cold weather can result in low-sugar grapes, winemakers are some-

times allowed to add sugar.

The oak chip issue, also a sore point, involves a shortcut. Floating oak chips or larger pieces of wood in wine can give similar flavors to those obtained through storing it in the much more expensive barrels.

Boulton's staff says about all of the technological innovations available today — "We're one step away from adding Acne Instant Oak Flavor," he said dryly.

But he doesn't think oak chips come under that category. If they're banned, he said, it would be only logical to ban using barrels for flavor.

Amid all the hubbub, Wente points out that both Europe and the United States have regulatory processes and since neither can really police the other, "it's kind of pointless not to accept each other's practices."

Landlords evict absent tenants in New Orleans

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW ORLEANS — A flood of legal battles is set to be unleashed Tuesday in New Orleans when Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco files a post-Hurricane Katrina ban on evictions and 8,000 to 10,000 absentee tenants face the loss of their homes and possessions.

Landlords are expected to begin filing eviction requests with the courts immediately. If they're successful, they can clear out abandoned apartments and move tons of molding, waterlogged belongings to the streets within five to 10 days. In some cases, the landlords alone can make the decision evict.

Attorneys and volunteers who represent low-income Louisiana residents are expected to gather Tuesday in Lafayette for briefings on eviction law and to call for a defense of a possible cascade of tenant grievances.

"That is somebody's life in there; pictures of their babies, their children, you would want a chance to see it," said Laura Tuttle, a lawyer with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.

Many residents fled Katrina hastily, leaving even their most valuable possessions behind. Some of those people remain scattered throughout the United States nearly two months later.

"We're city officials eager to begin rebuilding, those tenants' belongings are keeping precious apartment space out of the market, landlords said. That's space where imported workers could live."

Landlords "have residents who have not returned, not called or checked in, and their wet, mildewing units are causing havoc for the owners," said Thomas Esponge, associate executive of the Apartment Association of Greater New Orleans Inc., who estimated the number of abandoned units in and around the city at 10,000 to 20,000.

Landlords want to help in the rebuilding process but "we can't do that if we can't bring in the people," Esponge said.

David Abbenante, the president of the management group for IRI Properties, said it was a "lose-lose" situation because both landlords and tenants had major property damage. Landlords are "trying to do the right thing, but just get back to business, he said.

The property group gets about 30 calls a day asking for housing — sometimes from contractors who are looking for up to 1,000 units for workers — but the company is stymied. Tenants who lived in about 100 of its Orleans Parish units are unreachable, and IRI Properties can't rent them to someone else, Abbenante said.

But he said he'd work with the tenants. "The last thing I'm going to do is file an eviction on someone," he said.

The hurricanes' damage caused major hurdles for residents who want to return to their apartments. And evictions could eliminate any chance of recovering what's left of their belongings, Abbenante said.

Communications systems were down in the city for weeks and mail service still hasn't been completely restored, he said. Since the storm, phone numbers for many homes and addresses are gone.

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Canadian cattle trade flows, but slower than normal

The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Canada has shipped nearly 250,000 cattle to the U.S. feedlots and slaughter plants in the three months since a ban on cattle from that country was lifted by a federal appeals court.

It hasn't been the flood some U.S. ranchers had feared, and remains below levels seen before the case of mad cow disease that led to the ban two years ago, economists and industry leaders

"Cattle prices in the United States are also holding firm, buoyed by strong demand and tight cattle supplies," said John Marsh, a professor of agricultural economics at Montana State University.

"Does that mean that Canadian cattle coming in had no impact? No," he said. However, the number of factors are "adjusted to certain number of Canadian cattle, and that dent that people expected from Canadian cattle coming in just didn't materialize," he said.

A number of factors are at play, including a limited availability of trucks, threat of continued litigation and a slaughter capacity that's grown in Canada since 2003 and is expected to grow more by the end of next year, experts say. In addition, Canada can only ship younger cattle due to ongoing trade restrictions.

Dennis Laverick, executive vice president of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, said

the group estimated that Canadian imports to the United States would hit 700,000 to 900,000 head during the first year that trade resumed, and he expects that to be held true.

In 2001, Canada shipped about 1.3 million cattle to the United States. In 2002, a drought year, the number was closer to 1.7 million, said Ron Gustafson, a livestock economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service.

In May 2003, the United States banned Canadian cattle imports after Canada reported a case of mad cow disease. Canada reported two more cases this year. And there have been two cases in the United States: the first, in December 2003, involved a cow from Canada, the other, an ani-

mal from Texas.

The government planned to lift the ban in March. But a federal judge temporarily prevented that, acting on a plea by the cattlemen's group I-CALL United Stockgrowers of America.

A federal appeals court panel, reversed that decision in July, saying U.S. District Judge Richard Cebul overstated the possible harm of letting limited Canadian cattle shipments resume. The first trucks rolled across the border July 18.

In a trucker last week, U.S. agriculture officials said 245,291 cattle had been shipped from Canada so far this year. That number could include interstate shipments from Hawaii, though those would be small.

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